



Trustee Annual Report for the Financial Year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Introduction

The Derwent Valley Trust CIO is a registered charity number 1058609. The Derwent Valley Trust was converted, to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, on 20 January, 2023.

The Trustees, as at 1st April, 2024, were:

- Derek James Latham (Chair)
- Dr John Joseph Hambley
- Dr David John Moreton
- Clive John Pegg (Secretary)
- Dr Tanya Spilsbury (Chair Cycleway)
- Timothy John Wilmshurst (Vice Chair & Project Lead)

Purpose and Main Activities of the Charity

The Derwent Valley Trust was founded in 1996. It is exclusively charitable and the objects of the trust are, amongst other things, to enable and encourage active travel and to identify, preserve and enhance, for the public benefit, the area comprised in the Derwent Valley in Derbyshire and the abutment area and whatever natural, historical, cultural, geological, architectural and constructional heritage may exist in the area of benefit.

The trust established the Derwent Valley Heritage Way in 2003 which enables the public to benefit from the experience and exercise when walking along this trail.

The trust has also actively promoted the potential to develop an off-road multi-user trail (for cycling, walking, mobility vehicles and horse-riding) to be known as the Derwent Valley Cycleway from the old port of Shardlow to Hathersage, a paddle trail down the length of the River Derwent and a horse trail to extend the Pennine Bridleway to Derby. The trust partners with other organisations to achieve these goals.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Charity is a constitution which was last amended on 20th January, 2023.

The Derwent Valley Trust is a small charity with responsibilities clearly defined, between the trustees and other members, to set objectives, plan implementation, track progress and to deliver. The Board of the charity meets once every three months and the Steering Group every six weeks. The Board comprises the trustees and the Steering Group comprises the trustees plus any other members with specific responsibilities. Minutes are prepared, circulated and approved for each of the meetings and this includes important meetings with third parties.

Financial Policies and Financial Review

At the 31st of March 2024 the Trust had £2,565.74 credit; there were no restricted funds.

During the financial year under review, the Charity did not hold any funds as custodian trustee for others.

The charity continues to keep up to date with its responsibilities and current financial controls.

Achievement and Performance

The Steering Group focused on tracking progress and recommending corrective measures to progress towards the main deliverables for the charity in terms of creating a new trail along the Derwent Valley, maintaining and promoting the Heritage Way and to developing Strategic Partnerships and governance.

- **Derbyshire County Council (DCC):** funded a study, by Aecom, on the feasibility of constructing the **Derwent Valley Cycleway**. The final report, on the study, was completed by 31st March, 2024. Further discussions, between DCC and Derbyshire County Council, are planned and the final report will be subject to approval, by the County Council, later in 2024.
- **Belper West Bank:** a section of the Derwent Valley Cycleway, has continued to be a priority for the trust and an application, for planning permission, has been submitted in June 2024.
- **The Heritage Way (HW):** the network of Rangers established last year became well established, with regular inspections of the Heritage Way leading to a well

maintained and signposted route. Biennial reports by the Rangers, covering the route, were compiled. Sales of the HW guidebook have been one of our most important sources of income. Copies of the second edition (published 10 years ago) ran out, so a completely updated third edition was published this year. Sponsorship of advertising, by local companies in this new edition, were a valuable extra source of income this year.

- **Paddle Trail:** (a representative from Paddle Peak, a separate charity, is a Board Member) worked on various initiatives including a proposed “Joint Community on the River”, and a “Paddlers Code”.
- **Derwent Valley Trust Newsletter:** the participation of the trust in relevant local shows and the trust website were used to promote the trust.

The Directors very much appreciate:

- Support in kind by the county, local and parish councils.
- The substantial contribution of Lubrizol to a range of initiatives
- The on-going services of David Higley advising on our business software.
- The support of volunteers.

Financial summary 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

On 1st April 2023 we had **£6,722.59** credit

On 31st March 2024 we had **£2,565.74** credit.

