



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

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Angel Community Canal Boat Trust



Annual report 2013/14



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The **Angel Boat** (Angel Community Canal Boat Trust) is delighted to have received the **Queen's Award for Voluntary Service** (announced on 2nd June 2014). The award recognises the tremendous amount of unpaid time and hard work which has been provided by our volunteers since 1976 in managing, running, crewing and maintaining our charity's Islington-based community canal boat, and the benefit that this has brought to our local community. As the official citation recognises, our volunteers have enabled many thousands of "*young, disadvantaged, elderly and isolated people on day and residential trips to enjoy the waterways' environment, and experience working together as crew and living aboard*".



The Angel Boat and some volunteers on its Islington mooring

The award comes at a time when the latest round of local authority budget cuts is expected to see the end of the charity's existing core funding under a service agreement with Islington Council. Volunteers will now have to spend much more time on seeking alternative funding streams to secure the Angel Boat's future.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of the Queen's coronation. It is the MBE for volunteer groups.

Angel Community Canal Boat Trust (ACCT) is a charity which operates a skippered community canal boat – *Angel II of Islington* - for use by local residents and community groups at a cost they can afford. It was originally established in 1976 as Islington Narrow Boat Association (INBA) and continues to be based at City Road basin in Islington on the Regent's Canal.



The charity enables around 2,000 people a year to have the opportunity to experience the fun and activity of a canal cruise, to learn about the history and development of their local area and London through the inland waterways, to see the extensive flora and fauna of the canal environment and understand the ecological balance, to gain the confidence and social skills necessary for travelling, working and living together on a canal boat, and, for many, to have the novel experience of a period away from the city, cars, street lights, TVs and all that comes with life in an inner city area. The charity has also developed and runs projects based on *Angel II* and the canal, focused on the needs of particular groups of young people from our local community. Now onto our second specially designed steel narrow boat we offer trips lasting from one to 7 days.

ACCT is funded by a service agreement with Islington Council, grants from a variety of charities and organisations, donations and subscriptions from supporters and hire fees from user groups, which are related to their ability to pay.

Most of our users are local children and young people who would not be able to afford the cost of such an experience if we did not exist and if we were not able to charge heavily subsidised rates.

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Chairman's Report

I found myself volunteering to help the (first) *Angel of Islington* – then operating as Islington Narrow Boat Association – about 48 hours after moving into Islington in 1985. The news that there was a new neighbour who might be a willing committee member had found its way to our founder Crystal Hale – not perhaps surprising as Jennet and I had moved in off our narrow boat which was tied up in the tunnel cutting while we carried our worldly possession into our new home in Sudeley Street. Within weeks Crystal had “persuaded” me to become treasurer – my first experience of creating accounts and balancing books. The band of volunteer committee members then included Julia Humphreys, Christine Cohen, Pat Haynes, Edmund Fogden, David Williams, our council co-opted member Janine Brady (who went on to run Islington's Children's Services), and Anthony Wedgwood, the retiring treasurer, who gave me a crash course in double-entry bookkeeping.



10 years on as age and ill-health got the better of Crystal, at the 1997 AGM I committed myself to being a caretaker chairman for 12 months. My professional and family commitments restricted my ability to volunteer. 17 years later I have at last come to the end of that caretaking (although I will continue as a trustee of the charity).

The narrowboat *Angel* has been supported by volunteers since before the first base plate was laid in Braunston in 1974. The first charity, Islington Narrow Boat Association, could not have functioned without volunteers from 1976 until we incorporated and created a new charity which took over the operation of *Angel* in 2005. We are even more dependent on volunteers now. As funding becomes harder to obtain so the maintenance of the boat depends to a much larger extent on the hard labour of volunteers, and changes in the approach to operation encourages the use of crew in addition to the skipper. Throughout most of the time since 1974 *Angel* has had only one paid employee – the skipper – although for a period, in the shape of Rose Bowen and subsequently Rose Parnis, we were able to provide the skipper with some regular paid support.

Chairman's Report (continued)

Not all of our volunteers are committee members or (now) charity trustees. In recent years we have built up a body of helpers, administrative, for maintenance, as crew and in a number of other different ways. *Angel* has developed a band of loyal followers, without whom the charity could not have functioned effectively, and would probably not have survived. We have never had more volunteers helping than we do now – which isn't to say that we don't continue to have a need for volunteers with particular specialist skills (for example, we still lack a webmaster who knows what she is doing – I certainly don't – and an experienced fundraiser).

It is with this background of unpaid support that it was wonderful that in June this year ACCT was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – the MBE for volunteering. Therefore it is with all of the volunteers in mind, from 1974 to 2014, that we will receive the award.



In accepting the caretaker role of chair in 1997, I set the target of building a strong and active management committee and team of helpers and doers, and to find sources of funding to give *Angel* security. I also set the aim that, after Crystal Hale's 23 years in command, *Angel* should still be serving the community in another 20 years, and that *Angel* would be synonymous with the

community she is intended to serve. 17 years on we have a strong group of trustees, a team of eager volunteers, we have managed to survive many rounds of cuts and periods of austerity, *Angel* is well known and respected throughout our community, and we celebrate 40 years in which *Angel* has been bringing the inland waterway experience to our local community. A similar cross-section of our community, and sometimes the children and even grandchildren of previous passengers, continues to enjoy the *Angel* Boat experience.

