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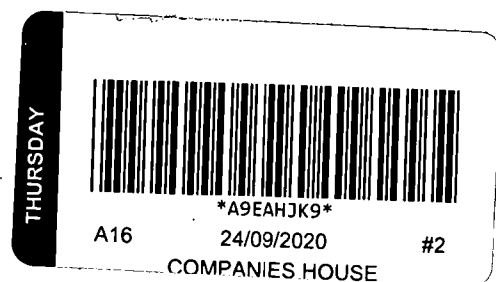
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Rivington Heritage Trust

Limited by guarantee

Report of the Trustees and Audited Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2020



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Trustees, advisers and other information

Trustees

JG Ashworth
V Ashworth
J Burrows
DH Crawshaw
J Farrelly
RM Galloway
SD Jones
C Matthews
JK Shepley
K Snape

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Trustees' report

The Trustees, who act as directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 for Rivington Heritage Trust, ('the Trust'), a private charitable company with no share capital, limited by guarantee and incorporated and registered in England and Wales. The names of the guarantors are disclosed in note 9.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

Rivington Heritage Trust (charity number 1064700, registered number 3349084) was established in 1997 and is governed by the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended by Special Resolution dated 3rd March 2004 and 24th February 2017. The charitable company is limited by guarantee. Management is performed by the members of the Board of Trustees which generally meets quarterly.

The Board of Trustees consists of up to fifteen members with up to seven from within United Utilities and three being from the Guarantors (note 9). The members of the Trust have the right to appoint persons to the board of the Trustees, who thereafter shall have the power to determine the criteria for appointments of further members to the Board of Trustees.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year and thereafter were:

J G Ashworth	
V Ashworth	(appointed 17 July 2019)
J Burrows	(appointed 13 November 2019)
D H Crawshaw	
J Farrelly	(appointed 18 September 2019)
R M Galloway	
S D Hamilton	(resigned 18 September 2019)
BA Homan	(resigned 18 September 2019)
S D Jones	
C Matthews	(appointed 18 September 2019)
M Perks	(resigned 27 June 2019)
G Pill-Fairbrother	(resigned 27 June 2019)
JK Shepley	
K Snape	

During the year, directors' and officers' liability insurance was in force.

Going concern

The Trustees' considerations in preparing these financial statements on a going concern basis are set out in note 1.

Objectives and activities

The purpose of the Trust is to conserve, preserve, maintain, protect and enhance for the benefit of the public, the heritage within the Terraced Gardens and Lever Park. The gardens, land and buildings attract over a million visitors a year. These assets and the wider Rivington area are a very highly valued informal recreation area for people from the surrounding towns and further afield. It is of at least regional significance in that context. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives.

Trustees' report (continued)

Rivington Terraced Gardens form a historic 35 hectare garden site on a hillside adjacent to Lever Park on the edge of the West Pennine Moors and are part of the reservoir catchment area for the chain of reservoirs at Rivington near Horwich in Greater Manchester. The gardens feature in the English Heritage list of Historic Parks and Gardens and contain various structures, eleven of which, including the summer houses, loggia, pigeon tower and the iconic seven arched bridge are individually listed at Grade II.

United Utilities Water Limited is the land owner and trustee having acquired the gardens in 1938 (as the then Liverpool Corporation). Subsequently, the assets transferred to the ownership of North West Water Authority in 1974, North West Water Limited in 1989, and hence to United Utilities Water Limited, who lease the gardens to the trust for a peppercorn.

Achievements and performance

Stakeholder relationships have been continued through the year with interested parties including Local Authorities, Parish Councillors and the associated Community Forum/Friends Group.

In 2016, the Heritage Lottery Fund announced an award of £3.4m in order to financially support the capital maintenance (including health and safety) of the Terraced Gardens, improve safe access and widen education materials pertaining to the heritage of the Terraced Gardens and the surrounding area. During the current year, restoration and preservation works have continued and a number of successful events have taken place within the Terraced Gardens to raise awareness and increase the profile of the project, which has attracted future funding from a number of sources in order to supplement the main Heritage Lottery Fund grant. The gardens have been featured in several local and national newspapers, on regional radio and on television.

