

FRIENDS OF THE PORTER VALLEY

England & Wales · Charity number 1069865

Details

Other names FOPV

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1998-06-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND RESTORATION, FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT, OF THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE PORTER VALLEY, SHEFFIELD.

Activities: FOPV is the charitable community group which looks after the parks in Sheffield lying along the Porter Brook. We aim to conserve and restore the beautiful features and industrial heritage of this 4 km long linear valley which links the Peak District countryside to the urban areas of S.W. Sheffield.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PORTER VALLEY, SHEFFIELD
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£57,094	£41,174	-	-
2024-08-31	£86,971	£88,962	-	-
2023-08-31	£46,550	£15,200	-	-
2022-08-31	£63,371	£54,658	-	-
2021-08-31	£146,043	£271,125	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANN ELIZABETH LE SAGE-CRIDLAND	Chair	
DAVID RALEIGH YOUNG		
Dr Glynis Eleanor May Jones		2015-01-01
Dr Robert James Peck		2021-11-03
Lyndon Dennis Porter		2021-11-03
MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER HALLIWELL		2013-11-06
Michael Glyndwr Mansell		2018-11-07

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Legal and administrative information

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FOPV

Executive Committee (Trustees)

		Committee member since	
Ann Le Sage	Chair	before 2000	
Glynis Jones	Secretary	November 2005	
Lyndon Porter	Treasurer	2 November 2021	
Les Greenwood		before 2000	resigned 29 July 2025
Mike Halliwell		October 2016	
Glyn Mansell		November 2017	
Robert Peck		2 November 2021	
David Young		before 2000	

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**Friends of the Porter Valley
Trustees' annual report
For the year ended 31 August 2025**

The Trustees present this Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2025

Objectives, activities and public benefit

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Our vision is to conserve, protect and restore the ecology, landscape and cultural heritage of the Porter and Mayfield Valleys for the enjoyment of all and the benefit of future generations.

FOPV is the charitable community group which looks after the parks in Sheffield lying along the Porter Brook. We aim to conserve and restore the beautiful features and industrial heritage of this 4 km long linear valley which links the Peak District to the urban areas of Southwest Sheffield.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. No activities have taken place that do not comply with these objectives.

Structure, governance and management

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Activities during the Financial year 2024/2025 to protect the environment for current users and future generations to enjoy

Support for the environment: We drove ahead the "Nature Recovery" focus on the environment with increased numbers of Nature Recorders, River Rangers (in partnership with the Sheaf and Porter Trust) and conservation volunteers. Bio-diversity grants from local Council wards enabled new flower meadow areas to support wildlife and a 30-tree orchard on upper Bingham. The regular conservation work mornings continued, extra ad hoc mornings took place in Endcliffe Park and Wilson's Field and new volunteers joined. The teams continued to construct dead hedges to protect Forge Dam woodland, cleared increased areas of invasive avens, giant horsetail and Himalayan Balsam. Volunteers worked with Council Officers to restore damaged ancient woodland after antisocial behaviour (unauthorised bike trails).

The 12 monthly walks were again largely geared to nature, environment and biodiversity.

Cross city partnerships in support of Nature Recovery: Activities with General Cemetery, Sheaf and Porter, Sheffield Botanical Gardens and Whirlow Park Trusts increased. Trustees took it in turns to represent us at the regular cross city Waterways and Parks group meetings.

Member numbers: Stayed steady and were again 825 at 31 August 2025 with matching gains and losses over the year.

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Community events:

- We ran the annual Easter Duck Race again in Endcliffe Park and raised over £12,000 for a public Pétanque terrain on a disused bowling green. Installation is expected in September 2025
- Building upon the successful Christmas activities in 2023 we ran 2 evening wreathmaking workshops with the public, 1 whole day event for the public to buy our handmade Christmas wreaths and crafts, 4 pop up sales at Forge Dam; and supported a community afternoon of Christmas music at Forge Dam organised by Fulwood Church. Handmade Christmas wreaths, cards, and 2025 Calendars, raised around £6,100 for the Endcliffe Park Toad.
- We participated in the Sheffield Heritage Fair in January 2025 focusing on the waterpower history of Shepherd Wheel; and then on 11 May supported the National Mills Celebration of waterpower with music, a history display, sales in the Shepherd Wheel courtyard and a special Waterpower Discovery Walk.
- We participated in the SW LAC ECO Fair in Ecclesall Woods in May 2025 and handled the budget for the event. This was an overall success and will be repeated in 2026.

Fundraising for restoration and improvement projects (for each of which there is a restricted fund)

- **Forge Dam Restoration:** Disappointingly the leak on the spillway detected in 2022 remained unresolved. The effects which became evident in 2023 and 2024 have worsened in drought conditions with risks to fish and other water wildlife. The contractor appointed by Sheffield Council attempted a repair in August 2025 but was defeated after 2 days. We have monitored the site throughout and continue to report back to Sheffield Council. Reserve funds rose slightly and remain available for use at Forge Dam. Members and the public remain very concerned and social media has been lively. (The river still flows uncontrolled through the spillway, water spurts through the spillway stone façade, the water level drops during extended dry periods and exposes all the remaining silt and the river training wall). The public space around the Café was improved with new all gravel surfacing and flower beds created by a combination of Council Parks, the Café owner and FoPV. Round the dam and upstream in open areas and woodland large patches were cleared of invasive Himalayan Balsam, non-native avens by the conservation volunteers.

We are grateful for a legacy of £3,623 from the estate of Peter Warr.

- **Forge Dam Playground:** Piecemeal improvements: The local Cubs cleaned the play equipment of algae and insect dew; annual plants were planted to brighten up the path edge; safety railings above the slide have been repainted by volunteers; an improvement plan for repairs to paths and more plants was agreed with the Council; plans have been submitted to the Council for a new noticeboard; and Trustees formally decided to invest 2026 Duck Race proceeds in this playground.
- **Bingham Park:** The Adventure Trail for under 8s and the additional play court markings have proved their worth: the Park is busy with young families; graffiti and other anti-social behaviour appear to have diminished; and mini skateboard park equipment will be installed in September 2025.
- **Shepherd Wheel:** The tripartite partnership continues strong, but our partners are short of staff and funds. Key engineering staff are in flux at The Sheffield Museums Trust, and FoPV is now covering summer maintenance on the millpond for the Council Parks. There is much to be done here. An extended Volunteers Handbook is at proof reading stage. The follow on 10-year Maintenance Plan needs to be approved and used. New noticeboards were ordered and others restored with reserve funds.

