

York Natural Environmental Trust

Charity number 1097696

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended

31st March 2021

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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 1st April 2020

To: 31st March 2021

Charity's full name York Natural Environmental Trust

Registered Charity number 1097696

Objectives and activities

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

York Natural Environment Trust CIO was created to promote, conserve and improve the natural environment of the City of York and the immediate surrounding area, and to educate the public in all aspects thereof; to carry out projects and by any other means of a practical nature to improve, enhance and conserve such natural environment; to advise and co-operate and be represented on any local authority or any other body concerned and generally to do all things for the said purpose.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

YNET exists to promote, conserve and improve the natural environment of the City of York and the immediate surrounding area. It is also keen to educate the public in all aspects of that and to carry out projects and any other work of a practical nature to improve, enhance and conserve that natural environment along with advising, co-operating and representing it on any organisation.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities

Without the numerous volunteers associated with YNET projects the environment of York would be a poorer place in biodiversity terms. However, many of the volunteers aren't paid-up YNET members and are focused upon individual projects so YNET's membership does not represent the volunteer hours actually involved.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

As a result of the pandemic this has been a very quiet year, although efforts have been focused on commenting upon planning and tree removal.

Friends of Rawcliffe Meadows

After nearly thirty years of managing the area and recovering it from poached pasture to SSSI with multiple habitats the Friends were faced with a seriously detrimental planning application from the Environment Agency to raise to Barrier Bank whilst destroying acres of the rare grassland, along with the Cornfield. This was strongly resisted but approved by the Planning Committee by a tiny majority. On this basis the Friends asked the Rural Payments Agency to declare force majeure on the Stewardship agreement but this was not agreed, farming activities were carried out during 2020 but with no volunteering. The Friends remain dedicated to the conservation of the York Ouse Ings and published a record of thirty years of observations, which was distributed to key volunteers. The social media have remained updated and increasingly popular. The Environment Agency, despite cutting down a number of trees, have yet to start work despite saying April 2021 most recently.

Railway Pond and Reserve

The Pond and Reserve have where possible carried out volunteering activities and fishing has been possible on occasions during the pandemic. The Council transferred the lease to the Pond committee but as of 1st May 2021 this was still to be signed.

In addition the trustees continued to meet and act with others in the City of York to promote and conserve the natural environment.

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The charity remains solvent with adequate reserves for the foreseeable future. The payback of the clawedback funds means that there is an excess in the Rawcliffe Meadows accounts and will be spent in due course on promoting and conserving the York Ouse Ings as a whole.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

The trustees maintain a level of reserves to ensure that YNET and its groups can function at least in the short term in the absence of income, along with accommodating special funds and commuted sums.

Amount of reserves held

£52,219 of unrestricted reserves

Reasons for holding zero reserves

N/a

Funds materially in deficit

N/a

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

N/a

Additional information

The principal source of funding for Rawcliffe Meadows was from the EC agri-environment scheme which will run to completion in September 2021.

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document Constitution

How the charity is constituted CIO

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting

Reference and administration details

Charity's full name York Natural Environment Trust CIO

Other names the charity is known by YNET

Charity's principal address Glyn Garth, Sandy Lane,
Stockton-on-the-Forest,
YORK
Postcode YO32 9UU

Names of the 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
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Steve Hart

Michael James Phythian

Treasurer

Michael James Phythian

Secretary

Christine Theaker

Robert Hutchinson

Judith Ann Sutton

Barry Potter

Until 1st May 2020

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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N/A

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian	
safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Names and addresses of advisers (OPTIONAL)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Independent

Examiner

Karen Wood ACMA

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Hiscox Building
Peasholme Green, York
YO1 7PR

Bankers

CAF Bank

25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill,
West Malling, Kent
ME19 4JQ

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full Name

Position

Date

M. J. PHYTHIAN

TREASURER

29th June 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of York Natural Environmental Trust
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I report on the accounts of: **York Natural Environmental Trust**
for the year ended: **31st March 2021** which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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9/11/2021

Date:

