



# Angel Community Canal Boat Trust



## Annual report 2015/2016

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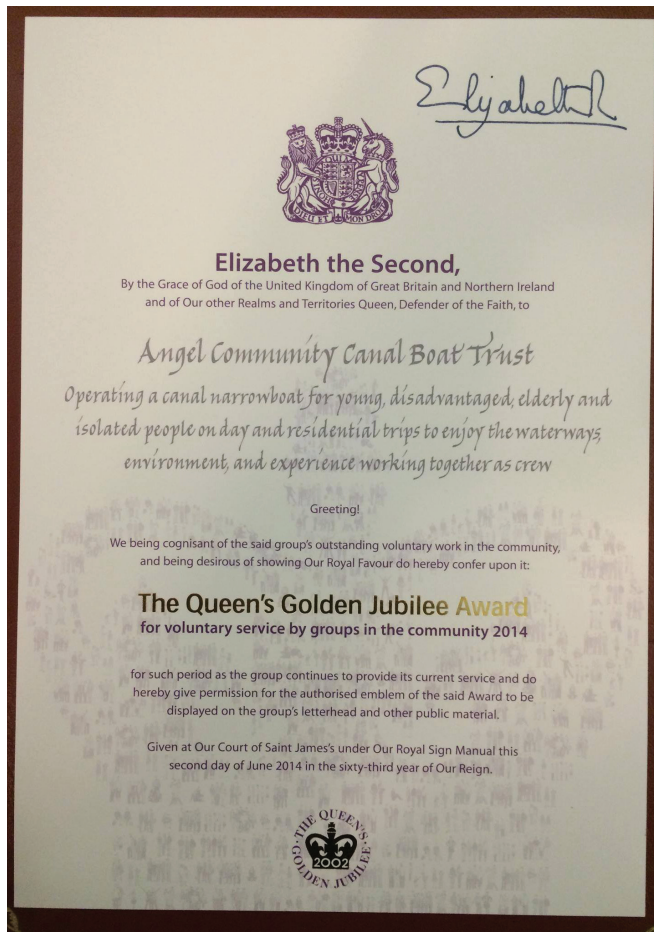


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The Angel Boat (Angel Community Canal Boat Trust) was delighted to have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service on 2nd June 2014.. The award recognises the tremendous amount of unpaid time and hard work which has been provided by our volunteers 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 letter from Her Majesty, the Queen.*

**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

Hello and welcome.

It has been quite a year for the Angel Community Canal Boat Trust. As we pass our 40th year of service to our community, we also passed our 15th year of boat service from our current narrow boat Angel II of Islington. Angel II came to us in 2000 as a bespoke vessel built to suit our needs in providing the children of the borough with residential accommodation when enjoying and gaining new experiences on the Regent's Canal. So in passing this 15 year mark, Angel was taken out to Cowley this year for a once in a lifetime refurbishment.



Starting the season off in spring with groups from Thornhill Primary , St Andrews Primary School as well as the 6th Chingford Brownies, Angel was kept busy supporting the users of Science week and at the Canal Museum. As Angel matures so do the programs we offer at the Angel Community Canal Boat Trust. Over the years we have expanded our user base to include not only children of the local community, but those from special interest and support groups. From one end of the age scale to the other, we now include user groups from Art for Dementia and Chobham Academy, where Angel transported its group of young actors on their way to Stratford upon Avon to perform A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Central to the activity year for Angel is the Summer Project. Here groups can stay on Angel for 5 days, leaving the lights of London behind to enjoy the countryside, learning life skills as well as developing an awareness of working with others through communication and cooperation. The Summer Project 2015 again proved to be as successful as it is popular. In addition to our 8 weeks of summer

project with its 120 passengers, Angel carried an additional 1091 passengers from various schools, guides groups, training weekends, community weekends, and private hires bringing her total passenger count to 1211 people. Guides from Erith and Crayford kept Angel busy prior to the summer project.

A busy year on the water requires additional manpower beyond that of our capable skipper and project leader, John Checkley. Our loyal group of volunteers started off the year on a special private cruise taking them along the lower Regent's Canal, across the Ducketts and onto the Bow Back Rivers in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. It was a special cruise as many of our volunteers came to us after the close of London 2012. Our volunteers helped crew day trips, sand and paint Angel as well as sell raffle tickets and goods at our Angel Boat stall at the Angel Canal Festival.

In the Spring our volunteer Trustee Kevin Mitchell passed his CCBM training to join the ranks of our already experienced volunteer skippers. We currently have two more potential skippers in training and will be holding additional CCBM training days in the coming months.