Financial review

The Board considers that sufficient funds and arrangements exist within the charity to fulfil any future obligations as they fall due should any such obligations arise.

The Trustees expect that the charity will continue to receive support from United Utilities Water Limited. The financial statements and associated notes are detailed on pages 8 to 12.

Reserves policy

The unrestricted fund is used by the charity to fund future activities. The Board does not consider it necessary to hold significant unrestricted funds as the financing of any future investments will be agreed with United Utilities Water Limited before the project is embarked upon. Any agreed financing will not be recharged to the charity.

Future funding

There is a current balance within unrestricted funds (which are the same as free reserves) of £56,461 (2019: £46,571). The level of reserves required for the charity in the future will be considered along with the future activities of the charity and any future potential grant applications.

Information given to the auditor

Each of the persons who is a Trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Trust's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director to make himself / herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Trust's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditors, Voisey & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.



J Farrelly, Trustee and Director, 28th August 2020

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities in respect of the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- assess the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charitable company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Rivington Heritage Trust

for the year ended 31 March 2020

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Rivington Heritage Trust (the 'charity') for the period ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of Rivington Heritage Trust

for the year ended 31 March 2020

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Philip Urmston BSc, FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Voisey & Co

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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Date: 22nd September 2020

Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 March 2020

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Incoming resources					
Voluntary income	2	351,965	1,087,978	1,439,943	2,531,878
Fundraising		15,494	-	15,494	44,063
Investment income: Bank interest		107	-	107	52
Total incoming resources		367,566	1,087,978	1,455,544	2,575,993
Resources expended					
Charitable expenditure	3	(83,613)	(1,348,702)	(1,432,315)	(2,540,242)
Fundraising		(10,939)	-	(10,939)	(30,120)
Governance costs	4	(2,400)	-	(2,400)	(2,400)
Total outgoing resources		(96,952)	(1,348,702)	(1,445,654)	(2,572,762)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year and net movement in funds		270,614	(260,724)	9,890	3,231
Transfer balance funds		(260,724)	260,724	-	-
Net movement in funds		9,890	-	9,890	3,231
Fund balance brought forward		46,571	-	46,571	43,340
Fund balance carried forward	7	56,461	-	56,461	46,571

The incoming resources and resulting net movement in funds arise from continuing operations.

The charitable company has no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the year and the prior year. Accordingly, no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses is presented.

Statement of financial position

at 31 March 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	5	24,080	144,150
Stock		4,133	-
Cash at bank		38,592	61,600
Total assets		66,805	205,750
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	(10,344)	(159,179)
Total liabilities		(10,344)	(159,179)
Total net assets		56,461	46,571
Funds			
Income funds – unrestricted		56,461	46,571
Income funds – restricted		-	-
Funds	7	56,461	46,571

The financial statements of Rivington Heritage Trust, registered number 3349084, charity number 1064700, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 and were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 28th August 2020. They were signed on its behalf by:



J Farrelly
Trustee and Director

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	(23,115)	38,304
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Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>(23,115)</u>	<u>38,304</u>
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received		107	52
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>107</u>	<u>52</u>
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the Reporting period		<u>(23,008)</u>	<u>38,356</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning Of the reporting period		<u>61,600</u>	<u>23,244</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the Reporting period		<u>38,592</u>	<u>61,600</u>

Notes to Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 March 2020

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of financial activities)	9,890	3,231
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(107)	(52)
Decrease in debtors	120,070	(123,804)
(Increase) in stock	(4,133)	-
(Decrease) in creditors	(148,835)	158,929
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Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(23,115)	38,304
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Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

Rivington Heritage Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under the Charities SORP (FRS 102). Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost.

