

ACCESS ADVENTURES

Trustees Report and Financial Statement Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charity number 1162976

Country of registration (England & Wales)

Operational address Edge Adaptive Sports Centre
Heron Lake Road
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Trustees

Gordon Bloor	(1 April 2020 – present)
Stephanie Kaye*	(1 April 2020 – present)
Duncan White*	(1 April 2020 – present)
Chris Nicoll	(1 Feb 2021 – present)
Becky Newham*	(1 Feb 2021 – 31 March 2025)
Noel Miles*	(1 May 2024 - present)

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Access Adventures aims to have a minimum 50% representation on the board from people with a disability.

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Trustees Report Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

Purposes and aims

We aim to deliver life-changing adaptive adventure sports. Our services are designed to challenge expectations and build self-confidence for people with disabilities. We provide such people with opportunities to participate in adventure sports that promote physical health and fitness and improve their conditions of life.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our vision:

A world where people with disabilities have equal access to the benefits of adventure sports.

Our mission:

To deliver life-changing adaptive adventure sports.

Our values/ objectives:

- Challenge expectations - we inspire people to break boundaries
- Encourage progression - in a supportive environment
- Increase confidence - we provide opportunities to empower and motivate
- Promote community - we offer a welcoming space for a long-lasting impact

Main Achievements

During this financial period, Access Adventures supported more than 400 individuals, providing opportunities to take part in a range of adaptive adventure sports such as waterskiing, wakeboarding, alpine skiing, land kiting, kayaking, paddleboarding and biking. Beneficiaries reported improvements in self-esteem and confidence after participating, with 100% of respondents indicating their overall experience with our services was extremely positive.

Our exclusive lake access, upgraded clubhouse, and on-site accommodation greatly enhanced the life-changing benefits of our summer programmes. Families and friends were welcomed as spectators and participants through dedicated family days and private hire, further strengthening the sense of community. Regular social events also highlighted the importance of peer support and shared experiences beyond the sports themselves.

Adaptive waterskiing and wakeboarding continued as our core sports between April and October. A range of day sessions and residential camps enabled a greater number of individuals from diverse locations to benefit from our services. Group packages were further developed, incorporating adaptive watersports alongside accommodation and catering provisions.

Tailored programmes for under-18s remained in high demand, with parents frequently noting both the transformative impact of these opportunities on their children and the scarcity of accessible adaptive adventure sports for younger participants.

Staff and volunteer capacity was strengthened through a new agreement that formalised processes and clarified roles. Early-season training days alongside progressive one-to-one training further enhanced volunteer proactivity and ensured safe, effective support for adaptive waterskiers.

Access Adventures partnered with British Waterski & Wakeboard to deliver adaptive training for coaches, upskill staff and introduce new participants through part-funded taster sessions - strengthening both coaching quality and awareness of adaptive watersports.

Collaborating with Adaptiv Mobility enabled us to expand our adaptive sports offerings. A range of adaptive off-road bikes and wheelchair add-ons were provided. The two-day event was highly successful: the first day engaged health professionals, and the second offered individuals with disabilities the opportunity to demo the equipment.

Over the winter, Access Adventures successfully delivered two adaptive ski and snowboard camps: one beginner-focussed in Colorado, and one for intermediate to advanced participants in France. Participants demonstrated significant progression at both locations. Following these camps, reunion events at the lake further motivated individuals to engage in other adaptive sports and strengthened the positive impact.

These achievements were made possible during this financial period thanks to the generous support from The Hargreaves Foundation, Bruce Wake Charity, Groundworks UK, Sport England, Alecto Trust, The Gosling Foundation, Community Foundation for Surrey, Enterprise, Bernard Sunley Foundation, Grocers Charity, Squire Foundation, Mobbs Memorial Trust, Garfield Weston, Broadcom and Teleflex. Thanks also to our community fundraisers and regular givers whose commitment has been instrumental in enabling us to deliver life-changing opportunities through adaptive adventure sports.

Main Challenges

The principle challenge for Access Adventures during the year was financial sustainability. Fundraising income did not meet expenditure, and reserves had not yet been replenished following the essential refurbishment works at the centre. As the charity continues to heavily subsidise costs for all beneficiaries, fundraising remains critical to deliver life-changing adaptive sports.