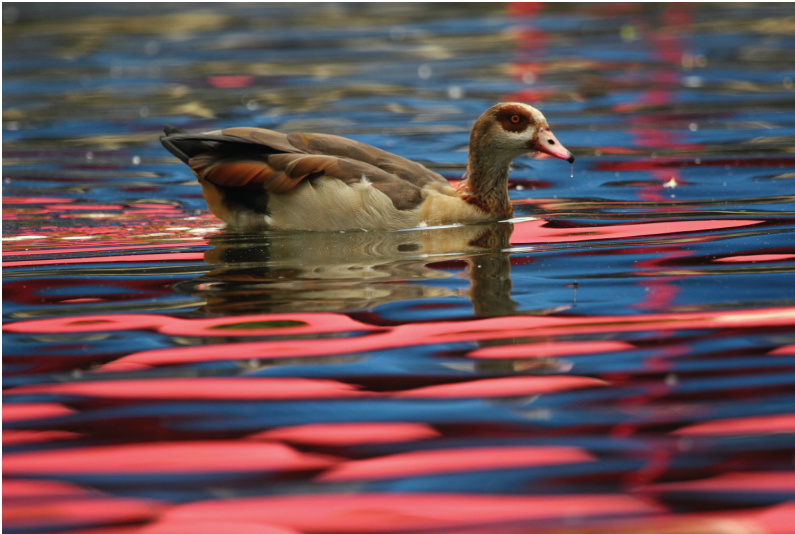
Throughout our extended time in City Road Basin, we have always enjoyed the financial support of the London Borough of Islington. LBI has granted us our core funding (salaries, fuel and maintenance costs) for over 40 years. Like so many other third sector organisations the Angel Community Canal Boat Trust has not been immune to government cut backs. This spring we were informed that we would no longer be receiving our core funding from the Council. This leaves a hole that is rather hard to fill through our usual co-funding partners. Careful bookkeeping reveals that we can continue to operate to the end of this year, affording us some time in which to develop a new business plan as well as new fundraising strategies.

## Chairman's Report - continued

Last year I reported that we nearly lost our core funding and that we would be taking pause to reflect on our service to our community and to re-examine our mission on the Regent's Canal. The options are out there, and we are looking to our friends and supporters more than ever to help us through this transition. With our new website launch it will be easier to become involved with The Angel Boat. Should anyone have any suggestions or thoughts we would love to hear from you. It would be a very sad comment to say see you next year at our last AGM.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Brian Voakes





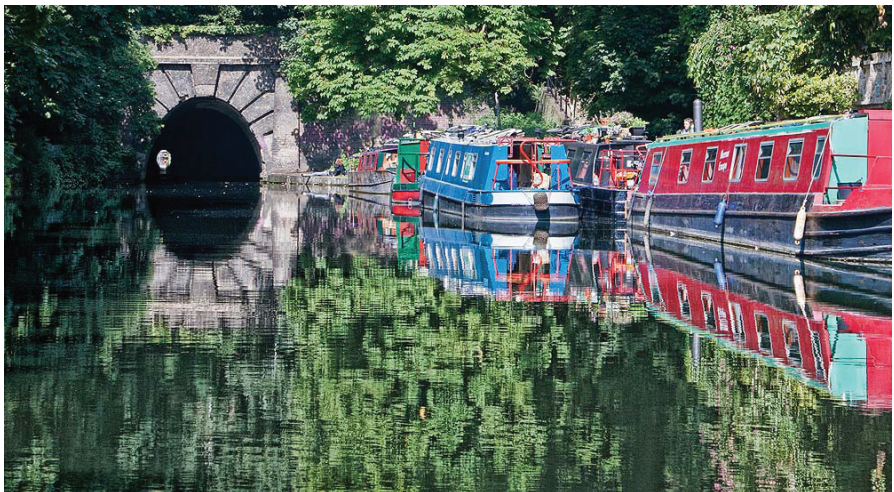


# Skipper/Project Managers Report 2016.

Angel's 2016 Summer project is fast approaching. This year we are starting on the 2nd July and returning to London for the Angel Festival on the 4th September. The first week starts at Uxbridge with a group from Samuel Rhodes School, and finishes with the Islington Boat Club bringing us back in time for the Angel Festival. Another busy summer project for the new look Angel.



Angel spent several months at the beginning of the year, having a major overhaul in Cowley, which was a lot longer than planned. This meant a very late start to this years season. Included in the long list of work were new floors and covering in all of the cabins, new work surfaces and sink in the galley, water tank refurbished, improvements to the fresh water systems, a new holding tank in one of the toilets, and a long list of other necessary work.



*The Islington Tunnel*

Generally it has been a good year, although numbers are slightly down on the previous year, which is due to Angel spending the first four months having her refit.

The year started with a couple of school groups, **Thornhill Primary** who did several tunnel trips starting and finishing at City Road Lock followed by **St Andrews Primary School**, who joined us for a London Canal Museum Day (LCM).

Our first residential was an early one with a hardy group from the **6th Chingfold Brownies**. This was closely followed by Science week with the London Canal Museum.



We held a successful training weekend and a trip around the Olympic park with our volunteers, which helped in getting everybody up to standard for the season

ahead.

**The Erith and Crayford Guides** enjoyed their residential weekend on board.

Two other LCM family days took us to up to dry docking at Uxbridge. Thanks to trustees Iain and Robin, Angel's bottom was well and truly scrubbed. As soon as she arrived back in London, our LCM school trips and family days continued and were to be popular throughout the year.

We held a CCBM (Certificate in Community Boat Management) training weekend to renew some of our skippers qualifications and also train a new skipper Kev Mitchell.

Two very busy months took us up to the end of June when after the AGM our Summer project started.

June included our annual four trips with a group from **Arts for Dementia**.

These Opera workshops are for families touched by early-stage dementia and their carers aboard the Angel Boat. These Thursday morning sessions were run by opera singers including noted mezzo-soprano Vivien Conacher and Jessica Gillingwater, who will re-energise and inspire, singing opera choruses as the boat rises and drops in the lock. Everyone enjoyed the reverberations of their arias echoing along the long dark tunnel as well as the singing while the boat continued its leafy architectural journey on the canal. The experience of listening to Vivien and Jessica singing songs from Carmen and West Side Story, focussed the mind on the beautiful sounds as the boat cruised through the canal tunnel. It was sensational. The idea is to not only enjoy singing aboard, but to enjoy singing at home in between sessions as stimulating relief from the stresses of dementia.