In 1997 (when I became chair) we had taken a hard financial hit as our grant from Islington Council had been substantially cut. In 2014 we have had no increase in Council funding (now under a service agreement) for many years, despite substantial increases in our operating costs, and we have a real fear for the loss of the remaining funding in the impending 2015 cuts. There has been a substantial change in the

Chairman's Report (continued)

finances of our user groups too, so that we have reduced, rather than increased, the cost of trips in order to ensure that those who would most benefit from a trip can have one. That has involved a sea change in the way we operate, obtaining funding from many different grant-giving and charitable bodies to finance our projects. Our skipper John has, thankfully, proved effective in the time-consuming exercise of writing grant applications.

It says something for an organisation such as ours, which is highly dependant on the character and determination of its skipper, who must work largely on his or her own in operating and maintaining *Angel* and educating and ensuring the safety and enjoyment of our users, that I have known 4 skippers in 17 years – Kate Jayne, Paul Wallace (for the larger part of my time), Rose Parnis and John Checkley, despite the demanding nature of the job, and the often anti-social hours. Certainly in recent years our skippers would not recognise the distance that *Angel* put in when cruising in 1975 – Braunston by Easter, then Manchester, the Trent, Stratford on Avon, and Hampton Court and the Thames. Money and group leaders were there for many weeks of residential trips and transport costs were not a concern. Schools, unconfined by the demands of the national curriculum, thought it a useful part of education to arrange in-term residential trips. But we have succeeded in recent years in building back up the number of weeks of residential trips and *Angel* is again seen at least as far away as the East Midlands.



I hand over to Brian Voakes, who has been so successful in increasing the numbers of our volunteers. Brian joined the trustees in 2000 and although new to canal boats has qualified as a community boat skipper. His experience as a volunteer participant in the Olympic Games opening ceremony opened his eyes to what volunteers can achieve, and he determined to ensure that the Angel Boat would be a beneficiary of the Olympic

legacy. And so his core of “Fifers” transferred their allegiances from Stratford to the Angel.

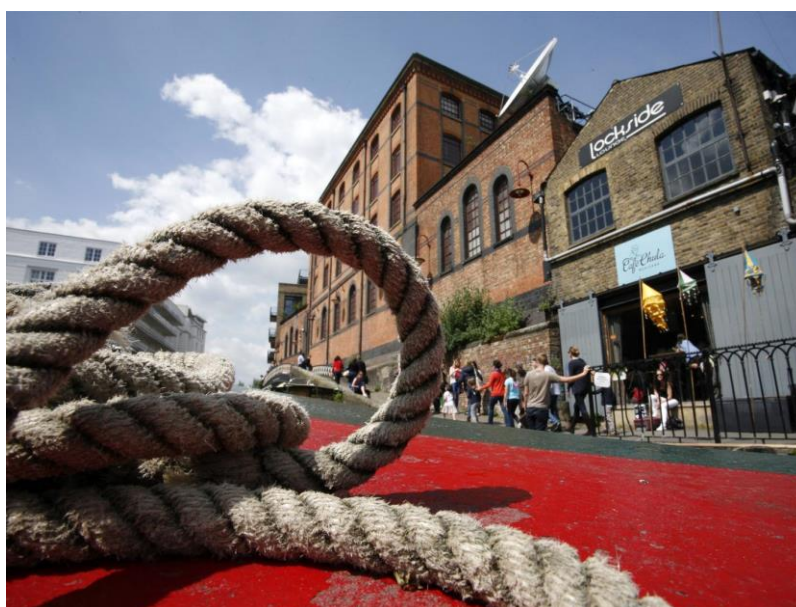
Chairman's Report (continued)

So where does *Angel* go from here? One of the extraordinary achievements of the charity and its skippers has been to adapt to 40 years of changes – social, political, educational, financial - and into the digital age, a world of very different expectations and forms of relaxation. And yet, as John's skippers' report illustrates, and the users feedback forms also demonstrate, a trip on *Angel* and the experience of the inland waterways, whether for a day or for a week, is still a very special experience bring a multitude of outcomes to our many and varied users. It is hard to imagine how, even in these straightened times, Islington Council could cease its modest contribution to activities which so many of its residents (and actual or prospective voters) enjoy and find benefit from, and to which such value is added from the many who give freely of their time and effort!

As ever, my thanks to all who are making this possible – skipper John, the trustees and volunteer skippers, crew and boat maintenance teams, all other voluntary support staff, Islington Council, the various charities and funders listed in the accounts, Pollard Thomas Edwards (for our mooring, office and venue for this AGM) and supporters too many to list. I hand over the tiller, confident that this organisation is good for another 40 years!

