

Resources Report – UKWA AGM October 2023

2022 Report

We have continued to get the boats and trailers serviced to meet the needs of the association, but we have an aging fleet with increasing repair costs and so continue to repair wherever possible rather than replace items. There have been some boat tube repairs and trailer repairs this year to keep the fleet running. The maintenance costs have been expensive in 2022 at £11308 - noticeably £4100 higher than in 2021 - The engines are still in the main running very well, however our oldest engine we have is around 13 years old so we need to be prepared for increased costs in the event of us not replacing them.

The cost of fuel and transportation has increased considerably, and we are very low on people who are willing to tow the boats and importantly people willing to actually store boats. This has caused problems and increased the challenge of logistics for some events – in particular our thanks need to go to Doug Baker who kindly stepped up to help out, but special mention has to go to Sue Ingram who has undertaken a considerable amount of towing this year.

Anyone who is willing and able to help us with towing and temporary boat storage, would be very welcome.

The UKWA truck is also continuing to be a tremendous workhorse for the association and is being serviced and maintained to a good standard, but we again need to consider replacing this in the near future, due to age and its hard use.

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