



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2020 (Period start date) To 31 March 2021 (Period end date)

Charity name: Chew Valley Lake Recreational Trail CIO

Charity registration number: 1182778

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Chew and Yeo Valleys in Bath & North East Somerset and North Somerset and the surrounding areas, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants |
| 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. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | The Chew Valley Lake Recreational Trail (CVLRT) will develop, maintain and run a recreational off-road walking and cycling route of regional significance around the Chew Valley Lake. The organisation will provide significant benefit to communities in the local and surrounding area through allowing open access to this natural amenity for all. The recreational trail will be free to use and as such cyclists and walkers will be able to benefit from an enhanced outdoor leisure activity and experience through the well designed, interpreted and maintained accessible route, irrespective of their youth, age, infirmity, disablement, financial hardship or social circumstances. The benefits of the CVLRT will include opportunities for increased health and wellbeing (through formal and informal exercise); space to engage with nature and the surroundings (alleviating mental health problems and increasing awareness and protection of the environment); opportunities for local |

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| | | engagement and personal development (through volunteering, work experience and partnership working with other voluntary sector organisations). |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The trustees have had regard to the public benefit of the charity |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | N/A |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | N/A |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | N/A |
| Other | | N/A |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| 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. | Para 1.20 | <p>The charity was established to support fund raising and grant applications for the new recreational trail which would ultimately lead to the CIO running and managing the trails once constructed.</p> <p>Through its involvement in its founding year, the charity has supported one of the project partners to secure funding for part of the trails delivery through the EU Rural development funding for the off road section of the trail.</p> <p>In this second year of the CIO, in which activity was curtailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, further funding was secured by one of the project partners to deliver the 'on road' section of the trail. The CIO was able to support this application but remains as an organisation who will be managing the trail once all of the construction work is completed.</p> <p>Despite the pandemic, and outside the period of this annual return, construction commenced in August 2021 and is due for completion in Spring</p> |

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| | | <p>2022. The completed trail will offer free access to nearly 7km of off-road trail suitable for all types of pedestrian, buggy and cycle use which will allow users to experience the recreational trail who will be able to benefit from an enhanced outdoor leisure activity and experience through the well designed, interpreted and maintained accessible route, irrespective of their youth, age, infirmity, disablement, financial hardship or social circumstances.</p> <p>During the pandemic this type of exercise has been recognised as of value to society as demonstrated by the increased level and activity of people getting outside to spend time outside and in the environment.</p> <p>The trustees recognising this new emphasis and opportunity for ‘getting outside’ are seeking additional funding to undertake activity in relation to the running and management of the completed trail and the charity will continue to support these efforts.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | N/A |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | N/A |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | N/A |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | <p>The charities incorporation was needed to evidence future management plans as part of a partners funding application. When all of the partners delivery and construction funding is in place the charity will commence financial activities.</p> <p>In this second reporting period the charity undertook no financial activity</p> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | N/A |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | £0 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | No financial activity undertaken in year ending 31/3/21 |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | N/A |

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| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | N/A |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | N/A |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | N/A |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | N/A |
| Other | | N/A |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Incorporated by constitution on 3rd April 2019 |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | Constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees |
| 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 | Para 1.25 | <p>Trustees are appointed by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be co-opted by the charity trustees at any time.</p> <p>Nominated Charity Trustees are from Bristol Water PLC and Bath & North East Somerset Council ("the appointing bodies") may each appoint up to two charity trustees..</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | N/A |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | N/A |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | N/A |
| Other | | N/A |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Chew Valley Lake Recreational Trail CIO |
| Other name the charity uses | CVLRT |
| Registered charity number | 1182778 |
| Charity's principal address | PO Box 1237, BRISTOL, BS40 8WJ |

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) |
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| 1 | Michael Barlow | | | |
| 2 | Chris Head | | | |
| 3 | Steve Smith | | | Bristol Water plc |
| 4 | Liz Richardson | | | |
| 5 | Karen Warrington | | 10/12/20 – 31/3/21 | Bath & North East Somerset Council |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | Nil |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | N/A |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | N/A |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | Michael Ralph Barlow | Christopher Head |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Trustee | Trustee |
| Date | 13/01/2022 | |