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- **Endcliffe Park:** A replacement for the iconic wooden (but disintegrating) "TOAD" Artwork was installed in December 2024 and has been an instant hit with the public of all ages. FoPV conservation volunteers laboured with Parks staff to rotovate and reseed the grass lawn by the Queen Victoria Monument which had been worn away by runners. A plan was agreed by FoPV and Council to improve this heavily used sports and leisure Park which clearly needs more investment of practical work and money to attain Green Flag recognition. Critical repairs to the collapsing heritage stonework of the Porter river walls and weirs are expected to start in September 2025.

Publicity and External relations: 3 Talks were provided at Open Meetings for Members. The Chair lead 2 walks, gave 5 talks to outside organisations about the Porter Valley and held 3 meetings with other large Friends group Chairs to exchange ideas; 4 Newsletters went to Members. Publicity afforded by The Star, Tribune and Facebook groups was positive overall, though removal of an unofficial bike trail through ancient woodland and the evident Forge Dam deterioration provoked concerns. Trustee Rob Peck created a brilliant smartphone guide to the Porter Valley with an archive of old photos, sculptures, monuments, wildlife: "Porter Valley in Your Pocket".

Communications, Website and other IT developments Facebook Followers were 4.3 thousand on 31 August 2025.

Volunteer hours across all activities amounted to 11,000 showing an increase on last year.

Future plans

We will continue to focus on environmental concerns, (especially given the problem of water quality with silt deposition from the Forge Dam leak and CSO overflows), and drive ahead the Bingham Park mini skateboard Park and Pétanque installations. We hope that more resources can be found for projects in Endcliffe Park.

Reserves policy

The charity adopted a Reserves policy in July 2022. Trustees find £5,000 more than sufficient to meet foreseeable and essential costs. We have no salary or premises costs, and the finances are stable.

Unrestricted cash reserves at 31 August 2025 were £50,764.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' annual report above on 13 October 2025.

Signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Ann Le Sage

Ann Le Sage
Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of the Porter Valley ("the Charity")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S Lightfoot

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Seven Hills Accountants Limited
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13 October 2025

Friends of the Porter Valley
Receipts & payments account
For the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Receipts							
Grants	2	-	15,835	15,835	-	13,500	13,500
Membership Subscriptions		5,708	-	5,708	5,735	-	5,735
Donations		748	4,246	4,994	590	6,507	7,097
Gift aid claimed		1,469	134	1,603	3,681	28,972	32,653
Legacies		-	3,623	3,623	2,314	-	2,314
Fundraising and sales		3,627	18,480	22,107	3,884	18,061	21,945
Consultancy support and evaluation report		-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest		3,224	-	3,224	3,727	-	3,727
Total receipts		14,776	42,318	57,094	19,931	67,040	86,971
Payments							
Fundraising and sales costs		1,381	1,187	2,568	822	1,191	2,013
Endcliffe Park Toad Project		-	21,187	21,187	-	-	-
Forge Dam playground project		-	-	-	-	32,758	32,758
Bingham Park project		-	-	-	-	41,380	41,380
Shepherds wheel costs		-	7,940	7,940	-	4,549	4,549
Shepherds wheel school grants		-	200	200	-	600	600
Conservation and events costs		2,260	4,106	6,366	1,074	3,165	4,239
Printing and stationery		290	-	290	364	-	364
IT costs		341	-	341	857	-	857
Insurance		555	-	555	548	-	548
Meeting costs		357	100	457	518	-	518
Bank charges		550	-	550	542	-	542
Accountancy and Independent examination fees		720	-	720	594	-	594
Total payments		6,454	34,720	41,174	5,319	83,643	88,962
Net receipts/(payments)		8,322	7,598	15,920	14,612	(16,603)	(1,991)
Transfers	3	(2,087)	2,087	-	(563)	563	-
Net movement after transfers		6,235	9,685	15,920	14,049	(16,040)	(1,991)
Cash funds brought forward		44,529	85,674	130,203	30,480	101,714	132,194
Cash funds carried forward		50,764	95,359	146,123	44,529	85,674	130,203

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Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Cash assets						
Current account	50,764	95,359	146,123	44,529	85,674	130,203
	<u>50,764</u>	<u>95,359</u>	<u>146,123</u>	<u>44,529</u>	<u>85,674</u>	<u>130,203</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Assets retained have not been given a value - these comprise event and maintenance equipment

Debtors

	Fund	2025 £	2024 £
Gift aid	Unrestricted	1,121	1,286
Gift aid	Bingham Park	-	230
		<u>1,121</u>	<u>1,516</u>

Liabilities

	Fund	2025 £	2024 £
Accountancy and Independent Examination fees	Unrestricted	648	720
		<u>648</u>	<u>720</u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 13 October 2025.

Signed on their behalf by:

Ann Le Sage

Ann Le Sage
 Chair

Friends of the Porter Valley
Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31 August 2025

1 Notes on the preparation of the accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

Unrestricted funds comprise of general funds and designated funds. General funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of charity.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sheffield City Council - grants and LAC	-	7,335	7,335	-	13,500	13,500
CMS Social Impact Fund Grant	-	500	500	-	-	-
Sheffield Town Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
JG Graves Charitable Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-
	-	15,835	15,835	-	13,500	13,500

3 Restricted funds

	Brought Forward	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Forge Dam restoration	54,460	3,623	(1,195)	-	56,888
Forge Dam playground	1,712	2,499	-	-	4,211
Shepherd Wheel	16,639	2,318	(8,140)	-	10,817
Bingham Park	334	225	(100)	-	459
Bingham Park mini skatepark/small wheels space	-	8,000	-	-	8,000
Bingham Park Pétanque court	-	14,387	(182)	-	14,205
LAC Grant - Bingham Park Orchard	-	2,290	(2,290)	-	-
Endcliffe Park Toad	11,910	7,231	(21,228)	2,087	-
LAC Grants - from previous years	619	-	(158)	-	461
LAC Grant - ECO fair	-	745	(427)	-	318
LAC Grant - duck race	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
	85,674	42,318	(34,720)	2,087	95,359

Details of the main restricted projects can be found in the Trustees' annual report.