York Natural Environmental Trust

Charity number 1097696

Receipts & payments accounts for the year ending:

31st March 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants	-	1,184	1,184	-
Environmental Stewardship	6,152	-	6,152	16,733
Donations	93	190	283	888
Subscriptions	156	-	156	189
Fishing income	2,112	-	2,112	838
Ings booklet	-	-	-	70
Danesmead contribution	-	66	66	66
Bank interest	28	-	28	96
Sundry	-	25	25	31
Total receipts	8,541	1,465	10,006	18,911
Payments				
Maintenance work	1,232	1,284	2,516	2,176
Treework	500	-	500	1,224
Seed & propagation	-	-	-	291
Insurance	133	66	199	200
Membership & subscriptions	20	-	20	10
Professional fees & consultancy	2,475	-	2,475	-
Independent examination	270	-	270	270
Fishing tickets	848	-	848	-
Planning meetings & workshops	-	-	-	95
Bird boxes & seed	-	-	-	211
Stationery, postage & print	251	-	251	334
Fish & signage	-	2,450	2,450	-
Batteries, cables, charger	-	-	-	72
Clothing	-	-	-	566
Electricity	480	-	480	560
Volunteer present	-	-	-	165
Bank charges	72	-	72	60
Total payments	6,281	3,800	10,081	6,234
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,260	(2,335)	(75)	12,677
Transfer between accounts	528	- 528	-	-
Balance brought forward	49,431	16,099	65,530	52,853
Balance carried forward	52,219	13,236	65,455	65,530

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Statement of assets and liabilities at:		31st March 2021		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	4,495	13,171	17,666	17,859
Gold Account	22,416	-	22,416	22,406
Platinum Account	25,016	-	25,016	24,998
Railway pond bank & cash	0	65	65	-
Petty Cash	292	-	292	267
	<u>52,219</u>	<u>13,236</u>	<u>65,455</u>	<u>65,530</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Liabilities				
Independent Examination fee	280	-	280	270
	<u>280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>270</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended:

31st March 2021

1. Basis of accounts

The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

YNET was converted from being a Charitable Company to a CIO, therefore the previous year's accounts were prepared on an accruals basis. The only amendment to convert the comparisons to receipts and payments accounts was the creditor for the independent examination.

2. Movement of major funds

2.1 Details of funds held

Unrestricted funds (General)

The General fund is unrestricted and available for general purposes.

Designated funds

Ings booklet project fund

Funds held for re-publication of 'The Ouse Ings' booklet

Ings Heritage project fund

Funds held for re-publication of 'The Ouse Ings' booklet

Restricted funds

The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund, which are:

York railway pond & reserves

Funds for sole use of management of York Railways Pond & Reserve.

Yorkshire water TB project

Grant towards Tansy Beetle habitat improvements

TBAG

Support for Tansy Beetle conservation

DRaMA

Contribution to insurance costs by Danesmead

Environmental Stewardship

Grant to maintain Rawcliffe Meadows

2.2 Movement in fund balances 2021

Fund name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	46,960	8,541	6,281	528	49,748
Ings booklet	271	-	-	-	271
Ings heritage	2,200	-	-	-	2,200
Total Unrestricted	49,431	8,541	6,281	528	52,219
Restricted funds					
York Railway pond	13,442	1,399	3,734	(578)	10,529
Yorkshire water Tansy Beetle	2,350	-	-	-	2,350
TBAG	307	-	-	50	357
DRaMA	-	66	66	-	-
Total Restricted	16,099	1,465	3,800	(528)	13,236
Total funds	65,530	10,006	10,081	-	65,455

2.3 Transfers between Funds

From	To	Amount £	Details
York railway pond R	General	848	Free fishing tickets funded by Tesco Bags for Life
General	TBAG	50	Donation wrongly analysed last year
General	York railway pond	270	From Lloyds bank account

Approval of accounts for the period ended:

31st March 2021

The report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on:

29th June 2021

Date



Signed for and on behalf of the trustees

29/6/21

Date

M. J. PYTHIAN

Print name

Treasurer

Position (e.g. Chair etc)