In response, the Management Team, working closely with the Trustees, developed and implemented an emergency fundraising strategy. Recognising the over-reliance on grants and trusts, the strategy focused on diversifying income streams, including corporate partnerships, and mobilising support from the Access Adventures community.

The emergency fundraising strategy delivered positive outcomes within a short timeframe and was fully effective in stabilising the immediate financial position by year end. Efforts are now focused on developing a longer-term fundraising strategy to ensure sustainability. Although only a small number of participants and volunteers responded to the emergency fundraising request, their efforts luckily met the immediate target. However, the experience highlighted the challenges of engaging a broader base of supporters. Developing strategies to expand participation will be essential to strengthen fundraising capacity.

Staffing and volunteer capacity also continues to be a significant challenge, directly influencing the number of beneficiaries we can support and the range of services we can provide. Expanding training opportunities and recruiting targeted expertise remain priorities to strengthen the effectiveness of our services.

Investing significant time and resources to deliver high-quality services at Edge Adaptive Sports Centre has demonstrated an impactful purpose and built a strong community, though it has limited the pace of development in other sports and locations.

Plans for the future

As we look ahead, our vision continues to guide us: *a world where people with disabilities have equal access to the benefits of adventure sports*. Everything we do is rooted in our mission: *to deliver life-changing adaptive adventure sport*.

Over the past decade, Access Adventures has built a strong foundation, shaped by our values: challenging expectations, encouraging progression, increasing confidence, and promoting community. As we celebrate our 10-year anniversary in 2025, we are proud of the lives touched and the boundaries broken together. We are grateful to the many participants, volunteers and supporters who have been part of the journey.

Our plans for the next 10 years are even bigger and bolder. We aim to increase our positive impact for a greater number of people, offering more opportunities to experience the freedom, challenge, and joy of adaptive adventure sports.

Key priorities for the future include:

- **Strengthening our team** – Growing our staff structure will free up the management team to focus on strategic growth, while expanding and training our staff and volunteer base will ensure the highest quality of service delivery. We remain mindful of the financial implications of this growth.
- **Expanding opportunities** – We will explore additional adaptive sports and locations, plus create tailored services for specific groups, ensuring more people can access life-changing adventures.
- **Building stronger partnerships** – By improving collaboration with partners, we can extend our reach, resources, and long-term sustainability.

Reserves Policy

The trustees recognise the need to hold reserves to allow protection of the charity's activities and to promote balanced, long-term strategic planning. However, trustees exclude from the free reserves all designated funds. The trustees' policy is that the unrestricted reserves held by Access Adventures should be 3 months of operating costs to ensure charitable activities can be funded without interruption should there be a sudden decline in income. This ensures that commitments made, for example, in the form of contractual commitments to staff, suppliers and funding partners, can be met with confidence. In addition, the trustees have established that a contingency should be held to meet any unexpected costs associated with the infrastructure required to provide services, including buildings, boats, and other equipment. In total and in line with this policy, the trustees target for reserves is £59,000.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ACCESS ADVENTURES
CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Access Adventures

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with this examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 21st August 2025

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Accommodation rental		2,316		2,316	3,795
Activity provision		56,038		56,038	37,708
Membership Fees		691		691	2,076
Sales / hire of equipment & merchandise		593		593	816
Catering sales & Bar Income		6,925		6,925	6,128
Private Hire		14,333		14,333	14,427
Swim Heron		10,547		10,547	9,847
Government grants		6,778		6,778	0
Donations and legacies	2	128,325	65,644	193,969	170,918
Total		226,546	65,644	292,190	245,715
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising Funds	3	19,845		19,845	4,307
Charitable activities	3	5,230	50,000	55,230	47,723
Other	3	229,380	15,644	245,024	270,812
Total		254,455	65,644	320,099	322,842
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		(27,909)	0	(27,909)	(77,127)
Transfers between Funds					
Net Movement in Funds		(27,909)	0	(27,909)	(77,127)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Funds transferred from Yorkshire & Central		0	0	0	0
Funds transferred from BDWWA		0	0	0	0
Restricted Funds utilised & transferred		0	0	0	0
Total Funds brought forward		496,263	5,792	502,055	579,182
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		468,354	5,792	474,146	502,055

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities of Access Adventures.