LAC Grants - from previous years

The Toad is now installed and the balance of £2,087 was funded from general funds.

Prior year comparison

	Brought Forward	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Forge Dam restoration</i>	<i>28,663</i>	<i>25,797</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>54,460</i>
<i>Shepherd Wheel</i>	<i>20,640</i>	<i>2,180</i>	<i>(6,181)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>16,639</i>
<i>Bingham Park</i>	<i>31,750</i>	<i>9,913</i>	<i>(41,380)</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>334</i>
<i>Forge Dam playground</i>	<i>18,409</i>	<i>16,076</i>	<i>(32,773)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,712</i>
<i>LAC Grant</i>	<i>2,252</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>(2,633)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>619</i>
<i>Endcliffe Park Toad</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>12,074</i>	<i>(676)</i>	<i>512</i>	<i>11,910</i>
	101,714	67,040	(83,643)	563	85,674

4 Trustees' remuneration

The trustees were not paid or received any benefits from employment with the charity. No trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year.

5 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions to report during the financial year.

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Activities during the Financial year 2023/2024 to protect the environment for current users and future generations to enjoy

Support for the environment: We adopted an all embracing "Nature Recovery" title for our many and various activities in support of the environment including the work of our Nature Recorders, photographers, new River Rangers (in partnership with the Sheaf and Porter Trust) and conservation volunteers. More heavily trampled sections of Bingham Park / Whiteley Woods were reseeded and planted thanks to bio-diversity grants from local Council wards. The regular conservation work mornings continued, and new volunteers joined. The teams constructed dead hedges, installed post and rope fencing to protect renovated areas, repaired footpaths, cleared blocked drains and created wildflower areas to support wildlife. Trustees met with our leads on Nature Recording and botany to discuss concerns about species loss, climate change, water quality, trespass and damaging behaviours and ways to protect and improve the environment. The 12 monthly walks were again geared to nature, environment and biodiversity. 2 wildlife night cameras with solar panels were purchased and installed in key locations.

Cross city partnerships in support of Nature Recovery: Activities with General Cemetery, Sheaf and Porter, Sheffield Botanical Gardens and Whirlow Park Trusts increased. Trustees took it in turns to represent us at the regular cross city Waterways and Parks group meetings.

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Trustees' annual report - continued
For the year ended 31 August 2024

Member numbers: 820 at 31 August 2024.

Community events: We ran the annual Easter Duck Race again in Endcliffe Park and raised £11,000 for a metal artwork to replace the iconic wooden "TOAD" in Endcliffe Park (see below). There were very successful Christmas activities over November and December 2023

- 2 evening wreathmaking workshops with the public,
- 1 whole day event for the public to buy our handmade Christmas wreaths and crafts,
- 6 pop up sales at Forge Dam and a community afternoon with Christmas music at Forge Dam.

Money raised from wreaths, cards, 2024 Calendars, etc. went towards the Forge Dam Playground. We participated in the Sheffield Heritage Fair in January and Sheffield Tree Fair in May 2024.

Fundraising for restoration and improvement projects (for each of which there is a restricted fund)

Forge Dam Restoration: The leak on the spillway detected in 2022 remains unresolved. The effects which became evident in 2023 have worsened and we are still waiting for Sheffield Council to appoint an expert to assess repair options. We continue to hold reserve funds for the penstock installation and monitor the situation. Members and the public are very concerned. The river flows uncontrolled through the spillway, water spurts through the spillway stone façade, the water level drops during extended dry periods and exposes all the remaining silt and the green training wall.

Forge Dam Playground: Thanks to £1,400 from previous Committee member Flora Owen's funeral collection we paid for a repaint and repair on the main climbing frame and an extended set of new swings with extra accessibility items. Hopes for a total revamp in an extended footprint had to be shelved because of short staffing in the Council dept and slow fundraising. So we improved piecemeal..... some tired but usable equipment had a new lease of life, we increased capacity to meet the demand from younger age groups, and introduced items for disabled children in order to meet the most urgent requests in the 2022 consultation.

Bingham Park: the Community Group (BPCG) installed the Adventure Trail for under 8s in spring 2024, funded by a £10,000 donation from local employer Loadhog received in the previous year. The plan for a mini skate board park shaped up, and a grant from the Sheffield City Council Ecclesall Ward pot secured netting round a revamped tennis court for family play, ball games, cycle training etc. FoPV adopted a subcommittee policy to clarify the respective roles of FoPV and BPCG.

The heritage water mill **Shepherd Wheel** continued to attract over 20,000 visitors a year. Our weekend running was strengthened with new volunteers but our engineering partner the Sheffield Museums Trust cut out Bank Holiday openings because of staff shortages. The Museums Trust remedied issues identified in the review of the 10-year management plan and FoPV used the reserve fund to pay for materials and a special hoist to instal a reconstructed wooden drive drum, to replace exhausted keys and padlocks, and to renovate or replace external Noticeboards. Incidents procedures, Safeguarding training and the Volunteers Handbook were all reviewed and improvements started. The tripartite partnership continues strong but our partner has a skills shortage.

Endcliffe Park: A replacement for the iconic wooden (but disintegrating) "TOAD" Artwork will be installed in 24/25. The wax maquette has been completed ready for the creation of the full-size model which will go to the foundry for casting. Greystones school has worked on words to engrave, and information has been posted on Facebook, Newsletter to members etc. We are grateful to Flora Owen's family for a further donation of £380.

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Presentations and Talks: 3 Talks were provided at Open Meetings for Members. The Chair lead 2 walks, and gave 4 talks to outside organisations about the Porter Valley and the charity's objectives and activities. 4 Newsletters went to Members and 5 Update emails

Communications, Website and other IT developments: We continued to build up capability in this area. 2023/24 saw a further increase in use of Facebook to communicate with the public and to advertise events. Followers were 3.9 thousand at 31 August 2024. What's App groups worked particularly well for Shepherd Wheel volunteers, the Nature Recorders, photographers, River Rangers and FoPV Trustees.