And I leave you with a thought. If each of us present at the AGM were to make an annual Gift Aid donation of £2 per week, less than the cost of a cappuccino, we would have covered the cost of next summer's residential trips.

Giles Eyre



Project Manager and Skipper's Report

Angel started the season still gleaming after her recent visit to dry dock but



under a fine layer of snow. Our first trip was a residential weekend, with Kay Rigby leading her group of guides through a very stormy (weather-wise) weekend, but despite the weather they were well organised and had a great time. April started with several school day trips run in collaboration with the London Canal

Museum, the highlight of the day being the trip through the Islington Tunnel. I am sure that the noise that our passengers make testing the acoustic qualities every time we pass through (nearly 400 times in total this year) must have some effect on its 200 year old structure.



Islington Tunnel still standing

Training days for our volunteers, staff from The London Canal Museum and Camley Street Natural Park, took place in April ready for the start of our Heritage Lottery funded trips (Get Out And Learn Days - G.O.A.L)

G.O.A.L Days Funded by the Heritage Lottery

"It's a secret world and steeped in history and we want to keep it that way by preserving it" (Canals and River Trust). This project was designed to do just that, to introduce local children to their heritage, and how important it is to preserve it. Based around the King's Cross area of the Regent's Canal, an area that is rapidly being developed, the project was developed to give 600 local children the chance to learn about their local heritage and how they can help to preserve it, to give them an insight into how the Regent's Canal and its locks were built, to look at and appreciate the historic buildings in the area, to show them how by preserving the local flora and fauna and how by planned planting we can preserve our heritage.



Learning how locks work

Project Manager and Skipper's Report (continued)

We produced a booklet with extra information for the children to take home with them. The G.O.A.L days were a great success, although planning the logistics was a very real challenge. We started the project with local schools in May.

"First of all thank you again for a well organised, informative and fun day. It was one of the nicest trips that we had been on, and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The trip made the children more observant of the plants/wildlife around them; it also helped them to consider the impact of human beings on wild life and nature. For inner city children it was a great opportunity to get them into the fresh air and see some nature in their local area. This also helped raise awareness of what is in their local area - especially the canal! The majority of the children had never visited, and were unaware of its presence.

The history of canals was also useful and informative, particularly for the children's understanding of London in the past. The children enjoyed learning how to operate the locks and then being given the chance to apply this and put it into practice. As teachers we also liked seeing them respond to the problem solving/maths related element of the task.

For many of the children the opportunity to work in smaller groups with positive and interested adult attention was really important for helping them remain on task and engaged. We felt that the knowledge and passion of the staff was beneficial and inspiring for the children.

The subsidised cost of the trip was also great for us, as coming from a school with a fairly deprived catchment we are really only able to attend trips which are free of charge or have a minimal charge. It was really nice that the children didn't have to miss out because of this."

Islington Giving Funded Trips



The aim of this project was to bring 10 small groups (12 people in each) of the most isolated and vulnerable of our local residents together on *Angel*. This included older residents and those suffering from mental health issues. It gave our passengers a chance to take a leisurely trip along the Regents Canal, and to meet other local residents and make new friends. They were able to relax and enjoy the on-board

Project Manager and Skipper's Report (continued)

refreshments and entertainment at the same time as viewing a new side to their local area from the canal.

Groups benefitting from this project came from Age UK, St Luke's Centre, Family Mosaic, Light Project International, Arts4Dementia, Friendship Group and Stuart Low Trust.

Summer Project 2013

The 2103 summer project was funded by the Newby Trust, Help A Capital Child and the Big Lottery. The funding we obtained also paid for off-boat activities such as swimming and visits to the cinema and the on-board supplies. We started at the Angel on 8th July with a group from the Caris Boxing Club for young homeless people, who over 5 days took Angel to Berkhamstead. The Club, which doesn't charge any of its members to take part in their activities, worked hard to raise the funds needed to take a team of its regular members on the trip, giving them a chance to unwind away from the stresses of homelessness in the city.



Oak Lodge School joined us on the next leg to Wolverton where Samuel Rhodes School joined us for their week, to be followed by Hornsey Lane Community Association and St Mary's Youth Club.

"The pupils who took part have moderate to severe learning difficulties but this canal boat trip gave them a sense of fun and adventure and it developed their team-work skills. Even pupils who find communication difficult mixed socially with their peers and the atmosphere on our boat was full of joy and laughter.

Best of all, it made our students feel 'good about themselves'. The trip changed the characters of some of the students who took part. One pupil in particular had very low self esteem before her canal boat trip but since the trip she has walked everywhere clutching a diary she kept on the trip. She is now very much more positive about life and sees the world through different eyes.

Project Manager and Skipper's Report (continued)

At all times safety played a high priority and we were in the hands of a very experienced and able skipper who taught our students how to keep safe on a boat and at locks. Best of all, our pupils adored to 'work' on the boat and at locks!" - Oak Lodge School

"Your "skippers" on these visits have worked with both the pupils and staff from Samuel Rhodes in a very supportive, engaging and fun way. John you were particularly amazing! Your calm, patient and very nurturing manner towards all of our pupils helped them learn so many social skills, as well as how to be safe on the boat and how to drive the boat.

