



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1 April 2021 (Period start date) To 31 March 2022 (Period end date)**

**Charity name: Chew Valley Lake Recreational Trail CIO**

**Charity registration number: 1182778**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Chew and Yeo Valleys in Bath &amp; 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</b>
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	<b>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</b>

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

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

## **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
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><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Through its involvement in its founding year, the charity 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.</b></p> <p><b>In the 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 and satisfactorily handed over at the end of the defects period.</b></p> <p><b>Despite the pandemic construction commenced in August 2021 and was completed in May 2022 just outside the</b></p>

		<p>period covered by this report.</p> <p>The completed trail offers free access to nearly 7km of off-road trail suitable for all types of pedestrian, buggy and cycle use which will allows 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>
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>N/A</b>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>N/A</b>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<b>N/A</b>

### Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p><b>The charities incorporation was needed to evidence future management plans as part of a partners funding application.</b></p> <p><b>The responsibility for the trail will commence when the construction defects liability period expires which is not due until mid 2023.</b></p> <p><b>The trustees are reviewing their financial activities for the future maintaince and management of the trail. In this third reporting period the charity undertook no financial activity</b></p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£0</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>No financial activity undertaken in year ending 31/3/22</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Incorporated by constitution on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees</b>
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><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Nominated Charity Trustees are from Bristol Water PLC and Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council ("the appointing bodies") may each appoint up to two charity trustees..</b></p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

## Reference and Administrative details

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)
1	Michael Barlow			
2	Chris Head			
3	Steve Smith			Bristol Water plc
4	Liz Richardson			
5	Karen Warrington			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

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

#### 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

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Michael Ralph Barlow	Christopher Head
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	24/01/2023	