

## **Annex A – Additional Information Provided by Cotswold Sailing Club**

Dear Ms Beaumont

Thank you for your email, I have responded to your questions below.

Locals residents who are not members can access the lake from the multiple footpaths that ring the lake. I have attached a map and highlighted the public footpaths. Members can also bring guests to the lake without additional fees.

We also offer local community groups access to the lake, opportunities for sailing and camping. As an example a local police unit held a post-covid 'away day' overnight camping/sailing team event last summer. A local scout group and a dog rescue charity also use our facilities.

Engaging with the local community is high on the committee's agenda. We are in discussions with the Parish Council and the local resident's group to provide further access to the lake.

We are also planning to invite local residents to our jubilee celebrations.

In answer to your specific question, we do not charge the scout group a fee. They do pay a contribution towards the costs of storage, hot water/showers, the use of the kitchen and fuel for the motor boats. In previous years his has been in the region of £200.

The club has a total of 276 memberships, comprising both family and single memberships. The total number of individuals is 774; 499 adults and 275 juniors.

The Club prides itself for its volunteer run, family friendly approach to supporting the sport of sailing and welcomes members of all abilities and backgrounds. We are focused on family membership which helps the club's sustainability and encourages juniors into the sport

The membership fee is very good value and is set at a level to ensure inclusivity. For these reasons the club is extremely popular and we have generations of family members, some of whom have been members for decades. As a result we have a very low attrition rate and recruit just 3 – 5 new memberships each year.

The criteria for membership is based on previous sailing experience or by demonstrating a keen interest in learning to sail.

We do not have a specific hardship policy, however the committee considers favourably, requests for assistance that can be demonstrated during this year's renewal process.

I trust this answers your queries. If you have any further questions, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Treasurer

