



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023

Charity name: The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project

Charity registration number: 1192074

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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 Rutland and the surrounding area, the provision of an outdoor park facility based upon the remains of the Oakham Canal 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 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 Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project has continued to work with landowners and the local authority to formalise and improve access to the canal corridor between the Springfield housing estate and the Oakham Enterprise Park.
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 guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project has not made any grants and is unlikely to do so unless the recipient will use the grant monies to undertake work which is in furtherance of our purpose. If such circumstances arose, we would undertake appropriate due diligence before agreeing to make any grant.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers have given their time freely. There have been no monetary contributions by volunteers.
Other		Not applicable.

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	During the period covered by this report, The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project has re-surfaced 0.42 kilometres of footpath in the "angling section", spread wood chippings on the footpaths in the wooded section, entered into Permissive Footpath agreement with a landowner and constructed 0.32 kilometres of aggregate surfaced footpath under that agreement.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project is in a solvent position. There is no set timescale for completing all of the work that we would like to do. Funds will be raised for each separate project or even each stage of a project.</p> <p>We will not spend money on projects (or project stages) unless we have already secured the funding for the project (or stage).</p> <p>Funding largely takes the form of grant income and donations received.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves will generally relate to grant income and donations received which have not yet been utilised.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,236.51
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Reserves held will, in the main, generally relate to timing differences between income from grants and donations received where expenditure is yet to be incurred on projects in progress/not completed.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No such concerns.

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Foundation Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Chartered Incorporated Organisation
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>When selecting new Trustees the existing Trustees will take into account the relevant skills, relevant knowledge and relevant experience they have for the role they are to take. Additionally, the existing Trustees seek to promote diversity in the Trustee Board and this will also be taken into account.</p> <p>Every new Trustee is appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the existing Trustees.</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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1192074
Charity's principal address	10C Mill Street, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6EA

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	Martin John Ball			
2	Gary Christian Berridge			
3	Neil Anthony Broad			
4	Paul John Cundy			
5	Paul Robert Dadford			
6	Bethany Alice Hunt		Resigned on 7 May 2023	
7	James Thomas Mulvany			
8	Stephanie Jane Ross			
9	Max Devere-Summers		From 26 July 2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable.

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

Not applicable

Other optional information

We recruited Max Devere-Summers as our ecology trustee on 26th July 2023 who replaced Bethany Hunt who resigned on 7th May 2023 due to work commitments. We thank Bethany for the input and assistance she was able to make whilst a trustee. We continue to be supported by local company Ecology Resources on environmental matters.

The Project was successful with several funding applications during the year for the footpath construction and maintenance and for a living history project which is currently in progress. In total, £18,534 of grant monies has been received during the year.

Our Volunteer Manager has managed a large number of work parties throughout the year, implementing our planned projects and keeping abreast of preventative maintenance works to ensure footpaths remain well maintained and accessible.

The Trustees have continued to engage widely in the local community. Employees of local companies Berry Superfos UK (formerly known as RPC Containers) and Heidelberg Materials Cement Ketton (formerly known as Hanson) supported our work party volunteers for the construction of 0.3 kilometres of permissive footpath in September 2023. During the year we had 50 different volunteers (excluding trustees) freely giving their time to help with our events and work parties.

A 0.4 kilometre section of footpath in the “angling section” was resurfaced with aggregate during the year, access steps were constructed to the upper footpath behind the “angling section” and wood chippings were laid along the paths in the “western banks” wooded section. Using grant monies, an information board was designed, manufactured and installed alongside a refurbished canal milepost and this was formally unveiled with a ceremony led by the Rutland & Melton MP, Alicia Kearns.

A series of guided walks was run over the summer months. A number of talks/presentations were delivered to a number of local groups. These two activities generated donations of £350.

The Project has maintained a team of volunteer Rangers who are active along the canal corridor trimming vegetation, engaging with the public, and reporting issues.


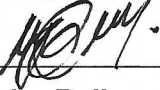
The Project’s website and Facebook page continue to be important channels for engaging with the local community and have generated a considerable amount of interest in our work. Our Facebook followers now exceeds 1,200. We have also featured in the Discover Rutland magazine as well as several press articles during the year.

We continue to work with landowners and Rutland County Council to realign a public footpath closer to the canal corridor and to protect and promote the canal as a vital public green space.

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)	Paul Robert Dadford	Martin John Ball
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	28 November 2023	



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Charity Name
The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project

No (if any)
1192074

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
November 1 2022

To

Period end date
October 31 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts	1,804	18,534	-	20,338	5,086
Other Receipts	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,804	18,534	-	20,338	5,086
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,804	18,534	-	20,338	5,086
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities	1,511	12,411	-	13,922	5,969
Governance costs	788	-	-	788	784
Costs of generating voluntary receipts	12	-	-	12	29
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,311	12,411	-	14,722	6,782
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,311	12,411	-	14,722	6,782
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 507	6,123	-	5,616	- 1,696
A5 Transfers between funds	- 978	978	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,621	-	-	4,621	6,317
Cash funds this year end	3,136	7,101	-	10,237	4,621

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank	3,136	7,101	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,136	7,101	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


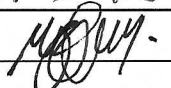
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Neil Broad	28/11/2024
	Martin Ball	28/11/2024