Volunteer hours across all activities amounted to 6000.

Future plans

We will continue to focus on environmental concerns, (especially given the problem of water quality with silt deposition from the Forge Dam leak and CSO overflows), drive ahead the Bingham Park mini skateboard Park, respond to the worn verges and green space, and instal the Endcliffe Park metal "TOAD" Artwork.

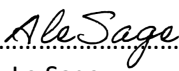
Reserves policy

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Unrestricted cash reserves at 31 August 2024 were £44,529.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' annual report above on 16 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:


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Ann Le Sage
Chair

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Signed: S Lightfoot
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Dated: 17 October 2024

Friends of the Porter Valley
Receipts & payments account
For the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Receipts							
Grants	2	-	13,500	13,500	-	4,207	4,207
Membership Subscriptions		5,735	-	5,735	5,698	-	5,698
Donations		590	6,507	7,097	2,145	14,819	16,964
Gift aid claimed		3,681	28,972	32,653	390	372	762
Legacies		2,314	-	2,314	-	-	-
Fundraising and sales		3,884	18,061	21,945	1,665	13,386	15,051
Consultancy support and evaluation report		-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
Bank Interest		3,727	-	3,727	844	24	868
Total receipts		19,931	67,040	86,971	10,742	35,808	46,550
Payments							
Fundraising and sales costs		822	1,191	2,013	673	705	1,378
Forge Dam project		-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
Forge Dam playground project		-	32,758	32,758	-	669	669
Bingham Park project		-	41,380	41,380	-	-	-
Shepherds wheel costs		-	4,549	4,549	-	-	-
Shepherds wheel school grants		-	600	600	-	500	500
Conservation costs		1,074	3,165	4,239	4,428	2,213	6,641
Printing and stationery		364	-	364	531	-	531
IT costs		857	-	857	220	-	220
Insurance		548	-	548	579	-	579
Travel costs		-	-	-	147	-	147
Meeting costs		518	-	518	588	-	588
Bank charges		542	-	542	383	-	383
Accountancy and Independent examination fees		594	-	594	564	-	564
Total payments		5,319	83,643	88,962	8,113	7,087	15,200
Net receipts/(payments)		14,612	(16,603)	(1,991)	2,629	28,721	31,350
Transfers	3	(563)	563	-	(3,143)	3,143	-
Net movement after transfers		14,049	(16,040)	(1,991)	(514)	31,864	31,350
Cash funds brought forward		30,480	101,714	132,194	30,994	69,850	100,844
Cash funds carried forward		44,529	85,674	130,203	30,480	101,714	132,194

Friends of the Porter Valley
Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Cash assets						
Current account	44,529	85,674	130,203	1,759	130,435	132,194
	<u>44,529</u>	<u>85,674</u>	<u>130,203</u>	<u>1,759</u>	<u>130,435</u>	<u>132,194</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Assets retained have not been given a value - these comprise event and maintenance equipment

Debtors

	Fund	2024 £	2023 £
Gift aid	Unrestricted	1,286	3,679
Gift aid	Forge Dam playground	230	-
Gift aid	Bingham Park	-	2,954
Gift aid	Forge Dam	-	25,000
		<u>1,516</u>	<u>31,633</u>

Liabilities

		2024 £	2023 £
Accountancy and Independent Examination fees	Unrestricted	720	594
		<u>720</u>	<u>594</u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 16 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Ann Le Sage

 Ann Le Sage
 Chair

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1 Notes on the preparation of the accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

Unrestricted funds comprise of general funds and designated funds. General funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of charity.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Sheffield City Council - grants and LAC	-	13,500	13,500	-	4,207	4,207
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,207</u>	<u>4,207</u>

3 Restricted funds

	Brought Forward £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Forge Dam restoration	28,663	25,797	-	-	54,460
Shepherd Wheel	20,640	2,180	(6,181)	-	16,639
Bingham Park	31,750	9,913	(41,380)	51	334
Forge Dam playground	18,409	16,076	(32,773)	-	1,712
LAC Grant	2,252	1,000	(2,633)	-	619
Endcliffe Park Toad	-	12,074	(676)	512	11,910
	<u>101,714</u>	<u>67,040</u>	<u>(83,643)</u>	<u>563</u>	<u>85,674</u>

Details of the main restricted projects can be found in the Trustees' annual report.

Bingham Park £563 was transferred from general funds in February 2024 as a general fund contribution towards the remaining cost of the agility trail.
£512 underspend of the SCC grant given towards Bingham Park play equipment has been reallocated to the Endcliffe Park Toad.

<i>Prior year comparison</i>	<i>Brought Forward £</i>	<i>Receipts £</i>	<i>Payments £</i>	<i>Transfers £</i>	<i>Carried Forward £</i>
<i>Forge Dam restoration</i>	<i>28,345</i>	<i>3,318</i>	<i>(3,000)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>28,663</i>
<i>Shepherd Wheel</i>	<i>18,872</i>	<i>2,268</i>	<i>(500)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>20,640</i>
<i>Bingham Park</i>	<i>18,027</i>	<i>10,838</i>	<i>(258)</i>	<i>3,143</i>	<i>31,750</i>
<i>Forge Dam playground</i>	<i>4,606</i>	<i>15,177</i>	<i>(1,374)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>18,409</i>
<i>LAC Grant</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4,207</i>	<i>(1,955)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2,252</i>
	<u><i>69,850</i></u>	<u><i>35,808</i></u>	<u><i>(7,087)</i></u>	<u><i>3,143</i></u>	<u><i>101,714</i></u>

4 Trustees' remuneration

The trustees were not paid or received any benefits from employment with the charity. No trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year.

5 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions to report during the financial year.