Over the period, the trust had income of **£3,787.07**

Income:

£1,650.00 Sponsorship by local companies for adverts in new edition of the Derwent Valley Heritage Way guidebook

£1,211.46 Derwent Valley Heritage Way guidebook sales

£720.00 Refund of mis payment to William Wainwright

£185.61 Easyfundraising

£20.00 Stall refund

Over the accounting period, the Trust had expenses of **£7,943.92**

Expenses

£4,154.00 Printing of 2300 copies of new edition of Derwent Valley Heritage Way guidebook

£1,558.50 Ecological survey for the planning application of proposed Belper West Bank cycle path

£720.00 Mis payment to William Wainwright

£483.72 Derwent Valley Heritage Way guidebook P&P

£397.60 Insurance

£390.00 IT services

£186.60 DHJ Weisters Ltd

£53.50 Meeting room bookings

All projects, carried out by the Derwent Valley Trust, enhance the Social Capital value of the Derwent Valley and the wider community of Derbyshire. The trustees continue to have due regard for their duty to comply with guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit in the exercise of their powers or duties.

Signature

Derek Latham

Chair of Derwent Valley Trust CIO

12th December, 2024

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Check and submit your annual return for year end 2024

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Income and spending		Edit
Income £	£ 3787	
Spending £	£ 7944	
Number of contracts from government	0	Edit
Number of grants from government	0	Edit
Income breakdown		Edit
Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)	£ 186	
Charitable activities	£ 2861	
Other trading activities	£ 0	
Investments	£ 0	
Other	£ 740	
Grantmaking	No	Edit
Recipients of grants		Edit
	£ 0	

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).

Individuals

Other charities £ 0

Other organisations that are not charities £ 0

Trustee payments

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Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

No

[Edit](#)

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

No

[Edit](#)

Spending outside England & Wales

No

[Edit](#)

Subsidiaries

No

[Edit](#)

Charity contact details correct

Yes

[Edit](#)

Charity headquarters details correct

Yes

[Edit](#)

Charity contact address

[Edit](#)

Address Line 1

49 Vicarage
Lane

Address Line 2

Little Eaton

Address Line 3

DERBY

Postcode

DE21 5EA

Charity Headquarters address

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Membership type

no, the charity
is not part of a
wider group
structure

[Edit](#)

Employment contract types

[Edit](#)

People were permanently employed by your charity

0

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

0

Self-employed people were working for your charity

0

Governance policies

[Edit](#)

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures

Yes

Safeguarding policy and procedures

Not applicable

Financial reserves policy and procedures

No

Complaints policy and procedures

Not applicable

Serious incident reporting policy and procedures

Not applicable

Internal risk management policy and procedures

Not applicable

Trustee expenses policy and procedures

Not applicable

Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures

Not applicable

Investing charity funds policy and procedures

Not applicable

Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures

Not applicable

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures

Not applicable

Social media policy and procedures

No

Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures

Not applicable

Safeguarding

No

[Edit](#)**External risk and impact**[Edit](#)

Donations

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable

Other income - grants

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable

Other income - contracts

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable

Other income - investment

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable

Expenditure on charitable activities

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable

Expenditure on overheads

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable

Number of volunteers

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable

Number of employees

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable

Number of trustees

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable

Fundraising activities

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable

Capacity to deliver services

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable

Total service demand

Unknown/No
Change/Not
Applicable**Volunteers**

20

[Edit](#)**Declaration****Your role at the charity (select one):**☐

Trustee

- ☐ Employee
- ☐ Advisor
- ☐ Other

Given names

Clive John

Family name

Pegg

Telephone number

Email

secretary@derwentvall.

Date submitted

24/11/2024

It is a criminal offence under section 60 of the Charities Act 2011 for anyone to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information to the commission; this includes suppressing, concealing or destroying documents.

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I can confirm that:

- I am authorised by the charity trustees to submit this information;
- The information I have provided in this service is to the best of my knowledge true and correct; and
- I have read the Charity Commission's [privacy and data management notice](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charity-annual-return-privacy-notice) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charity-annual-return-privacy-notice>).

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