

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	30 st	July	2019		31 st	July	2020

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	River Roding Trust	
Other names charity is known by	-	
Registered charity number (if any)	1184680	
Charity's principal address	75 DAMES ROAD	
	LONDON	
	Postcode	E7 0DW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Paul Powlesland	Chair		
2 Louis Rutherford		Appointed 26.02.2020	
3 Simon Colles			
4 Alastair Stephens		Appointed 26.02.2020	
5 Alison Cormack			
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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO - FOUNDATION Registered 30 Jul 2019
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The purposes of the Trust are to preserve, protect and restore the River Roding for the public benefit and to undertake and carry-on projects and activities of a charitable nature related to the river which will assist in promoting recreation, protecting the environment and educating the public about the history of the river.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives, in planning future activities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

2019 to 2020 was the first year of the River Roding Trust. During this period we were able to begin to develop and coordinate charitable initiatives to benefit the communities living and working on or near the River Roding, and contribute to the care and restoration of the river.

A lot of our efforts in the early days involved establishment of the administration of the charity; gaining an appropriate bank account for example, setting up processes and recruiting trustees who would meet regularly.

Work undertaken within the aims of the charity - the preservation and development of the Roding and its environs for public benefit - included the establishment of a path between Barking and Ilford. Using local connections, free woodchip was regularly delivered to be used as a surface for the route of the path. Through event days, local volunteers were recruited to work on the project. This work served to enhance the area around the river as a destination and amenity.

Reedbeds were cleared of litter, with the result of record quantities of collected refuse.

A highlight of the year came in partnership with Positive Trace Parties, where the River Roding Trust hosted the 'Rumble on the Roding'. This was an arts, environmental and recreational event. It was extremely well attended by a varied demographic. The event, over one day and evening, took the form of a small festival with activities related to the restoration of the river, followed by talks, a communal meal and live music and dancing. The event was publicised in London's 'Time Out'

A significant development in establishment of the River Roding Trust came in the form of recognition by the Crown Estate. This enabled the Trust to legitimately grant licenses for boats to moor on the river and collect fees that would contribute to the Trust's charitable work. A considerable amount of volunteer work went into establishing the moorings infrastructure, thus laying the foundations for a sustainable community and volunteer base to support the work of the trust.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Great strides have been made towards a long-term improvement of the river and local environment. Literally hundreds of refuse sacks have been filled with litter taken from the reedbeds and removed.

A task force of volunteers has been established creating the seed bed for real community around the work of the trust. To the benefit of the local environment. Both natural and human.

The beginnings of a more established route from Barking to Ilford, along the river, has been created. Part of a path is now surfaced. The logistical challenge of how to traverse the stretch of the pathway under the district line railway bridge has been resolved with the creation of an impressive boardwalk. Benches along a stretch of the route have been installed. A great deal of undergrowth once blocking the route has been cut back.

Hundreds of trees have been planted, often in collaboration with local volunteers, enhancing value to and engagement with the community.

The Trust has acted as an intermediary between the boat dwelling community on the river and the relevant authorities, thus enhancing the creation of a resident body of guardians for the environment and locale.

Events hosted by the Trust, such as the 'Rumble on the Roding,' have raised the profile of the river as a destination for the whole of London.

Sadly the pandemic in the second half of the year has severely limited possibilities for public engagement, and in particular meetings involving large groups. However small working parties comprising of the resident boat dwellers, who formed a single household, managed to continue to cut back much of the fallen trees and undergrowth blocking the river. Looking forward, one of the Trusts most keenly anticipated major events will be the inaugural passage of the first vessel to navigate as far as Ilford in half a century. This will provide an opportunity to highlight the status of the Roding as London's third largest (yet largely forgotten) River and unite local communities through which the river travels in celebration of its restoration.

Although unfinished, the nascent path from Barking to Ilford proved its worth during the pandemic when local people sought out this previously unrealised natural resource as a place to walk, at a time when travelling outside the locality was limited. Many people discovered the river route for the first time. This has helped energise the trust in bringing back this ancient right of way to use and public consciousness.

A major achievement in building the community has been the development of a lively and expanding 'Friends of the River Roding' Facebook group. This has played a key role in building awareness of the Trust and appreciation of the river amongst the local community and has provided a strong base for recruitment of volunteers.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As a newly established Trust, we currently hold very restricted reserves. Our aim is to build up reserves (unrestricted funds) which will not exceed four months operating costs. We will review our reserves policy annually.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information


Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Paul Powlesland	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

23rd May 2021

Charity number: 1184680
Company number: CE018373

THE RIVER RODING TRUST
LIMITED BY GURANTEE

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st of July 2020

THE RIVER RODING TRUST

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Legal and administrative information

Status

The River Roding Trust is company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Charity number: 1184680 and Company number CE018373.

Board of directors / Trustees

The trustees of the charitable company are also its directors for the purpose of charity law and company law.

The trustees / directors who served during the year are as follows:

Paul Powlesland - Chair

Simon Colles

Loui Rutherford

Alison Comack

Alastair Stephens

Company number: CE018373

Charity number: 1184680

Registered office:

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The Co-Operative Bank

THE RIVER RODING TRUST

Independent examiner's report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The River Roding Trust, charity number 1184680 for the year ended 31st of July 2020 set out pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis:

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 the Act;

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, i have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement:

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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THE RIVER RODING TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 31 July 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources				
Donations		6,330	-	6,330
Grants		-	-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total incoming resources		<u>6,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,330</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Direct Charitable expenditure		5,965	-	5,965
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total charitable expenditure		<u>5,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,965</u>
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net incoming resources		<u>365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>365</u>
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total funds carried forward		<u>365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>365</u>

THE RIVER RODING TRUST
Balance Sheet
As at 31 July 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets			-
Current assets			
Cash at bank in hand		<u>365</u>	
		365	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets			<u>365</u>
Total assets less current assets			<u>365</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds			365
Restricted funds			<u>-</u>
			<u>365</u>

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 23rd May 2021 and signed on its behalf by



Paul Powlesland (Chair)

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities. Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015); - Charities SORP (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The River Roding Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

1.2 Incoming resources

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated assets are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

1.3 Resources expended

Resources expended are accounted for an accrual basis. Expenditure is allocated in the statement of financial activities between direct charitable expenditure. No significant costs are incurred in generating funds.