FRIENDS OF THE PORTER VALLEY

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number

1069865

Other names the charity is known by:

FOPV

Executive Committee (Trustees)

		Committee member since	
Ann Le Sage	Chair	before 2000	
Glynis Jones	Secretary	November 2005	
Lyndon Porter	Treasurer	2 November 2021	
David Clegg		November 2012	resigned 28 June 2023
Les Greenwood		before 2000	
Mike Halliwell		October 2016	
Glyn Mansell		November 2017	
Chris Nicholson		November 2008	resigned 1 October 2022
Robert Peck		2 November 2021	
David Young		before 2000	

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Independent Examiner (and accountants)

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Seven Hills Accountants Limited
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**Friends of the Porter Valley
Trustees' annual report
For the year ended 31 August 2023**

The Trustees present this Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Objectives, activities and public benefit

The charity's object is to promote the conservation, protection and restoration, for public benefit, of the natural and physical environment within the Porter Valley, Sheffield.

Our vision is to conserve, protect and restore the ecology, landscape and cultural heritage of the Porter and Mayfield Valleys for the enjoyment of all and the benefit of future generations.

FOPV is the charitable community group which looks after the parks in Sheffield lying along the Porter Brook. We aim to conserve and restore the beautiful features and industrial heritage of this 4 km long linear valley which links the Peak District countryside to the urban areas of South West Sheffield.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. No activities have taken place that do not comply with these objectives.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by its constitution adopted 21 March 1995, and became a registered charity in June 1998. The constitution was updated in August 2022, and submitted to the Charity Commission.

Friends of the Porter Valley's Executive Committee runs the day-to-day activities of the charity. There is a lead Trustee responsible for each key activity (Shepherd Wheel; Forge Dam Playground; Forge Dam rejuvenation; Bingham Park etc), and Trustees contribute to other activities according to their expertise and availability e.g. running community events. The committee meets monthly. A Subcommittees exists to manage the active and successful Bingham Park Community Group. All activities are carried out by unpaid volunteers and there are no paid staff or premises.

Activities during the Financial year 22/23 to protect the environment and the heritage for current park users and future generations to enjoy.

Forge Dam Restoration:

Our main project concluded in July 2022 but the outcome has been marred by an unexpected and unwanted side effect which only became evident in 22/23: the original C18th sluice at the base of the spillway was opened up during the latter stage of the desilting and the Porter Brook now flows through uncontrolled. The Sheffield CityCouncil are trying to resolve the problem which has attracted much concern among members and visitors alike. The levels in the dam drop substantially in dry weather exposing silt banks and the green training wall constructed to channel the Porter flow. On the bright side: water now reaches the next dam downstream reliably. We are watching the situation carefully and putting pressure on the Council where we can appropriately and are mindful of the need not to interfere or sour good relationships.

Member numbers: 811 at 31 August 2023: up on the previous year, perhaps because more people notice our activities and engage with the FoPV Facebook.

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Support for the environment. Heavily trampled sections of the valley, especially at Forge Dam and in the Bingham Park / Whiteley Woods areas, were reseeded and an ongoing programme of re-seeding and plug planting started thanks to grants from Sheffield City Council for materials. The regular conservation work continued with additional work mornings manned by new volunteers. The Forge Dam desilting project was concluded and the priority work to the Forge Dam bridle path and footpaths was completed in spring 2023. Wear and tear by cyclists, runners, pedestrians, dogs continues to be a concern. The monthly walks and quarterly talks were all geared to nature, environmental and bio-diversity topics. Partnerships with other environment and heritage organisations increased (eg. with the Sheaf and Porter Trust to run a volunteer River Rangers programme to check for pollution in the Porter Brook). Liaison with other environmental, heritage, Parks and Waterways groups increased.

The Nature Recording project with the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust continued to engage many volunteers and has extended to cover extra locations. Informally it has inspired a number of keen amateur photographers to capture shots of wildlife in the valley for WhatsApp and Facebook. It was a good year for bird and dragonfly numbers! Because of the uncontrolled water flow out of Forge Dam, levels at the downstream Wire Mill Dam were maintained throughout yet another dry summer so no fish were lost this year.

Conservation Work: 768 volunteer hours were recorded on practical clearance in the woodlands and on paths, gullies and drains. Lively accounts of this work were issued each time this year for the volunteers, a blog on the website, and Facebook. This has proved to be very popular reading and has produced lots of comments and suggestions throughout the year. It may be the reason why so many new members have joined.

Community events: We ran the annual Easter Duck Race again in Endcliffe Park and raised £7,000 for the Forge Dam Playground improvement project. There was again no Christmas Fair in December 2022 and instead we continued very successfully to raise funds through the FoPV web shop. We participated in the Sheffield Heritage Fair in January and Sheffield Tree Fair in May 2023.

Fundraising for restoration and improvement projects

The Forge Dam Playground improvement project began to take shape in late 2022. The 2023 Calendars and Christmas cards were launched to raise funds. Consultation about the Forge Dam Playground through our website and public notices attracted over 170 replies. Funds raised have already been invested in some modest improvements: new accessible equipment (swing and Communications Board) have attracted positive comments from the public. Donations included £1,000 from Hendersons Relish, £50 from a grandfather, and many smaller donations via QR code to the website and from the local Fulwood WI. Funds from bereavements were gratefully received and went towards Forge Dam improvements (Mr Coleman and Mrs Murray)

Walks There were 12 monthly Nature and heritage walks which were full to capacity. We are adding additional botany walks next year to respond to demand. There were 3 walks lead for outside organisations.

Members' Talks: 3 Talks were provided at Open Meetings for Members, and at the November 2022 AGM we held a ceremony for the Lord Lieutenant to present FoPV the **Queen's Award for Voluntary Service**. We ended the Calendar year on a high!

Presentations The Chair gave 3 talks to outside organisations about the Porter Valley and the charity's objectives and activities (1 International Soroptimists; 1 Mothers union; one WI).

Communications, Website and other IT developments: We continued to build up capability in this area. 2022/23 saw a further increase in use of social media to communicate with internal teams, inform the public and to advertise events. What's App groups worked particularly well for Shepherd Wheel volunteers, the Nature Recorders and photographers, and FoPV Trustees.

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Shepherd Wheel Museum The C18th mill continued to attract over 20,000 visitors a year. Our weekend running was strengthened with new volunteers but our engineering partner faced staff turnover because of retirements. The 10 year review by the Sheffield Museums Trust's engineering department identified the need for some maintenance and repair work and a new 10 year plan. FoPV procedures for handling cash donations were introduced and they appear on each month's cash record sheet now. Safeguarding and visitor procedures are being reviewed. The tripartite partnership continues strong.