*“Singing makes me feel great,  
an exhilarating time!”*

# An overview of our 11 week Summer Project

## **Week 1 - Chobham Academy**

26th June until 30th June

Starting at the Olympic Park Stratford, we took part in a Stratford to Stratford trip (Stratford on Avon). Angel and four other boats took a group from Chobham Academy and a film crew on the first leg, from the Olympic Park to Berkhamstead over 3 long days. There is a link to a video of this trip on our web site - [www.angelboat.org](http://www.angelboat.org).

During the trip the group from Chobham Academy our passengers rehearsed Shakespeare's Mid summer nights dream, for a performance in Stratford on Avon.

This was a very busy 3 days but thanks to the help of some of our volunteers it ran to schedule. The itinerary for our part of the trip was:-

Saturday 27th June 2015: Depart Olympic Park and travel to Willowtree Marina

Distance: 20 miles, 13 locks.

Duration: 11 hours.

Duration to Rehearsal Space: 4 Hours

Accommodation: On boat

8am-9am: Depart.

9-1pm: On boats, experiential learning of canals. Lunch.

1-4pm: Rehearsal space – Hall Leisure Centre (E2 9PJ)

4pm: Coach required to take students from York Hall Leisure Centre (E2 9PJ) to Canalside Centre (W10 5AY)

5-8pm: On boats, continue journey. Mooring.

8-9pm: Dinner. Team 1 cook. Team 2 clears and washes up. Team 3 completes jobs on boat (cleaning, etc.).

9-10pm: Group bonding/entertainment activities and reflexion on the day. (E.g. Egg Drop challenge, rounders, Frisbee, large group games). Outdoor space or indoor venue required – Brookside or King George's Field.

10-10:30pm: Work on portfolios, social media, documenting.

10:30-10:45pm: Preparing for bed. Lights out.

Sunday 28th June 2015:

Depart Willow Tree Marina, travel to Rickmansworth

Distance: 17 miles, 21 locks

Duration: 10 hours



Duration to Rehearsal/Stop: 3 hours

Accommodation: On boat

7:30-9am: Wake-up, wash, prepare for day. YP make their own breakfast and lunch and clean up where needed.

9-12pm: On boats.

12-4pm: Stop for lunch at Fray's Valley Nature Reserve (Colne Valley). Talk given by ranger, explore, rehearse.

4pm: Coach required to take students from Colne Valley Park (UB9 5PG) to Frogmoor Lane (WD3 1NB).

4-5:30pm: On boats, continue journey. Mooring.

5:30-7pm: Dinner. Team 3 cooks. Team 1 clears and washes up. Team 2 completes jobs on boat (cleaning, etc.).

7-10pm: Rehearsal – Croxley British Legion Club (WD3 3ED)

10-10:30pm: Work on portfolios, social media, documenting.

10:30-10:45pm: Preparing for bed. Lights out.



Monday 29th June 2015: Depart Rickmansworth, travel to Berkhamsted

Distance: 12 miles, 21 locks

Duration: 11 hours

Duration to Rehearsal: 7 hours



Accommodation: On boat

7:30-9am: Wake-up, wash, prepare for day. YP make their own breakfast and lunch and clean up where needed.

8:30am: Coach required to take students from Gade Avenue (WD18 7PE) to Batchworth Lock Canal Centre (WD3 1JD)

9-10am: Visit Batchworth Canal Center and The Roger.

10am-2pm: Morning rehearsal and lunch – The Old Mill

2pm: Coach required to take students from Batchworth Lock Canal Centre (WD3 1JD) to B&Q (HP3 9BX)

2-6pm: On boat.

6-7pm: Moor boat. Dinner. Team 2 cooks. Team 3 clears and washes up. Team 1 completes jobs on boat (cleaning, etc.).

7-9:30pm: Ross McCall physical theatre w/s – Berkhamsted Cricket Club

9.30-10:30pm: Work on portfolios, social media, documenting. Reflection. Pack.

10:30-10:45pm: Preparing for bed. Lights out.

Tuesday 30th June 2015: Coach from Berkhamstead to Hatton

## **Week 2 - Caris Boxing Club.**

### **30th June until 4th July**

Caris is one of our regulars groups. This year they took Angel from Berkhamstead to Milton Keynes.

Caris supports the homeless and people of all ages suffering from depression and addictions, by providing boxing training. Caris also provide support with housing, education, employment training and the development of life skills

## **Week 3 – Samuel Rhodes School**

### **6th July until 10th July**

Another one of our regular groups, met us at Wolverton and spent the week cruising the area and travelling through the Blisworth Tunnel. Here is what they said about their trip:



Dear John

I would like to start by thanking you for funding residential visits on the canal boat over the past few years and in particular summer 2015.

All pupils that attend Samuel Rhodes have a statement of special needs. Samuel Rhodes was judged an 'outstanding' school in every aspect by Ofsted. We are very proud of that judgement and the work that we do enabling Islington children with moderate learning difficulties to reach their potential and prepare them to lead happy and fulfilled lives in the local community.