The trips on the canal boat really supported our student's personal, social, and physical development. The boat is set-up perfectly to teach life skills; including cooking, socialising at meal time, cleaning and entertaining without social influences or the television." - Samuel Rhodes School

Rod Gray, one of our volunteer skippers, bravely took over as skipper of *Angel* on the 12th when *Prospex* joined us.

"Just wanted to thank you (and Rod) for our wonderful trip. It was very inspiring and a very successful trip for Prospex. Our young people engaged brilliantly and took part in helping out with all aspects of the trip. Myself and the other worker really enjoyed the opportunity too, so much that I am thinking of holidaying next year on the canals.

We have had very positive feedback from the young people with most of them saying they wished they had more time on the boat. Rod was very informative with our workers and brilliant at engaging with the young people, he really made everyone feel welcome." - Prospex



Centre 404 entering the Blisworth Tunnel

Ian Bennett, trustee and volunteer skipper, and Laurie then took charge for the group from Centre 404 (see his report on page 13).

"I loved all of it! It was really nice to meet Ian (the Skipper) and Laurie (first mate) and learn so much about canal boats" - Luke

"My best part (of the trip) was meeting all the new people" - Nicole

A group from the Islington Boat Club finished the summer project by bringing *Angel* home from Berkhamstead in time for the *Angel Canal Festival*.

Project Manager and Skipper's Report (continued)

Art Competition

During the summer project we ran an art competition and the winner's art work, a fantastic painting by Joseph Bukasa of Oak Lodge School, which appears at the end of this report, has been used to produce cards for ACCT.



Culinary Art Work



Centre 404

September saw us on duty at the Angel Canal Festival followed by three residential weekends with Guide Groups (2nd Storrington Guides, Emily Hatcher Group from Guiding UK and 1st Aldborough Hatch Guides).

Stuart Low Trust took *Angel* to Cheshunt for their residential weekend at the beginning of October and our traditional Halloween Trips took place at the end of the month.

The last residential trip of the calendar year took place at the beginning of December when a group from Fiveways Church Youth Group joined us.

2014 started with the daunting task of taking over 300 children from Hanover School to the London Canal Museum over a 4 day period, but with the help of *Viscount* and skipper Andrew from the Pirate Club we managed to get everybody to the museum and back to School on time.



Halloween

Project Manager and Skipper's Report (continued)

This has been a very busy year, much helped by the generous funding that we received from Newby Trust, Heritage Lottery, Help a Capital Child, Islington Giving and the Big Lottery. One of the consequences of such a busy year is that there is less time for private hire trips which we fit in when we can to increase our income and so support our community groups.

Islington Council (Children's Services) has renewed our service contract for another year, funding which goes towards our core costs, but with the latest round of local authority budget cuts it is looking increasingly as if we will see the end of the charity's service agreement with Islington Council. Yet more of my time will have to go into fundraising and grant applications in the coming year! The challenge is to find further funding sources for 2014/2015.

John Checkley



*Winner of the Art Competition
Joseph Bukasa*

Volunteering

The Angel Boat volunteer programme has been going from strength to strength. With 12 new volunteer crew members, our London-based trips last summer were always with crew assistance. We ended the summer with a very successful stall at the Angel Canal Festival, selling raffle tickets and home-made jams! The start of the 2014 Volunteer programs kicked off with a spring cleaning weekend at Diespeker Wharf.



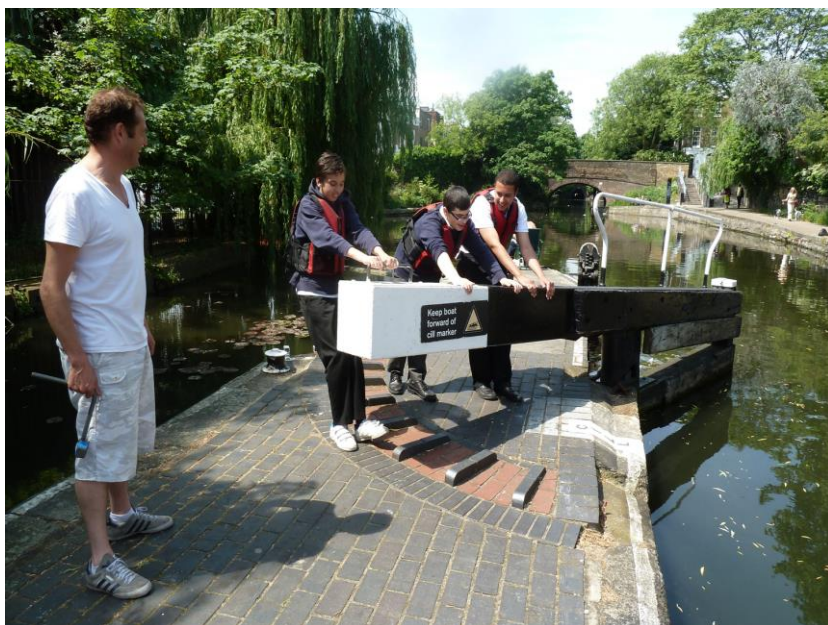
As we entered the new year, it was suggested by volunteers that crew members have an Angel Boat hoodie to wear, as our trips can be a bit chilly. Local artist and printmaker Paul Beeson volunteered his time and resources and came to our Spring Cleaning weekend at Diespeker Wharf to teach us how to silkscreen our own Angel Boat hoodies and t-shirts. With a full crew on board cleaning and polishing Angel, we also had a full assembly line printing up our new crew clothing. So looking smart and very enthusiastic our volunteers have started this year's cruising season off in style.

