

The Guildford Waterside Centre

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Guildford Waterside Centre,
Riverside,
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To All Members of: BSAC (Guildford), Samson Centre for MS & Wey Kayak Club

All these being members of the Guildford Waterside Centre.

Dear Member,

We are sure that you all appreciate the facilities provided at the Guildford Waterside Centre including the hall, kitchen, bar area, physiotherapy rooms, gym, storage of boats and equipment and oxygen therapy room. We think it is a unique facility which has been in full operation for 12 years. The Guildford Waterside Centre now have leased the whole plot of land, including the grassed area, and took this on board with a view to developing the facilities to include a dedicated oxygen therapy suite, offices and therapy rooms for the Samson Centre for MS, a new meeting/conference room for the whole Centre and enlarged modern storage for the Wey Kayak Club's growing fleet.

As a result of significant grants from sporting bodies, the new kayak store is now in full use and we have reached the point of placing the contract for the construction of the new oxygen therapy suite and meeting/therapy rooms/offices annex. In conjunction with this we need to upgrade the access and security arrangements, ventilation in the showers, tarmac to the car park as well as general repairs to the existing buildings. We want to do all of this under the same contract to minimise the disruption.

The Fundraising Team of the Samson Centre for MS have already secured grants and pledges for approximately £700,000 which leaves us to raise about £150,000 so that all the above can be completed. **This is where you can assist us!!!!**

We appreciate that many of you have already made significant contributions towards the construction and development of the Guildford Waterside Centre by way of donations. We are extremely grateful to those people who have already supported us in this way and must apologise if you feel pressurised by sending you this request. This is certainly not intended. This letter is, however, being sent to **all** members of the Guildford Waterside Centre and that therefore includes you.

In order that we can minimise the loan that we take from a commercial bank, we would like to offer all our Members, and the parents of our younger members, the opportunity of either making a **donation**, which can be **Gift Aided** to give us a further 25% (providing you pay tax), or agreeing to **make us a personal loan at what we believe is a fair rate.**

The loan would work as follows.

- 1) It would be for £2000 minimum or any additional amount in £500 parcels.
- 2) It would be for up to 3 years, with an extension to be agreed after 3 years.
- 3) The Guildford Waterside Centre would pay **up to 2% gross, by agreement**, fixed sum interest per year, payable in arrears quarterly, half yearly or annually, by agreement, directly to your bank. For example a £3000 loan would pay £60 interest per year, or £15 a quarter. We would prefer to pay the interest annually.
- 4) The loan to be repaid either in part or in full with 3 full months notice by either party.
- 5) The loan period would start on **1 July 2018**, with the first interest payment on 1 October 2018, if paid quarterly.

With these loan proposals we will be able to improve and upgrade our fantastic facilities, which we believe are the best of any similar organisation in the country. Your pledge and subsequent loan will help us to make these improvements, both for your benefit and for generations to come. If you feel able to support us in this way please complete and return the attached Pledge of Intent form to the above address at your earliest convenience (and by 20 April at the latest). This will enable us to evaluate and programme in the proposed improvements and repairs.

Yours truly,

Jim Rossiter (GWC Chairman and Wey Kayak Club)

John Hambly (GWC Joint Vice-chairman and Samson Centre for MS)

Dave Kitching (GWC trustee and Wey Kayak Club)

Martin Dent (GWC trustee and Samson Centre for MS)

Ralph Hursthouse (GWC trustee and BSAC (Guildford))

Neil Turner (GWC Joint Vice-chairman and BSAC(Guildford))