Working with charities like yours, gives these pupils the life time memories and skills that they can take into the wider world. The Angel Community Canal Boat has really enriched pupils' summer holidays during these trips. Unfortunately many of our pupil's do not have access to activities during the summer time as a lot of our parents find it hard to organise activities for them. We currently have 76% of our students on free school meals.

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 pupils returned from the trip with a great amount of maturity and life skills, all of which their parents were overjoyed with their progress and often talk about this.

For most of my class this was their first ever holiday and first time away from their parents. They will cherish those memories forever and they often reminisce about the amazing time they had.

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

Yours sincerely

Chelsea Taylor-Day  
KS3 Tutor

**Week 4 – Oak Lodge School**  
**13th July until 17th July**

Oak Lodge School, another one of our regulars, enjoyed a weeks trip around the Milton Keynes area.

Both Samuel Rhodes and Oak Lodge are special need schools.

**Week 5 - Another way**  
**20th July until 24th July**

Another Way is a youth Club group from Islington

**Week 6 - Prospex**  
**27th July until 31st July**

Prospex - Islington, London, has the 2nd highest child poverty rate in London. It is the 8th most deprived borough in England; the 4th most deprived in London. Prospex works with young people who are socially disadvantaged, through no fault of their own. Most of them are excluded (formally or voluntarily) from education. Most are heading for unemployment and are involved in youth crime, alcohol and drug abuse. Most suffer from low self esteem and confidence, and lack long term, stable, one to one relationships. Almost half of the children in Islington live in poverty.

**Week 7 - Factory Children's Centre.**  
**3rd August until 7th August**

Volunteer skipper Rod Gray skippered for Nick Adams and his group. The aims of the Factory are to bring about an alleviation of the extreme poverty in the area and to effect an improvement in the conditions and quality of life of people living and working in the area. They are dedicated to carrying on this work in partnership with other agencies from the third sector, the local authority, the PCT and relevant consortiums. The Factory aims to ensure that no person or group is discriminated against on grounds of race, sex, sexuality, disability, religion, age or class.

## **Week 8 - Centre 404**

**10th August until 14th August**

Once again volunteer skipper and trustee Iain Barnett and his first mate Laurie, took command of this group.



Centre 404 is a charity that offers friendly, reliable and person centred support to people with a learning disability and their families in north London. It was founded in 1951 by carers of children with learning disabilities and continues to work towards building a community and a society where people with learning disabilities are valued and involved members of our community. Over the years, Centre 404 has built vital services in Islington and across north London that have enabled children and adults with a learning disability and their families to have a voice and access to activities and support.

## **Week 9 - 1st Belmont Rangers**

**17th August until 21 August**

## **Week 10- Islington Boat Club.**

**24th August until 28th August**



## **Week 11- Volunteers bringing Angel back into London in time for the Angel Festival on 5th September.**

**Angel** was on duty at the **Angel Festival** where we had our stand run by our volunteers. Thanks to Nancy Harrison, with her jam making skills and a successful conclusion to the raffle, Angel received some much welcome income.



## **Community Chest Funding**

Cripplegate once again have funded 10 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. Once again we hope to be able to continue our work with Age UK in 2016/2017.

Groups benefitting from this funding are Age UK, Arachne Greek Cypriot Women's Group, Family Mosaic, Arts4Dementia, Kurdistan Women's Group, Centre 404 and Stuart Low Trust, Islington Bangladesh Association.



## Stuart Low Trust

Stuart Low who joined us several times this year are working with Arsenal who are funding some of their trips on Angel.

Stuart Low was a young Islington man who killed himself in 1997 after failing to find the help he needed to cope with schizophrenia. His death prompted local people to form the Stuart Low Trust (SLT) to create better services for other vulnerable people. SLT was established in 1999. Our mission is to ensure that local people, especially those experiencing social isolation or mental distress, have access to the range of facilities they need to successfully manage their lives. We know that help can be needed at any time.

## Heritage funded G.O.A.L Days (Get Out And Learn)

Our programme of Heritage funded G.O.A.L Day trips (Get Out And Learn). Working with the London Canal Museum and the London Wildlife Trust at Camley Street, finished after two successful years.

In between our community work we managed to fit in some fundraising private hire trips including birthday parties for the young and not so young.

Dear John,

Thank you very much for giving my father and all the rest of the family such a great day on Monday. It made a terrific 80th birthday outing for my Dad. It was obvious he was having a whale of a time.

Please also pass on our thanks to Alan. It was very good to meet you both. Thank you for all your hard work preparing the boat so beautifully, sorting us all out and making things shipshape again after us.

All the best,

Iain

# Report from Kev Mitchell, Volunteer Skipper

I became involved with Angel in 2013, when a call went out to assist with cleaning her in the dry dock at Uxbridge. I enjoyed the experience very much and jumped at the chance to be trained as a volunteer crew member, when approached.



During the crew training, I had the opportunity to steer Angel, under the watchful eye of Iain, and took her through the Camden Locks. I got the bug, and took every opportunity I could to crew and steer, when offered.

In May 2015, I was honoured to be asked to train as a volunteer skipper, along with a few fellow Fifers. John put us through a rigorous training plan, and I took my first trip out soon afterwards, under his guidance. The trip was for a Hen Party, who had no idea they were my first trip as a skipper. It was great fun and a real success.

During my health and safety talk, at the beginning of the trip, I explained that we are volunteers and detailed some of the charity work that Angel carries out. I set up a donation pot for obligatory 'skipper and crew tips that we will donate to Angel.' They enjoyed their trip so much that they collected over £40 between them for the pot.

