

Hillingdon Junior Canoe Club Comments – Dec 2023

I am responding to this in my capacity as Chairman of Hillingdon Junior Canoe Club which was located on the HOAC site (and thus is in limbo). We took young people from HOAC who had passed their basic canoeing and kayaking qualification as well as drawing from local Scouting groups, and progressed their kayaking (and canoeing) capabilities. To date HJCC has produced one (Junior Men's) World Kayak Freestyle champion, and fed another five members into representing GB Kayaking on the world stage. There is no other local club that has taken up the slack, and HOAC is a resource that is severely missed. This, together with the pandemic, means we have an entire generation of young people who have not had these opportunities. I cannot stress enough how crucial it is that a facility is re-established as soon as possible.

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