Brian Voakes

Volunteering

Our trip as volunteer skipper and crew, relieving John for a well-earned week's break, started on Monday 19th August at Wolverton just north of Milton Keynes. Laurie and I had the same group as last year from Centre 404 in Holloway - an after-school club for mixed special needs children and their siblings. Most of the group were young teens but we had one 10 year old and one 17 year old so there was a good range of ages and abilities. Some were autistic, some had learning difficulties and some were their brothers or sisters with no particular challenges other than adolescence and being away from home.

The group arrived at 2pm on the Monday. seven of the kids had been with us last year and three were newbies. Their two leaders Katy and Elliot had also been with us last year so there was a lot of excitement when they arrived as we all greeted each other again very warmly. We made a big fuss of them and quickly made it our business to make newcomers welcome. We all went to the local big Tesco and bought almost enough food to sink a ship.



The first afternoon at 4pm we sailed south down to Campbell Park arriving at about 6pm and the group went straight to the cinema in Milton Keynes. After the film they had a quick game of football in the park until it got too dark then a film on the DVD player in their jim-jams before bed and the greatly anticipated midnight feasts in their bunks.

Tuesday 20th Aug we were sailing by 8am, we turned north at a winding hole and breakfast was brought to me at the helm with my helpers. I allow two kids at a time at the back and often another one standing in the doorway half way down waiting their turn. Some kids want to steer all the time, some have no interest, I make sure that they all have a go. This year our star steerer was Josh. He is ten years old and has an exceptional understanding of how the boat handles. I've not met a child that can steer as well as Josh in my years with Angel. We were good pals from last year and although he was younger than the rest by a few years he was easily the most able.

Volunteering (continued)

Relationships develop quickly in the small space on a narrow boat and I soon had a little gang of young lads who wanted to accompany me every waking moment. The kids can be cruel to each other when they are all trying to get their individual needs met and Laurie and I did our best to support the main leader Katy who never lost her patience and patrolled her boundaries fairly and with great care for her charges. Her assistant Elliot worked hard in the galley and supported her very well. Laurie and I became mum and dad again adopting all the kids as our own for the trip. Any little squabbles were quickly sorted out and there were hardly any real upsets.

On Tuesday we got onto the flight of seven locks to Stoke Bruerne and this is a real test for the skipper to manage the group safely and make them into a team. I like to get three groups of kids with three leaders. I send Laurie ahead with a group to set the next lock while two teams stay either side of the boat to operate the lock we are in. I like to have just one kid steering in and out of a couple of locks and we rotate who does that as we go. When it goes well they get a real buzz out of being a team and working together. This is also a great chance to meet and chat to other boaters, walkers, tourists & locals, catch up on local canal gossip and show the world what a great project the Angel is.



At the top lock it's ice creams all round before we get raincoats on and close the hatches. Blisworth tunnel (3,057 yards) is ahead and it's very wet in there. Excitement levels reach fever pitch and I try to make sure they get a good soaking from the water streaming down the tunnel vents as we go along. The boat's lights tend to develop a sudden and mysterious intermittent problem to the great delight of the screamers during the centre stage of the tunnel for a few moments before all light is restored in case we actually scare anyone or confuse other boaters.

This year we arrived in the village of Blisworth at the top of the tunnel around 7pm and moored up. Elliot and his little helpers had been baking potatoes on our way up the locks. Under a full moon we had a really good game of rounders.

Volunteering (continued)

By Wednesday evening we were back down in Linford where the moorings open onto a park. It's perfect for a BBQ evening in the park. We had chicken, corn on the cob in foil on the BBQ and fresh burgers, and the kids made salads and home made drinks from wild blackberries they had gathered with Laurie and Katy earlier in the day. The food went down very well and there was much running about in the grass with various ball games before a Harry Potter film on board to calm them down before bed.

On Thursday, our last day, the last chance for steering duty was split between Onur, a very sweet natured 17 year old Turkish boy with learning difficulties, and little Josh, the 10 year old steering wizard & general whirlwind. Josh was very patient and got his chance to finish the trip at the helm and safely bring us all home to the final mooring by the flats in Wolverton. It was really great to see how some of the kids from last year had progressed.

The short week was one of the highlights of my year and I know it will be the same for those children. At one point I asked a few of them what they liked most about being in the countryside. One of the girls immediately announced that she felt safe on the boat and that there were no gangsters here and explained that some of the older kids where she lives aren't nice at all, unlike the people she was encountering on the canal who were all friendly.

