

Update!

We reopened our doors at the beginning of August, and what a lovely few months we have had! It has been great welcoming back customers both regular and longstanding and we have been delighted to meet new customers too. We hope you have all enjoyed being back on the water with us, we certainly have had great pleasure in seeing you all and being able to once again offer our on-the-water activities to you, albeit with new Covid related procedures in place. Thank you to everyone who has visited and for your patience whilst learning the ropes in terms of signing in on site, social distancing and wearing masks while you have been with us. A huge thank you to our volunteers who have made a gradual return and have been fantastic in supporting us in our new way of working and who have maintained what we are truly about - making getting on the water a fun and accessible experience for all. You are all superstars.

So, what have we been up to in these months? Lots has happened. Anyone who has been out on the water this year will tell you how much paddle sports have taken off. We have had a wonderful time introducing families and those who are in social bubbles to canoeing and have spent many an hour in our rafted and single canoes making full use of our new equipment which enables those with posture problems to sit upright and supported while paddling. Autumnal canoeing on a crisp sunny day makes for a pleasant day out, there is plenty to see in terms of wildlife and the waterways are quieter at this time of year. We look forward to carrying on with this activity for as long as possible.

Our motor cruisers have had a bit of a makeover and have had a screen fitted between the driver's seat and the customer seating. This has allowed the cruisers to operate in a safe way and we can still communicate with you.

We have been lucky to be able to offer supported sailing in our fleet of yachts/sailing boats from the Ark (our summer pontoon base on Barton Broad). Instead of having an instructor in the boats we have been able to offer seasoned sailors, instruction, and direction from the safety boat. Our fleet has a new member, a Yeoman which has been kindly donated to us. Her name is Katie B and she is currently residing in our work shed where she's having a makeover. We have two students from the Norwich School visiting us weekly to gain experience in this field who have been busy badgering away replacing toe rails and making improvements to her, she will look splendid by next season and we can't wait to see her out on the water. The rest of the fleet of boats are in the water until the end of October when they will be lifted out, cleaned, and tucked away for the winter.

Talking of makeovers our bungalow is having a rather large makeover of its own and is having its roof replaced in October. Once the work is complete, we look forward to welcoming residential visitors and would encourage anyone looking for a short break to get in touch. The bungalow is fully accessible and sleeps up to 6 people. It's close to the village centre, where there is a pub and a shop and of course it's close to the broad and river, so makes for the perfect spot for those who enjoy fishing, wildlife spotting, exploring the wider area or simply to relax and unwind. For more information or to book up please get in touch with us!