

## Water company throws lifeline to canoe and kayaking

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Roger Harrington, SBW Managing Director (right) with (left to right) Steve Hook, President of DUCKS; Geoff Goulden, Head Coach and Kev Gowman, Club Chairman.

Water bosses are being thanked after paddling to the rescue of a newly formed canoe and kayaking club.

Dorset's Ultimate Canoe Kayak Squad (DUCKS) was looking for a home for its bi-weekly club and race training sessions.

The club, which has more than 60 members aged from seven to 70 years, was launched earlier this year.

Now Sembcorp Bournemouth Water (SBW) has agreed that DUCKS can use the facilities at its Longham Reservoirs for the club's Tuesday and Thursday night meetings.

The SBW approval is in line with the management plan for Longham Lakes agreed at the time of their official opening last year.

Steve Hook, President of DUCKS said: "Longham Lakes is a beautiful space for teaching, training and playing about in canoes and kayaks for everyone.

"We hope to be here for a very long time developing youngsters and adults from the whole region into paddlers who just love to paddle for pleasure or for medals."

Roger Harrington, SBW's Managing Director, said the company was proud of its community links.

He added: "Our recently completed Longham Reservoirs, while being principally for water supply, offer a superb facility for the local community and in this case for the teaching of canoeing skills to people of all ages. We wish DUCKS every success in using the water to further their aims in this respect."