Ian Barnett



Trustees' Report

The Management Committee presents its report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2014.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Angel Community Canal Boat Trust
Working Name:	The Angel Boat
Charity registration number:	1103542
Company registration number:	5088108
Registered office:	9 Gough Square, London EC4A 3DG
Operational address:	16-34 Graham Street, London N1 8JX
Employer's Insurance:	Royal & Sun Alliance (Policy No XL/RTT4845/CL002127)

Management Committee

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Keith Ball	Treasurer
Robin King	
Ian Barnett	
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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 March 2004 and registered as a charity on 30 April 2004. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are each required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. On 31 March 2005, the assets of Islington Narrow Boat Association (registered in 1976 as charity number 271457) were transferred to the company for the express purpose of taking over the charitable operations of Islington Narrow Boat Association as of 1 April 2005. The Company has identical objects to Islington Narrow Boat Association and the approval of the Charities Commission was obtained for the 31 March 2005 asset transfer.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association one third of the directors are required to retire each year at the Annual General Meeting. The directors retiring are Keith Ball, Ian Barnett

Trustees' Report (continued)

and Nancy Harrison. Keith Ball, Ian Barnett and Nancy Harrison, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Directors may be appointed by ordinary resolution of the company or by the directors of the company. Anyone interested in appointment should contact any one of the existing directors.

Risk management

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, users and visitors. Written procedures for the protection of children and vulnerable adults and enhanced criminal record bureau disclosures are maintained for all staff and volunteers. Internal control risks are minimised by implementation of procedures for financial management and control.

Organisational structure

The Management Committee meets at least 4 times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. Day to day responsibility is delegated to the chair with day to day operational management the responsibility of the skipper and development officer.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Company are, inter alia, 'to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons resident in or in the vicinity of the London Borough of Islington, who have a need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances'. This is achieved by the operation of a purpose-built community canal narrow boat ANGEL II OF ISLINGTON (which is the sole asset of the Company), and the employment of a fulltime skipper, providing day and residential cruises on the Regents Canal and connecting waterways from its base at City Road Basin. Groups using the boat include schools, playgroups, adventure play grounds, scouts and guides, residents' associations, homeless and psychiatric hostels, ethnic minority and refugee groups and senior citizens, young people and adults with special educational needs and learning difficulties and those participating in educational and environmental projects involving waterways or local topics.

Public benefit statement

The directors have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

We have obtained additional funding from grant-giving bodies to enable groups who are unable to pay our subsidised hire fees to enjoy a trip without charge and with additional funding for off-boat activities. We have widened our volunteer base and trained up additional volunteer crew members. We have continued to widen the range of groups of users, many from the more socially excluded groups within the Borough. We have

Trustees' Report (continued)

continued our projects developed and specifically targeted at primary schools (Stage 1 and 2) in partnership with the London Canal Museum and London Wildlife Trust and at young people and young adults with learning difficulties. We have continued to expand our work with elderly and socially excluded groups of users working with Age UK and Arts4 Dementia.

ACCT is part funded through a service contract with the London Borough of Islington. We continue to widen our base of funders in order to reduce the cost of our trips to user groups. We have received financial support from the Newby Trust, the Big Lottery Fund, Help a Capital Child and the Heritage Lottery.

We have continued to seek and to obtain increased funding from private supporters to assist with general operating costs and the cost of the new projects.

Financial Review

Details of the year's operations are to be found in the Statistical Summary from the Skipper's Log (page 27), and the List of Hirers (page 28). The total number of passengers carried was 2,318 and a total of 101 passenger trips.

In addition to hire fees, the Company continues to be principally funded by Islington Council. Total grant resources for the year were up on last year at £ 34,729, of which £18,107 was attributable to the Islington Council, £5,360 from the Newby Trust, £4,752 from the Big Lottery Fund, £4,150 from the Heritage Lottery and £2,360 from Help a Capital Child (Global Charity). Donations and Friends' subscriptions received in the current year were down on last year at £3,361; donors of sums exceeding £200 are listed at Note 8.

The accounts are set out on pages 24 to 29, and show a surplus of £3,993 on the Unrestricted Funds. Hire and running costs amounted to £49,720, and principally consist of staff salary costs of £29,882, boatyard costs and supplies of £5,019, trip costs of £3,298 and boat license and insurance costs of £2,495. The deficit arising on restricted funds consists of depreciation on the boat (£3,893). The current year surplus of £3,993 is not significant compared to the unrestricted fund balance and current year financial activities. The surplus is the result of an increase in hire fees, but a decrease in donations, partly due to the recovery in previous year of tax via gift aid. The Company is therefore still dependent upon the level of grant aid provided; however the Company is still actively exploring ways to expand its income base. Outgoings have increased slightly due to trip costs linked with greater number of bookings; there is active management of overheads against budget so as to remain within income constraints.