I've taken out other private hire trips since then, all of which have given great feedback and left 'tips' via our donation pot.

I've also had the privilege of taking members of the Stuart Low Trust on trips to Little Venice, including a trip the day before our AGM this year. Hopefully I have managed to bring Angel back in one piece for it.

Each trip presents new areas of learning for me, from negotiating other boats on sharp bends, to navigating busy locks. I'm thoroughly enjoying the experience, and consider myself very lucky and honoured to be skippering the most beautiful boat on the Regents Canal.

# Report from Iain Barnett, Volunteer Skipper



Once again last August we welcomed back to the Angel Boat 10 young people and two leaders from Centre 404 in Camden Road, Holloway. The group come each year for a 5-day residential trip on the Grand Union Canal starting at Wolverton, Nr Milton Keynes.

Centre 404 ([www.centre404.org.uk](http://www.centre404.org.uk)) provide a wide range of community services for people with learning difficulties and their families. Each year they send groups of young people ranging from 7-18 yrs old by minibus up to Wolverton where we have the Angel boat ship shape and ready to give them the best time possible away from their families and their central London environment.

The group changes a little bit each year as some of the youngsters return and we meet a few new faces. August '15 saw five new young faces aboard and five returning. They were accompanied by Ross & Mandy, two wonderfully caring leaders from 404 who had both also cruised with us the year before. Of the five returning there were at least three or four for whom this was their 4th annual Angel boat holiday.

It's great to see old faces and new alike but there's something very good about the continuity that four consecutive holidays aboard can do for some young people, particular those with certain types of learning difficulty. We can see when they come back that although there will challenges for them during the week, they are able to arrive knowing what to expect and feeling comfortable about such a different environment to their home lives. The more we can do to make our young people feel safe & understood, the more likely it is they will engage with the challenges of spending 5 days sleeping in bunks on a 72' long boat that's not much over 6' wide inside.



Despite having 10 young people of different ages and quite different needs & skill sets, we aim to give everybody on board a crackingly good holiday.

On the first night of our tour we head south to Campbell Park just outside Milton Keynes and moor up so that the youngsters can go to the cinema in town. They've only cruised for a couple of hours and are still settling into the space so it works well to take them off the boat into town to the multiplex which is somewhere familiar to them. When they return later and spot the boat from the top of the



hill they immediately pick out their new home from all the other boats moored along the canal. The Angel boat is maintained by our skipper John and our devoted volunteers, it's livery is gaily painted in traditional working boat style. The youngsters see that their boat is the prettiest for miles around and they foster great pride & affection for it.

Hot chocolate with marsh mallows in their pyjamas and it's off to bed, perchance to sleep, in the four tiny dormitories each containing four bunks. Excitement abounds as darkness falls and lights go out.

The second day and everyone wakes up looking directly onto the water. Ducks, geese and swans go about their business noisily and in stark contrast to London life, we are totally surrounded by nature as we disembark on our holiday proper. A rota has been drawn up so that everybody gets their fair chance to cook, wash up and steer the boat. Along our journey we will stop at a local swimming pool, so that everybody can stretch their legs and enjoy some fun off the boat.

On the third day we ascend the Stoke Bruerne Flight, seven locks in a row with only a short walk in between each one. The crew all take it in turns to operate the locks and work the boat through the system up to Stoke Bruerne village where they are rewarded with well-earned ice cream from the skipper!

Before ice creams melt we are back on our way with our rain coats and hats on as we enter the famously wet Blisworth Tunnel. At 2,813 metres long it is the third longest navigable tunnel on the canal network. Started in 1793 and completed in 1805 it is long, dark, spooky and heavily dripping with water. Everyone gets a good fresh soaking and we're all the better for it as we emerge some half an hour later back into the summer sunshine, blinking and laughing.

We moor up for the third night in Blisworth village and avail ourselves of the local sports ground for a big game of rounders before supper back on board.

Our fourth day's cruising takes back through the tunnel and onward down the flight of seven locks again. On and on we cruise through beautiful Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire countryside, by mid-August the wheat & barley has been harvested and the fields have turned a bright golden colour. The young 404-ers are now completely acclimatised to life on the boat, they've made it their home and us their family. We stop here and there for lunch; sing

songs, play board games, catch sticklebacks & fresh water prawns, go for towpath walks and draw pictures of the beautiful surroundings for our art project. This day is the longest journey of the week and takes us all the way back to Campbell Park in Milton Keynes again where we moor up for the last night and the famous skippers' BBQ party.

The last night is great fun because everybody has overcome any real or perceived difficulties, we play games and run about as bangers, burgers, corn on the cob etc are cooked in the park until eventually the sun goes down for the last time on our happy holiday. As darkness falls on the canal and ducks quack in their reedy nests, stories are recounted of daring feats and hilarious things seen and done by all the company over the week. Reluctantly young boaters climb into bunks and pass peacefully to sleep...ahem...somebody mentioned something about a final midnight feast but I never saw any of that, aye-aye cap'n.

Friday morning and after breakfast we have a short cruise back to Wolverton where the minibus awaits. The boat is cleaned, bags are packed and more food scoffed. We pose for a group photo on the Angel and as we realise it's time to part tears flow from leaders, skipper, first mate and all the company as we say goodbye to another year's fantastic holiday aboard the Angel boat. Even the minibus driver wipes his eyes as he turns the corner out of the car park. We'll see you all aboard the Angel boat again next year!



