



Trustees Annual Report : 01/01/19 – 31/12/19

Charity Name : Ancoats Canal Project (ACP)

Charity Number : 1163243

Address (c/o) : Appt 27, Junction Works, 40 Ducie St, Manchester M1 2DF

Trustees and office :

Hannah Neate	Secretary
Paul England	Treasurer
Chris Hawke	Chair
Michelle Wren	
Scott Grant	

Bankers : Co-operative Bank PLC, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

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Signatories Paul England, Hannah Neate, Chris Hawke.

Charity structure, governance and management :

Ancoats Canal Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with a revised constitution adopted on 8th June 2015. The organisation has five trustees and 49 members (who attended at least one event) of whom 18 have voting rights at the 2019 AGM having attended at least 3 events during the year.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in January. Chris Hawke was confirmed as chair at the 2018 AGM, Paul England, Michelle Wren and Hannah Neate were re-elected and Scott Grant was appointed as a new trustee.

ACP works closely with the Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) and with Manchester City Council and its partners. One of our ACP regular event managers Jon Stopp is a representative of CRT who provide ACP with tools and materials to help deliver the charity objectives.

All trustees deliver their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and Activities :

To encourage the use of the Rochdale and Ashton canals as a public and social space, primarily to the residents of local wards, residents of Manchester as a whole and visitors to the city.

All of our activities focus on the public benefits of the work undertaken, these include improvements to the visual aspect of the Rochdale & Ashton Canals, creation of extra amenities, encouragement of wildlife diversity and organisation of social events to bring different parts of the community together.

Achievements and Performance

ACP holds monthly clean-up events on the last Sunday in each month and during 2019 held 10 planned events. December and January meetings aren't scheduled due to inclement weather and in January 2019 the AGM was held at Ancoats Coffee. 2019 saw the committee responding to requests from corporate partners to hold events; in June 10 employees from Irwin Mitchell joined the Sunday event, in July 8 volunteers from the Back On Track charity attended a midweek event run by Jon Stopp with support from ACP volunteers, in August 7 volunteers from Arcadis attended a similar midweek event and in September we supported an event for Join The Dots five volunteers. The trustees have noted the lack of appreciation from the groups we've supported which may influence our commitment to organising similar in 2020.

This year we have undertaken general maintenance, litter picking and planting and with use of the CRT workboat on a number of occasions we have undertaken lots of ground clearance and canal dredging. We also aligned with the Great British Spring Clean on 31st March by clearing a huge amount of litter and fly tipping.

The clean-up events have been widely supported by the community, with a great turnout, an average of more than 12 per event. ACP in partnership with Jub Thai Restaurant has provided lunch and refreshments free of charge to all volunteers, over the year 49 different residents and visitors to the area have become involved in clean up events. Thanks are due to Jub for their ongoing support

Financial Review

On 31/12/2019 ACP holds £965.10 in the current account, all of which is unrestricted funds available to finance projects in 2020.

Declaration

The trustees have approved the annual report and financial statement that follows.

Treasurer	Paul England	Chair	Chris Hawke
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Signature

Date	26/01/2020	26/01/2020
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Ancoats Canal Project; receipts and payments for the period 01/01/19 – 31/12/19

Receipts	31/12/19	31/12/18
Manchester City Council Grant	£ 0	£ 500.00
Bank Interest	£ 0	£ 0
Total income	£ 0	£ 500.00
Expenditure		
Community Engagement (festival etc.)	£ 0	£ 0
Insurance	£ 75.00	£ 168.00
Tools and Equipment	£ 24.99	£ 3.57
Catering	£ 113.49	£ 75.69
Planting Projects	£ 76.69	£ 0
Postage, Stationery, Advertising	£ 1.16	£ 0.58
Total Expenditure	£ 291.33	£ 247.84
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	£ 965.10	£ 1,256.43
Petty Cash	£ 15.46	£ 15.46
Total	£ 980.56	£ 1,271.89
Current Liabilities	£ 0	£ 0
Net Assets	£ 980.56	£ 1,271.89

The accounts show the financial status of ACP compared to 2018, the net current account balance of £980.56 reflects a reduction in capital of £291.33.

The increase in expenditure was approved at the 2018 AGM to use the grant received from Manchester City Council during the year. It should be noted that ACP was able to gain a significant saving on the annual public liability insurance premium by changing provider to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) saving almost £100 per annum.