Bingham Park: The Community Group have planned improvements and raised funds. The second court will shortly see more facilities and the basketball and netball facilities are installed now on the first court. Work is ongoing on the skateboard idea, an Adventure Trail for under 8s on the top green, and further community consultation. FoPV are drafting a sub committee policy to clarify responsibilities.

Endcliffe Park: In 2024 the Mi Amigo memorial to the 10 Americans lost in a plane crash in 1944 will be very much on show and there are improvements planned.

Volunteer hours across all activities amounted to 4,654.

Future plans

We will continue to focus on environment and habitat improvements, drive ahead the Bingham and Forge Dam Playground Improvements and respond to the increasing demand for more nature themed walks and repairs to worn infrastructure, verges and open green space. We look forward to resolution of the problematic and unforeseen leak at the Forge Dam spillway.

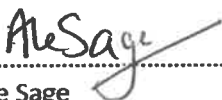
Reserves policy

The charity adopted a Reserves policy in July 2022. Trustees find £5,000 more than sufficient to meet foreseeable and essential costs. We have no salary or premises costs and the finances are stable.

Unrestricted cash reserves at 31 August 2023 were £30,480.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' annual report above on 9 October 2023 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:


.....
Ann Le Sage
Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of the Porter Valley ("the Charity")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: S Lightfoot
Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Seven Hills Accountants Limited
57 Burton Street
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Dated: 5 October 2023

Friends of the Porter Valley
Receipts & payments account
For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Receipts							
Grants	2	-	4,207	4,207	-	4,618	4,618
Membership Subscriptions		5,698	-	5,698	5,402	5	5,407
Donations		2,145	14,819	16,964	1,316	10,216	11,532
Gift aid claimed		390	372	762	-	-	-
Legacies		-	-	-	30,983	-	30,983
Fundraising and sales		1,665	13,386	15,051	945	9,870	10,815
Consultancy support and evaluation report		-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-
Bank Interest		844	24	868	3	13	16
Total receipts		10,742	35,808	46,550	38,649	24,722	63,371
Payments							
Fundraising and sales costs		673	705	1,378	1,579	-	1,579
Forge Dam project		-	3,000	3,000	-	26,000	26,000
Forge Dam playground project		-	669	669	-	-	-
Bingham Park project		-	-	-	649	22,299	22,948
Shepherds wheel school grants		-	500	500	500	-	500
Conservation costs		3,816	1,955	5,771	-	-	-
Materials for work mornings, events and displays		612	258	870	276	608	884
Printing and stationery		531	-	531	278	-	278
IT costs		220	-	220	284	-	284
Insurance		579	-	579	606	-	606
Travel costs		147	-	147	-	-	-
Meeting costs		588	-	588	240	-	240
Bank charges		383	-	383	208	81	289
Accountancy and Independent examination fees		564	-	564	1,050	-	1,050
Total payments		8,113	7,087	15,200	5,670	48,988	54,658
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	Fund	2023 £	2022 £
Gift aid	Unrestricted	3,679	2,323
Gift aid	Bingham Park	2,954	2,833
Gift aid	Forge Dam	25,000	-
		<u>31,633</u>	<u>5,156</u>

Liabilities

		2023 £	2022 £
Accountancy and Independent Examination fees	Unrestricted	594	564
		<u>594</u>	<u>564</u>

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Margaret Marsh		November 2008	resigned 19 December 2021
Flora Owen		before 2000	resigned 2 November 2021

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The constitution was updated in August 2022, to update governance arrangements, and will be ratified at the November AGM before being submitted to the Charity Commission.

Activities during the Financial year 21/22 to protect the environment and the heritage for current park users and future generations.

Member numbers were up at 770 on 24 August 2022.

Support for the environment. Some sections of the valley, especially the Forge Dam area, have shown the effect of increased public use during and after the Covid shut down, (cycling, walking, running, crowding at the cafes). Heavy vehicles employed on the desilting works at Forge Dam took their toll and a consultation in August 2022 identified priority bridle and footpath work. Membership of other environment and heritage organisations and attendance at their meetings increased and this should strengthen our environmental and nature work eg Sheffield Waterways Strategy meetings, membership of Fit For the Future (National Trust climate and environment initiative), Sheaf and Porter Trust). We considered possible participation in a University project to look at pollution in the Porter Brook. A Nature Recording project with the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust has engaged 67 volunteers, produced over 1000 reports and identified nearly 70 bird species in the valley. Huge numbers of wildlife photographs have been sent to the website and Facebook. Some very good news: the rare native white clawed crayfish, which we had assumed lost, was rediscovered in both the Forge Dam and below its spillway (weir) during preliminary works; and water flow to the downstream Wire Mill Dam was maintained throughout the dry summer so no fish were lost this year.

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Conservation Work: Throughout the year Volunteers continued to work in teams of 6 on specific tasks and observed the prevailing Covid precautions. The numbers participating grew. The allocation system devised in 2021 proved its worth. 800 volunteer hours were recorded on garden planting, paths, River Porter flow improvements, drainage repairs, scrub maintenance, algae clearance and further dry stone wall construction.

Community events: The annual Easter Duck Race ran again in Endcliffe Park after 2 years absence so we had to relearn the practice, check the equipment and tighten up on training and Health and Safety. 10 volunteers were trained in Emergency First Aid and safety throw ropes and First Aid kits were acquired. New volunteers replaced experienced older ones who, after Covid and the passing of 3 years were no longer available.

The variety and number of stalls changed but in spite of curtailed activities we raised approximately £8,900 for the Bingham Park family activities. The attendance numbers seemed slightly smaller than before Covid but it was still a wonderful community turnout, with lots of laughter and happy children. There was no Christmas wreath making Fair in December 2021 but instead we raised funds through short and careful pop up sales and the FoPV web shop. We did participate in the Sheffield Heritage Fair in January 2022 and Fulwood Fetes September 2021 and June 2022.

Fundraising for restoration and improvement projects

The 2021 Christmas sales of calendars and cards and wreaths raised money for general improvements around Forge Dam. 2023 Calendars and Christmas cards were launched in August 2022 and funds will go to the Forge Dam Playground Improvements (restricted) fund..

