

A view from Max Heron (WBF Trustee and Project Leader)

So far the team connected to this project has done a fantastically successful job. Raising £600,000 and getting the design to construction readiness in such a short time is no mean feat. We are nearly there but we need everyone's help to push the project over the finish line.

We need everyone to engage in fundraising now. It is a very short window up to mid-September but we are very confident we can all do it. Do not hesitate to donate and/or give Rachael Dawson at the As One ... Campaign Office a call to see how you can help.

I look forward with considerable confidence to work commencing on site in September but we can only do it with your help.

Find out more on the website and new ipatter.

Go to www.whitlinghamboathouses.co.uk and we are now live on ipatter. Please follow the link <http://ipatter.com/wbf>, register as a member and encourage as many club members and supporters to register on the Whitlingham Boathouses Foundation network.

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£600,000 RAISED SO FAR FOR THE NEW CLUBHOUSE

The good news - and the bad news?



We have come a long way from the days of the new club house being just a dream. We are nearly there.... but we can still fail through lack of funds. The whole scheme may fall unless we act now!

The project is on track (good news) but we need to raise the final £400,000 and a little bit more by mid-September (bad news).

Everything from the new lease, planners, architects, management, builders and local organisations - is in place. We all now need a final push to complete the fundraising .

Now is the time

Over the last 4 weeks the Whitlingham Boathouses Foundation has received donations totalling £97,500 in 5 grants from grant-making trusts.

We have a further 34 pending which could amount to more than £500,000. There is no guarantee that these will deliver anything. If they do that's great news and the money will be gladly received.

It's up to *all* members (seniors and juniors), parents and families, friends of the clubs, local businesses and contacts to put themselves wholly behind the new boathouses and to help raise the remaining money. Many members of all 5 clubs have already donated but there are many who have yet to do so. The time for action is now.

British Rowing and Canoe England have agreed to provide £200,000 of our headline £600,000. Great news, but they will only give us the funding on the basis of £1 for every £2 we



raise ourselves. We have nearly reached this mile stone; more good news. But...

... if we don't start building by end of September and complete by the end of March, we will lose all their funding. In this era of public sector cost cutting there will be no chance for more funding. We do, however, still feel confident that we can reach the target if everyone contributes now.

How you can help....

Donate

If you haven't donated yet, please do it now. If you have already given, perhaps you might want to give a little more – every little helps!

Contact other people who might donate

If you don't want to contact them, give us the details and we will do it for you in a respectful and sensitive manner.

Join our fundraising activities

Lots of people are working to organise fundraising events. They can certainly do with more help with organising and they need you to buy lots of tickets.

Volunteer

We need volunteers to help us in many different ways (Trust research, contacting potential funders, events, etc). Any help very gladly received.

Leaflets

Take a handful of leaflets and give them out to people who you think may be interested in supporting us. There is a box in the clubhouse.

Join the Fundraising task force

This specialist group is dedicated to contacting specific individuals, Trusts and companies. We would welcome any extra help in this area.



How you can pay

You pay by cheque/postal order/CAF voucher made payable to *As One.. Campaign* (or by standing order) and send it to the campaign office.

You can make your money go further by donating and completing a Gift Aid form which will add as much as 28p in the pound for a basic rate tax payer to your donation without costing you any more.

Why not set up a small covenant payment each month to be paid over 4 or 7 years? (Details on website).

Please help.

Call Rachael on 01603 443588 or e-mail campaign.secretary@whitlinghamboathouses.co.uk

Fundraising events

Sun 22nd Aug Rowing and Canoeing swop day & B-B-Q

Sat 18th Sept Wild West Barn-Dance at West Plumstead

Tickets from Katherine Trehane (katherinetrehane@yahoo.co.uk) or Kerry Duff (kld.duff@btinternet.com)

Almost ready to go

We are in the final stages of negotiating a fixed price with the preferred contractor. Final negotiations could be complete within a couple of weeks.

Bringing the project home

Overall it's good news. We have come a long way with a superb project that will not only benefit those using the facilities today but also future generations. The scheme will provide community facilities for active and recreational rowers and canoeists, elite to novice, able and disabled, young and old from all walks of local life. It is up to us to finish this job. Please help us now before it's too late.

AS ONE... we can bring the project home!