# Trustee's Report

The Management Committee presents its report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2016.

## 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: 27 Rollscourt Avenue, London SE24 0EA

Operational address: 16-34 Graham Street, London N1 8JX

Employer's Insurance: Royal & Sun Alliance (Policy No XL/RTT4845/CL002127)

## Management Committee

Brian Voakes Chair

Nancy Harrison Secretary

Keith Ball Treasurer

Robin King

Iain Barnett

Giles Eyre

Kevin Mitchell

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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, Iain Barnett and Nancy Harrison. Keith Ball, Iain 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 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 was 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 also received financial support from the Marple Trust during the year.

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 41), and the List of Hirers (page 46). The total number of passengers carried was 1211 and a total of 75 passenger trips.

In addition to hire fees, the Company was principally funded by Islington Council, this ending in 2016/17. Total grant resources for the year were up on last year at £ 32,895, of which £18,095 was attributable to the Islington Council and £14,800 from the Marple Trust. Donations and Friends' subscriptions received in the current year were up on last year at £4,121; donors of sums exceeding £200 are listed at Note 8.

The accounts are set out on pages 33 to 38, and show a deficit of £2,617 on the Unrestricted Funds. Hire and running costs amounted to £53,884, and principally consist of staff salary costs of £29,325, boatyard costs and supplies of £11,410 and boat licence and insurance costs of £3,255. The deficit arising on restricted funds consists of depreciation on the boat (£3,893). The current year deficit of £2,617 is not significant compared to the unrestricted fund balance and current year financial activities. The deficit includes a decrease in hire fees and an increase in grants, exceeded by an increase in overheads, principally a major boat refurbishment commenced in early 2016. The Company is therefore still dependent upon the level of grant aid provided; however the Company is also actively exploring ways to expand its income base. All outgoings, in light of changed grant conditions (phasing out of the Islington Council grant), will be fully reviewed 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 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

## Financial Review, continued

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  
Nancy Harrison  
Jean Roger Kaseki  
Kevin Mitchell

Approved by the Management Committee on 9 June 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Brian Voakes  
Director



# Statement of financial activities

## For the year ended 31 March 2016

	Notes	2016 Unrestricted Funds £	2016 Restricted Funds £	2016 Designated Funds £	2016 Total Funds £	2015 Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Hire Fees		16,524	-	-	16,524	20,744
Grants	8	32,895	-	-	32,895	24,702
Less Allocated to Hire Fees		(3,520)	-	-	(3,520)	(6,850)
Donations & Friends	8	4,121	-	-	4,121	4,015
Interest receivable & Other Income		1,246	-	-	1,246	2,376
		<u>51,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,266</u>	<u>44,987</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
<b>Cost of Generating Funds</b>						
Fundraising and publicity		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Charitable Expenditure</b>						
Hire and running costs		53,883	-	-	53,883	44,349
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>53,883</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,883</u>	<u>44,349</u>
Net incoming resources	3	(2,617)	-	-	(2,617)	638
Transfer to New Boat Fund		(3,893)	3,893	-	-	-
Net transfer to funds for year		<u>(6,510)</u>	<u>3,893</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,617)</u>	<u>638</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2015	7	12,973	60,831	33,506	107,310	106,672
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2016</b>	7	<u>6,463</u>	<u>64,724</u>	<u>33,506</u>	<u>104,693</u>	<u>107,310</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.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

## Balance Sheet

### As at 31 March 2016

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	5	13,136	17,029
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		104,541	109,345
Debtors and Prepayments		3,405	3,969
<b>Creditors &amp; deferred income: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	(16,389)	(23,033)
<b>Net current assets</b>		91,557	90,281
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		104,693	107,310
<b>Funds</b>			
Designated fund	7	39,969	46,479
Restricted funds	7	64,724	60,831
		104,693	107,310

### Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 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 9 June 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Brian Voakes  
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 ('SORP FRS102' & 'SORP FRSSE').

#### 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	29,325
Fundraising and publicity	-
Boatyard expenditure and boat supplies	11,410
Other	9,255
Depreciation	3,893
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,883</b>

### 3 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year

is stated after charging:

	2016 £	2015 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,893	3,893

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 £ 18,095 was received. The grant has been fully expended.

### 4 Staff costs

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

	2016 £	2015 £
Employee costs during the year amounted to:		
Wages and salaries	27,700	27,000
Social security costs	1,625	566
	<b>29,325</b>	<b>27,566</b>

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
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
1 April 2015 (boat purchased April 2000)	77,860	77,860
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
31 March 2016	<u>77,860</u>	<u>77,860</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
1 April 2015	(60,831)	(60,831)
Charge for the year	(3,893)	(3,893)
Disposals	-	-
31 March 2016	<u>(64,724)</u>	<u>(64,724)</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
31 March 2016	<u>13,136</u>	<u>13,136</u>

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

### 6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2016	2015
	£	£
Salary and skipper expenses payable	0	0
Other creditors	1,469	5,828
Accrued 16/17 Grant Income	9,740	17,205
Boat refurbishment	5,180	0
	<u>16,389</u>	<u>23,033</u>