Walks There were 10 nature and heritage walks plus 5 extra ones to inform visitors about the Forge Dam rejuvenation project. including one in September for a group of ladies from an ethnic minority in a city partnership with NHS. An online booking system worked so well it was continued after Covid restrictions were relaxed. The topics included birds, invertebrates, the Forge Dam rejuvenation, fungi, Thomas Boulsover's C18 industrial empire in the valley, wild flowers, bats.

Talks: 4 Talks were commissioned at Open Meetings for Members: the Forge Dam rejuvenation plan; Birds and Humans through history; exploring the lower Porter and the Sheaf rivers; and Natural Flood Management in Sheffield.

Presentations The Chair gave 8 talks to outside organisations about the Porter Valley and the charity's objectives and activities (3 Soroptimists, 3 W I, 1 U3A, 1 Mothers union)

Communications Website and other IT developments: We have steadily built up our capability in this area over 10 years. 2021/22 saw a markedly increased use of social media to advertise events, and the introduction of QR codes for fundraising, ticket sales and the consultation on the Forge Dam Playground. Four Newsletters went out electronically, and were supplemented mid quarter with updates and blogs on specific news especially as the Forge Dam work progressed. The test sales shop and booking systems introduced to cope with Covid restrictions have been retained for permanent use.

Forge Dam Restoration: The contractor Sanctus Ltd, an environmental specialist in projects like this, started preliminary works at Forge Dam in October 2021. Electro fishing saved aquatic wildlife in November. The project was originally due to be finished in March 2022 but was delayed due to storms in the autumn 2021 and winter 2022. Sanctus left in July when all the major renovations had been completed.

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The restoration included removal of 5,000 tons of silt, the insertion of a discreet wall to direct the brook over the spillway (weir) with the object of addressing the problem of silting, and the creation of an attractive open body of water with a variety of depths and a reconfigured island. The clean silt was delivered to Beighton (former coal mining area) to cap a waste tip.....green to green achievement. Remaining smaller works done from August onwards were the installation of a penstock control on the millrace above the historic remnants of Boulsover's workshops, repair of a collapsed footpath, and general resurfacing. Monthly Management meetings of Council and FoPV officers monitored and controlled the progress. The whole project is expected to be signed off by the end October 2022. Any remaining restricted funds will be used to invest in further environmental and playground improvements in the area. Final clearing of paths and sight lines, and identification and labelling of specimen trees, were completed at the Festival of Britain heritage woodland above the Forge Dam.

Further information and updates can be found at <https://www.fopv.org.uk/forge-dam>

Forge Dam Playground Improvements Discussions with Sheffield Council recommenced in August 2022 (delayed for 3 years by the peak of work at Forge Dam and the effects of the earlier Covid lockdown) and were followed by publicity and a user consultation exercise in mid September. Our next project, Forge Dam Playground Improvements was launched in September 2022 with prominent notices, a user consultation, and donations facility by the website, and QR codes. The local WI is also raising funds for this project.

Shepherd Wheel Museum reopened fully in late 2021 as Covid restrictions eased. The water mill continues to attract over 20,000 visitors a year. The Industrial Museum, our original partner, was absorbed into the city-wide Sheffield Museums Trust in 2021 and our weekend running was strengthened with improved joint working and some new volunteers. A review of management and maintenance requirements after 10 years of operating after the restoration will start in December 2022. A happy return to normality resulted in 600 hours voluntary work, training in visitor surveys, introduction of a WhatsApp group to speed up communications, introduction of QR fundraising by the Sheffield Museums and an overhaul of Emergency Safety and other important procedures. A subsidy system for School visits out of donations raised by FoPV started in 2022 in order to strengthen students' and teachers' understanding of Sheffield's unique early industrial heritage.

Bingham Park: The Community Group realised major improvements for Bingham Park: the multi purpose flexible netball/basketball facility was installed and the planning, fundraising and consultation for a mini skateboard park, and children's scooter and cycle track on the remaining courts got underway.

Endcliffe Park: The popular Easter Duck race returned after 2 Covid closures. Some gardening done.

Volunteer hours across all activities amounted to 5,243, an increase on the 2,832 in 2020/2021 which was more affected by Covid. In the Platinum Jubilee Honours 2022 Friends of the Porter Valley were granted the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) in recognition of this work.

Future plans

We plan to focus on environment and habitat improvements in view of climate change, and drive ahead the Forge Dam Playground Improvements. Our subgroup for Bingham Park improvements will fundraise and consult about new family and ball game facilities on the remaining derelict courts. The partnership of FoPV Sheffield Council and the Sheffield Museums Trust starts to review the Shepherd Wheel Museum's performance and future needs in December 2022 and this may lead to changes.

A key change in 2022 has been the planned induction of the Trustee Lyndon Porter to replace the Treasurer David Young from November 2022. No new charity Trustees have been appointed yet but recruitment and role changes will follow.

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Trustees' annual report - continued
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Reserves policy

The charity adopted a Reserves policy in July 2022. Trustees considers £5,000 should be more than sufficient to meet foreseeable and essential costs. We have no salary or premises cost.

Unrestricted cash reserves at 31 August 2022 were £30,994.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' annual report above on 24 October 2022 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:


.....
Ann Le Sage
Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of the Porter Valley ("the Charity")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 
Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Employee of:
VAS Community Accountancy
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Dated: 24 October 2022

Friends of the Porter Valley
Receipts & payments account
For the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Receipts							
Grants	2	-	4,618	4,618	-	3,500	3,500
Membership Subscriptions		5,402	5	5,407	5,152	-	5,152
Donations		1,316	10,216	11,532	1,985	123,693	125,678
Gift aid claimed		-	-	-	4,139	-	4,139
Legacies		30,983	-	30,983	-	-	-
Fundraising and sales		945	9,870	10,815	1,202	6,370	7,572
Bank Interest		3	13	16	-	2	2
Total receipts		38,649	24,722	63,371	12,478	133,565	146,043
Payments							
Fundraising and sales costs		1,579	-	1,579	2,107	-	2,107
Forge Dam project		-	26,000	26,000	-	263,047	263,047
Bingham Park project		649	22,299	22,948	-	-	-
Shepherds wheel costs		500	-	500	-	-	-
Materials for work mornings, events and displays		276	608	884	117	3,494	3,611
Printing and stationery		278	-	278	1,279	-	1,279
IT costs		284	-	284	-	-	-
Insurance		606	-	606	550	-	550
Meeting costs		240	-	240	-	-	-
Bank charges		208	81	289	531	-	531
Accountancy and Independent examination fees		1,050	-	1,050	-	-	-
Total payments		5,670	48,988	54,658	4,584	266,541	271,125
Net receipts/(payments)		32,979	(24,266)	8,713	7,894	(132,976)	(125,082)
Transfers	3	(30,973)	30,973	-	(4,139)	4,139	-
Net movement after transfers		2,006	6,707	8,713	3,755	(128,837)	(125,082)
Cash funds brought forward		28,988	63,143	92,131	25,233	191,980	217,213
Cash funds carried forward		30,994	69,850	100,844	28,988	63,143	92,131