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BALANCE SHEET
At 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	6	387,800		387,800	430,934
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		83,705	5,792	89,497	72,504
Debtors		3,621		3,621	4,450
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	6,772		6,772	5,833
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>80,554</u>	<u>5,792</u>	<u>86,346</u>	<u>71,121</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>468,354</u>	<u>5,792</u>	<u>474,146</u>	<u>502,055</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>468,354</u>	<u>5,792</u>	<u>474,146</u>	<u>502,055</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds	8			468,354	468,789
Restricted Funds	8			<u>5,792</u>	<u>5,792</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>474,146</u>	<u>502,055</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
and were signed on its behalf by:



Gordon Bloor
Trustee
Date:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements of the charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and the Charities Act 2011.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost relating to the category.

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

The charity has debtors and creditors which are measured at settlement amounts.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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Tangible Fixed Assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and costs at least £1000. They are valued at cost less accumulated depreciation. The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in Note 6.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

Income in the current period is from donations, accomodation rental, and waterski & wakeboard activities previously carried out by the British Disabled Water Ski & Wakeboard Association. All income is entirely attributable to the Charity's principal activities and objectives.

There was restricted income brought forward of £5792 from earlier years. During the year there were restricted income receipts totalling £65,644 of which £65,644 was spent during the year leaving the brought forward £5,792 of restricted funds to be further carried forward.

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3 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Incurring seeking donations	18,503		18,503	730
Branded merchandise	1,251		1,251	1,567
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	91		91	2,010
Total	19,845		19,845	4,307
Expenditure on charitable activities:				
Camp Activity costs	5,230	50,000	55,230	47,723
Total	5,230	50,000	55,230	47,723
Other				
Depreciation of equipment	43,134		43,134	49,478
Heron site costs	31,236	5,000	36,236	61,561
Staff Costs	144,058	10,644	154,702	149,002
Administration costs	8,522		8,522	9,211
Accounting and legal fees	2,430		2,430	1,560
Total	229,380	15,644	245,024	270,812
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	254,455	65,644	320,099	322,842

Within the unrestricted expenditure on Camp Activity costs, the following items are material:

	£	£
Catering	5,001	4,530
Bar	4,178	2,555
Activity provision		0
France ski trip	20,846	1,967
Colorado ski trip	27,947	5,548

The Accounting and legal fees shown above include the Independent examiner's fees of £1620 for the examination of the accounts.

4 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND STAFF COSTS

There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for either the current period or previous year. However, there were staff costs as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	136,508	137,013
Pension costs	3,411	2,812
Social security costs	14,783	9,177
Total	<u>154,702</u>	<u>149,002</u>

The employees were engaged in Fundraising activities and Activity provision.

5 TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for either the current year or the previous year.

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Cableway Activity and Equipment	Buildings	Fixtures, Fittings Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At the beginning of the period	203,089	416,532	6,129	625,750
Additions	0	0	0	0
Revaluations				
Disposals				
At the end of the period	<u>203,089</u>	<u>416,532</u>	<u>6,129</u>	<u>625,750</u>
Depreciation and impairments				
	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the period	122,864	67,176	4,776	194,816
Disposals				
Depreciation charge for the period	20,056	22,392	686	43,134
At the end of the period	<u>142,920</u>	<u>89,568</u>	<u>5,462</u>	<u>237,950</u>
Net Book Value				
At the beginning of the period	<u>80,225</u>	<u>349,356</u>	<u>1,353</u>	<u>430,934</u>
At the end of the period	<u>60,169</u>	<u>326,964</u>	<u>667</u>	<u>387,800</u>

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Heron Lake buildings - 5% on cost

Cableway - 10% on cost

Boats & Other activity equipment - 25% reducing balance

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% on cost

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7 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxation and social security	3,469	2,982
Other creditors	3,303	2,851
	6,772	5,833
	6,772	5,833

8 MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming Resources (Inc gains)	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds:					
Service delivery	0	50000	50000		0
Site improvements	0	5000	5000		0
Safety equipment	5792				5792
World Champs	0				0
Salary costs	0	10644	10644		0
	0	65,644	65,644	0	5792
Unrestricted Funds:					
General	496,263	226,546	254,455	0	468,354
Total	496,263	226,546	254,455	0	468,354

9 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2025.