**Notes to the Accounts (continued)****7 Funds**

	Balance 1 April 2015 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer of Funds £	Balance 31 March 2016 £
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
Designated	33,506	-	-	-	33,506
Working capital fund	12,973	(2,617)	-	(3,893)	6,463
General fund	-	53,883	(53,883)	-	-
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	<u>46,479</u>	<u>51,266</u>	<u>(53,883)</u>	<u>(3,893)</u>	<u>39,969</u>
<b>Restricted</b>					
New Boat Fund	60,831	-	-	3,893	64,724
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<u>60,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,893</u>	<u>64,724</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>107,310</u>	<u>51,266</u>	<u>(53,883)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,693</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**

2015/16  
£

**Grants**

London Borough of Islington	18,095
Marple Trust	14,800

<b>Total</b>	<u>32,895</u>
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**Donations and Friends**

Donations of £200 and more:

Usborne Publishing Ltd.	1,000
David Wadham Trust	500
Inland Waterways Association	400
S J Weber	250
G F Chronnell	250

Other Friends subscriptions and donations:	<u>1,721</u>
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<b>Total</b>	<u>4,121</u>
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## Notes to the Accounts (continued)

### 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 2016, which are set out on pages 31 to 38.

#### 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.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

#### 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:

**Notes to the Accounts (continued)**

- (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.

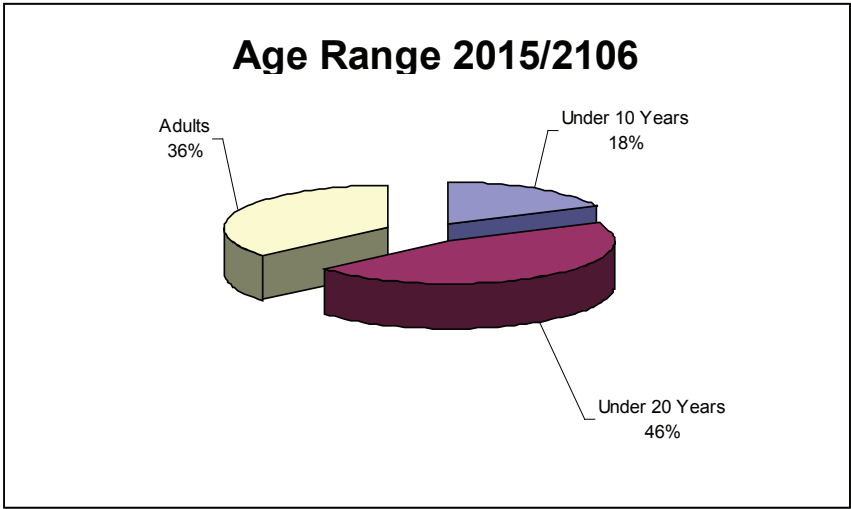
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Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountant

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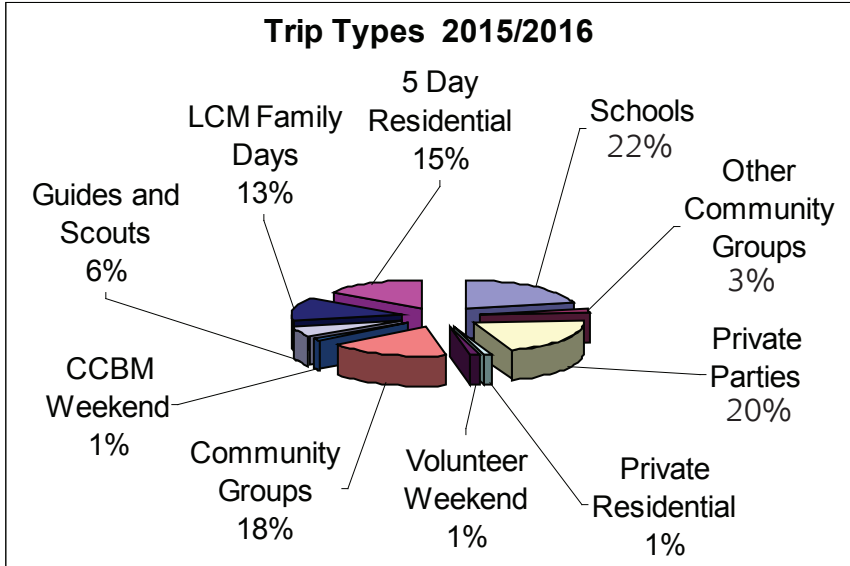
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# Summary of Logs 2015 - 2016



Age Range 2015 -  
2016

Under 10 Years	244
Under 20 Years	620
Adults	491

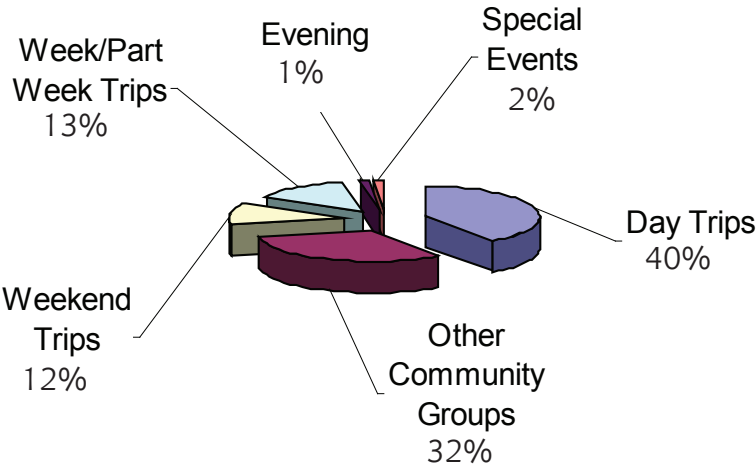


### Trip Types 2015 - 2016

Schools	15
Private Residential	1
Private Parties	14
Private Residential	1
Volunteer Weekend	1
Community Groups	12
CCBM Weekend	1
Guides and Scouts	4
LCM Family Days	9
5 Day Residential	10
Total	68



