



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 29 October 2020 to 31 October 2021

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. The Project is receiving full support from Rutland County Council.
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	<p>The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project was successful in reaching agreement with the Trustees of St. John and St. Anne to acquire permissive public access rights to previously informal footpaths which had developed along the western banks of the canal.</p> <p>Together with a range of organisations and local volunteers the Project has carried out extensive works to cut back overgrown vegetation, widening footpaths throughout the canal corridor. We have installed new access steps at the northern end of the project area, providing improved public access.</p>

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	£6,316.69
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Reserves will generally relate to grant income and donations received which have not yet been utilised.
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		From 28 September 2021	
5	Paul Robert Dadford			
6	James Thomas Mulvany			
7	Stephanie Jane Ross			
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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

<p>Local environmental company Ecology Resources has kindly supported The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project carrying out a number of surveys to identify plant and animal species. Their work will help us to form long term maintenance strategies which will enhance existing habitats and diversity.</p> <p>The Project supported the national Great Big Green Week with a work party creating habitat piles from previously cut and fallen branches.</p> <p>The Project site was visited by the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency who are fully supportive of the Project's environmental aims.</p> <p>The Trustees have engaged widely in the community. Students from Oakham School helped design our logo and generate fundraising ideas. They also attended a work party cutting back vegetation to improve public access. Melton Round Table and soldiers from the Royal Logistic Corps supported the construction of new access steps.</p>

The Project Manager ran a series of guided walks over the summer months, and provided a talk to a local Brownie group, generating over £250 in donations.

The Project has recruited a number of volunteer Rangers who will be active along the canal corridor trimming vegetation, engaging with the public, and reporting issues.

The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project website and Facebook page have been instrumental in engaging with the local community and have generated a considerable amount of interest in our work.

Our growing list of supporters and community volunteers initiated the search for a Volunteer Manager and the Project welcomes new Trustee Paul Cundy who has agreed to take on this role.

The Project has been featured on local radio (Rutland and Stamford Sound and 102 The Eye) and our work has been filmed for an episode of the BBC's Escape to the Country.

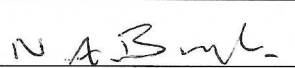

Our work has been supported by a grant of £3,350 from the Healthy Rutland Grant Scheme as well a corporate donation from Trivandi Limited whose staff raised £4,778, the latter (in part) being used to purchase tools and equipment to support our ongoing maintenance activities.

Our work has made the footpaths along the canal corridor more accessible to the general public and we have engaged the local community in maintaining and using this beautiful 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)	Neil A Broad	Martin John Ball
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	26 January 2022	