Policy on reserves

The designated fund is to cover future capital projects and refurbishment in addition to any major boat repair, and running costs of the charity should income levels reduce in order that appropriate action could be taken. The new boat fund is to cover the reduction in value of the existing boat since purchase.

Responsibilities of the Directors

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give

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a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Giles Eyre
 Brian Voakes
 Keith Ball
 Ian Barnett

Robin King
 Jean Roger Kaseki
 Nancy Harrison

Approved by the Management Committee on 25 June 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre
 Director

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2014

	Notes	2014 Unrestricted Funds £	2014 Restricted Funds £	2014 Designated Funds £	2014 Total Funds £	2013 Total £
Incoming resources						
Hire Fees		26,438	-	-	26,438	13,602
Grants	8	34,729	-	-	34,729	32,032
Less Allocated to Hire Fees		(12,245)	-	-	(12,245)	
Donations & Friends	8	3,361	-	-	3,361	7,436
Interest receivable & Other Income		1,430	-	-	1,430	1,255
		<u>53,713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,713</u>	<u>54,325</u>
Resources Expended						
Cost of Generating Funds						
Fundraising and publicity		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Expenditure						
Hire and running costs		49,720	-	-	49,720	48,586
Total resources expended		<u>49,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,720</u>	<u>48,586</u>
Net incoming resources	3	3,993	-	-	3,993	5,739
Transfer to New Boat Fund		(3,893)	3,983	-	-	-
Net transfer to funds for year		<u>100</u>	<u>3,893</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,993</u>	<u>5,739</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2013	7	16,228	53,045	33,506	102,679	96,940
Fund balances at 31 March 2014	7	<u>16,139</u>	<u>56,938</u>	<u>33,506</u>	<u>106,672</u>	<u>102,679</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the result for each year as shown above.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2013

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	20,922	24,815
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		98,426	84,738
Debtors and Prepayments		3,098	4,681
Creditors & deferred income:			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(15,774)	(11,555)
Net current assets		85,750	77,863
Total assets less current liabilities		106,672	102,679
Funds			
Designated fund	7	49,734	49,634
Restricted funds	7	56,938	53,045
		106,672	102,679

Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31st March 2014 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 25 June 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre
Director

Keith Ball
Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The accounts, incorporating a Statement of Financial Activities, have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice - 'Accounting & Reporting by Charities' and applicable accounting standards.

b) Fund accounting

General funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees to help finance specific operations.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal or for specific capital projects. The purpose and use of restricted funds is set out in the notes to the accounts.

c) Resources expended

The cost headings comprise operating staff costs, fundraising & publicity activities, general administration costs and depreciation.

Central overheads are allocated on the basis of their use with the aim of ensuring that those costs remaining within administration relate to the management of the charity's assets, and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

d) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Narrow boat and fixed equipment	- 20 years
Other equipment	- 5 years

e) Taxation

No corporation tax has been provided in these accounts because the income of the charity is within the exemption granted by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

2 Analysis of total resources expended

	£
Staff costs	29,882
Fundraising and publicity	-
Other	15,945
Depreciation	3,893
Total	<u>49,720</u>

3 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year

is stated after charging:

	2014	2013
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>3,893</u>	<u>3,893</u>

The Company received financial assistance from the London Borough of Islington. As required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the following information is given. A contribution towards salaries and associated running costs amounting to £ 18,107 was received. The grant has been fully expended.

4 Staff costs

Particulars of employees, including those of the subsidiary, are shown below:

	2014	2013
	£	£
Employee costs during the year amounted to:		
Wages and salaries	26,000	25,500
Social security costs	3,882	2,486
	<u>29,882</u>	<u>27,986</u>

The average number of persons employed by the group during the year was 1. The trustees do not receive remuneration for their services to the charity. No employee earned more than £50,000 per annum.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

5 Tangible fixed assets

The following are included in the net book value of tangible fixed assets:

	Narrow boat £	Total £
Cost		
1 April 2013 (boat purchased April 2000)	77,860	77,860
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
31 March 2014	<u>77,860</u>	<u>77,860</u>
Depreciation		
1 April 2013	(53,045)	(53,045)
Charge for the year	(3,893)	(3,893)
Disposals	-	-
31 March 2014	<u>(56,938)</u>	<u>(56,938)</u>
Net book value		
31 March 2014	<u>20,922</u>	<u>20,922</u>

All fixed assets have been used for the charitable activities of the charity.

6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2013 £	2013 £
Salary and skipper expenses payable	2,237	2,029
Other creditors	6,097	3,526
Accrued 14/15 Grant Income	7,440	6,000
	<u>15,774</u>	<u>11,555</u>

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

7 Funds

	Balance 1 April 2013 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer of Funds £	Balance 31 March 2014 £
Unrestricted					
Designated	33,506	-	-	-	33,506
Working capital fund	16,128	3,993	-	(3,893)	16,228
General fund	-	49,329	(49,329)	-	-
Total unrestricted	<u>49,634</u>	<u>53,322</u>	<u>(49,329)</u>	<u>(3,893)</u>	<u>49,734</u>
Restricted					
New Boat Fund	53,045	-	-	3,893	56,938
Total Restricted	<u>53,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,893</u>	<u>56,938</u>
Total funds	<u>102,679</u>	<u>53,322</u>	<u>(49,329)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,672</u>

The designated fund is to cover future capital projects and refurbishment in addition to any major boat repair, and running costs of the charity should income levels reduce in order that appropriate action could be taken. The new boat fund is to cover the reduction in value of the existing boat since purchase.