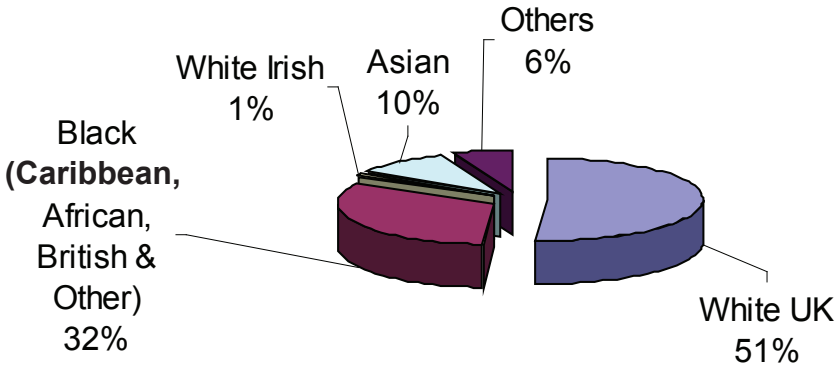
**Total Number of Bookings 2015/2016**



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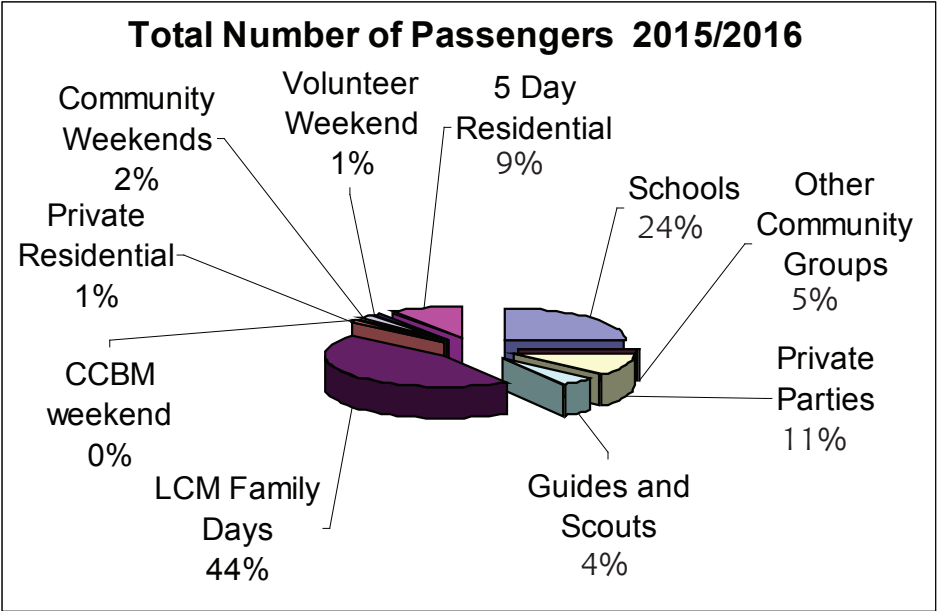
Day Trips	30
Split Days	24
Weekend Trips	9
Week/Part Week Trips	10
Evening	1
Special Events	1
Total	75

## Ethnic Monitoring (% of users) 2015/2016



### Ethnic Monitoring (% of users)

White UK	51%
Black (Caribbean, African, British & Other)	32%
White Irish	1%
Asian	10%
Others	6%



**Total Number of Passengers 2015 - 2106**

Schools	300
Private Weekend	12
Private Parties	140
Guides and Scouts	48
LCM Family Days	540
Private Residential	12
CCBM weekend	5
Community Weekends	24
Volunteer Weekend	10
5 Day Residential	120
Total	1211

## **List of Groups 2015 - 2016**

### **Schools**

Highgate Primary School  
Highgate Pre prep  
Oasis Academy  
Hoxton Garden School  
St Michaels School  
The Village School  
Hanover Primary School  
St Andrews Primary School  
Highbury Primary School  
Thornhill primary School  
St Mary's Magdalene Primary School  
Vittoria Primary School  
Oak Lodge School  
Samuel Rodes School  
Chobham Academy

### **Youth Clubs**

Prospex  
Another Way  
The Children's Factory  
Islington Boat Club  
Centre 404  
Youth Animation & Media  
Bethwin Road Play Group

## Others

Jo Willett

Jake Slack

Gabriella Myttom-Mills

Clodagh McCathy (Guides)

Natalie Stewart (Guides)

The Pirate Castle

The London Canal Museum

Camden Community Narrowboat Association

1<sup>st</sup> Aldborough Hatch Guide Group

Gild Guiding UK

Age UK

Arts 4 Dementia

Canals and Rivers Trust

Family Mosaic

Angel Festival

Stuart Low Trust

Erith and Crayford Guides.





# Notes

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*Cripplegate Foundation Helping since 1500*

*And all the Friends of Angel II of Islington*