The financial statements are presented in sterling and all values are rounded to the nearest pound (£) except when otherwise indicated.

Incoming resources

Income is from donations and bank interest and is recognised on a receivable basis.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objectives of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds to be used at the discretion of the Trustees. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work.

Charitable expenditure

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs directly incurred in pursuance of the charity's objectives. They are recognised in the period in which they were incurred.

Going concern

In preparing these financial statements on the going concern basis, the Trustees have considered the Trust's net assets position. The net assets are deemed to be fully recoverable and the Trust continues to generate a surplus. For these reasons, the Trustees have concluded that the going concern basis continues to be appropriate.

2. Voluntary income

Donations of £1,084,808 (2019: £1,757,968) were received from Heritage Lottery Fund, £250,421 (2019: £599,918) from United Utilities Water Limited and £24,470 (2019: £86,457) from other sources.

The Trust benefits greatly from the involvement and enthusiastic support of its many volunteers. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts, however, income includes £80,244 (2019: £84,319) of services donated by skilled or professional volunteers.

3. Resources expended

£1,348,702 (2019: £2,452,978) of the resources expended during the year related to expenditure with Groundwork (a delivery partner who are project managing the fulfilment of the conditions of the grant awarded by Heritage Lottery Fund).

United Utilities Water Limited also provided management and administrative services for the charity. No fee was charged for these services. United Utilities Water Limited also paid other expenses of £679 (2019: £807). There were no non-audit fees or fees in respect of other services in either year.

Other expenses of £2,690 (2019: £37,921) were paid by the Trust.

Resources expended includes £80,244 (2019: £84,319) of expense relating to the time donated by skilled and professional volunteers.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

4. Governance costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Auditors remuneration	2,400	2,400

5. Trade and other receivables

	2020	2019
	£	£
Prepayments	898	903
Other Receivables	23,182	143,247
	<u>24,080</u>	<u>144,150</u>

Other receivables includes a related party accrued income balance of £3,795 (2019: £142,431) due from United Utilities Water Limited settled after the year end date.

6. Trade and other payables

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other payables	<u>10,344</u>	<u>159,179</u>

7. Reconciliation of movement in funds

	At 01.04.19	Net Movement	Transfers	At 31.3.20
	£	In funds	between funds	£
		£	£	
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	46,571	270,614	(260,724)	56,461
Restricted funds				
Terrace Garden	-	(260,724)	260,724	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,571</u>	<u>9,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,461</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:-

	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	367,566	(96,952)	270,614
Restricted funds			
Terrace Garden	1,087,978	(1,348,702)	(260,724)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,455,544</u>	<u>(1,445,654)</u>	<u>9,890</u>

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

8. Trustees and employees

There were no expenses reimbursed to Trustees in connection with their services in the current year (2019: £nil). None of the Trustees received emoluments for their services (2019: same).

The charity did not have any employees during the year other than the Trustees (2019: same).

9. Related party transactions

The aggregate transactions with related parties are as follows:

Year ended 31 March 2020	Year ended 31 March 2019			
	Voluntary Purchases from related party £	income from related party £	Voluntary Purchases from related party £	£
United Utilities Water Limited	250,421	-	599,918	-

Amount owed by related parties at 31 March 2020 are shown in note 5.

10. Guarantors

As at 31 March 2020 the following members of the Trust were guarantors of the company, each with a maximum liability of £1.00:

- Chorley Borough Council
- Lancashire County Council
- United Utilities Water Limited

11. Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These funds, in the opinion of the Trustees, are free to use in accordance with the charity's objects.

Terrace Gardens Renovation Fund

The charity is currently undertaking renovation works of the terrace gardens and is in receipt of Heritage Lottery funding and voluntary income from United Utilities and third parties.

At the year-end date as the renovation works are still in progress a final reconciliation of matched funding has not been carried out between the charity and Groundworks.