8 Grants, Donations and Friends

	2013/14 £
Grants	
London Borough of Islington	18,107
Newby Trust	5,360
Heritage Lottery Fund	4,150
Big Lottery Fund	4,752
Help A Capital Child	2,360
Total	<u>34,729</u>
Donations and Friends	
Donations of £200 and more:	
Usborne Publishing	1,000
John Herbert	321
G F Chronnell	250
S A Kasprzyk	200
Other Friends subscriptions and donations:	1,590
Total	<u>3,361</u>

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Angel Community Canal Boat Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2014, which are set out on pages 20 to 25.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Companies Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the Companies 2006 Act and the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Alistair Milliken

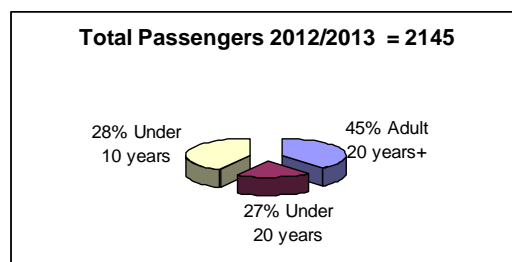
Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountant

Address: 34 Elwill Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3AD

Date: 25 June 2014

Summary of Log 2013/14

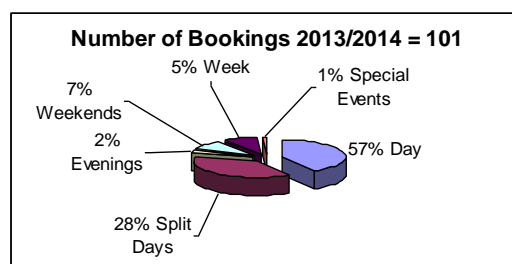
Total number of passengers carried	2318
Total number of booked trips	101
Total number of adults (20+)	908
Total number of under 20s	434
Total number under 10	976



Total mileage	1560
Total number of locks	908
Total number of tunnels	590

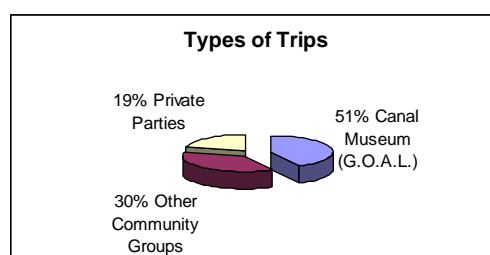
Number of bookings:

Days	42
Split days	38
Evenings	2
Weekend	9
Week/Part Week	9
Special Events (festival etc)	1



Types of Trip:

Canal Museum based (GOAL)	43
Other Community groups	37
Private Parties	21



Ethnic monitoring (% of users):

Black (Caribbean, African, British & other)	29
Asian	11
White UK	56
White Irish	1
Other (incl Greek, Turkish, Middle East)	3

List of Hirers 2013/14

Youth Clubs

St Mary's Youth Club
Prospex
Hornsey Lane Youth Club
Islington Boat Club
Centre 404 [done]

Schools

All Saints School
Argyle Primary School
Blessed Sacrament RC Primary School
Canonbury Primary School
Chase Side Primary School
Children's House School
Churchfield Primary School
Clerkenwell School
Duncombe Primary School
Forest Gate Community School
Fosters School
Grafton Primary School
Hanover Primary School
Hawley Infants School
Hungerford Primary School
Notting Hill & Ealing Primary School
Oak Lodge School
Orchard School
Paragon Christian Academy
Poole Park School
Rotherfield School
St John's School
St Mary's Magdalene Academy
St Paul's School
Samuel Rhodes Primary School
Shapla Primary School
Thornhill School
Vittoria School
West Lea Primary School

Others

1st Aldborough Hatch Guide Group
2nd Storrington Guides
3rd Bexleyheath Guides
31st Islington Scouts Association
Age UK
Alzheimer's Society
Angel Association
Arachne Greek Cypriot Men's Group
Arts 4 Dementia
Camden Community Narrowboat Association
Camley Street Natural Park
Caris Boxing Club
Emily Hatcher Girl Guiding UK
Family Mosaic
Fiveways Church Youth Group
Friendship Group
Girl Guiding UK
Hanover After School Club
Inland Waterways Association
Islington Giving
Light Project International
London Canal Museum
Mind in Croydon
Pirate Castle
St Luke's Centre
Sotheby Mews
Stuart Low Trust
Whittington Park Community Centre

Private and corporate hirers are not listed

Supporters and Funders 2013/14



Cripplegate Foundation Helping since 1500



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Pollard
Thomas
Edwards

And all the Friends of Angel II of Islington

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