Friends of the Porter Valley
Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 August 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Cash assets						
Current account	30,994	69,850	100,844	28,988	63,143	217,213
	<u>30,994</u>	<u>69,850</u>	<u>100,844</u>	<u>28,988</u>	<u>63,143</u>	<u>217,213</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Assets retained have not been given a value - these comprise event and maintenance equipment

Debtors

	Fund	2022 £	2021 £
Gift aid	Unrestricted	2,323	1,125
Gift aid	Bingham Park	2,833	1,000
Legacy	Unrestricted	-	30,000
Grants due re Bingham Park	Bingham Park	-	4,000
		<u>5,156</u>	<u>36,125</u>

Liabilities

		2022 £	2021 £
Accountancy and Independent Examination fees	Unrestricted	564	1,050
		<u>564</u>	<u>1,050</u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 24 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



 Ann Le Sage
 Chair

1 Notes on the preparation of the accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

Unrestricted funds comprise of general funds and designated funds. General funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of charity.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sheffield City Council	-	618	618	-	500	500
Sheffield Town Trust	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-
The J G Graves Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
	-	4,618	4,618	-	3,500	3,500

3 Restricted funds

	Brought Forward	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Forge Dam restoration	16,242	7,201	(26,081)	30,983	28,345
Shepherd Wheel	16,733	2,139	-	-	18,872
Bingham Park	25,582	14,744	(22,299)	-	18,027
Forge Dam playground	4,586	20	-	-	4,606
Ward Pot	-	618	(608)	(10)	-
	63,143	24,722	(48,988)	30,973	69,850

Details of the main restricted projects can be found in the Trustees' annual report.

Forge Dam restoration

The transfer represents the legacy received in the year which the trustees have put towards this project. Any remaining funds will be used on the Forge Dam Playground.

Prior year comparison

	Brought Forward	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Forge Dam restoration	159,982	115,168	(263,047)	4,139	16,242
Shepherd Wheel	19,092	535	(2,894)	-	16,733
Bingham Park	8,320	17,262	-	-	25,582
Forge Dam Playground	4,586	-	-	-	4,586
Tools	-	600	(600)	-	-
	191,980	133,565	(266,541)	4,139	63,143

4 Trustees' remuneration

The trustees were not paid or received any benefits from employment with the charity neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year. No trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity.

5 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions to report during the financial year.

FRIENDS OF THE PORTER VALLEY

England & Wales - Charity number 1069865

Accounts

Registered Charity Number: 1069865



Friends of the Porter Valley

Annual report and unaudited financial statements

For the year ended 31 August 2021

Friends of the Porter Valley

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Friends of the Porter Valley
Legal and administrative information

Charity number

1069865

Other names the charity is known by:

FOPV

Executive Committee (Trustees)

		Committee member since	
Ann Le Sage	Chair	before 2000	
Glynis Jones	Secretary	November 2005	
David Young	Treasurer	before 2000	
David Clegg		November 2012	
Les Greenwood		before 2000	
Mike Halliwell		October 2016	
Glyn Mansell		November 2017	
Chris Nicholson		November 2008	
Margaret Marsh		November 2008	resigned 19 December 2021
Flora Owen		before 2000	resigned 2 November 2021
Robert Peck		2 November 2021	
Lyndon Porter		2 November 2021	

Principal Address

25 Endcliffe Rise Road
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Independent Examiner

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**Friends of the Porter Valley
Trustees' annual report
For the year ended 31 August 2021**

The Trustees present this Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Objectives, activities and public benefit

The charity's object is to promote the conservation, protection and restoration, for public benefit, of the natural and physical environment within the Porter Valley, Sheffield.

Our vision is to conserve, protect and restore the ecology, landscape and cultural heritage of the Porter and Mayfield Valleys for the enjoyment of all and the benefit of future generations.

FOPV is the charitable community group which looks after the parks in Sheffield lying along the Porter Brook. We aim to conserve and restore the beautiful features and industrial heritage of this 4 km long linear valley which links the Peak District countryside to the urban areas of S.W. Sheffield.

In setting the objectives and planning the activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance during the Financial year

In summer 2021 Covid restrictions were progressively lifted and activities picked up, but no 2020 Christmas Fair or 2021 Easter duck race. However substantial progress was made throughout the year on our key projects: Forge Dam improvement, Festival of Britain arboretum above Forge Dam, and Bingham Park.

Membership of FoPV: Member numbers were up at 720 in September 2021

Communications Website and other IT developments: We continued to make increasing use of social media, and virtual meetings. Four Newsletters went out electronically and members received additional mid quarter updates about latest developments.

Forge Dam Restoration: An anonymous donation in autumn 2020 was a game changer: the restoration could now be progressed, after having been fundraising since 2014. £263,047 was transferred to the Council in spring 2021 and our Project Officer used this as matched funding in a bid for a DEFRA Green Recovery grant. It was successful – the council have secured an additional £247,700 from the Government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund directly towards the project and will also contribute at least £68,000 from section 106 funding.

The contractor Sanctus Ltd, an environmental specialist in projects like ours, was appointed by Sheffield City Council in May 2021 and started the necessary work to design the final restoration process. Sanctus started practical works at Forge Dam in October 2021. The restoration includes silt removal, the insertion of a discreet wall to direct the brook over the spillway and address the longstanding problem of silting, and the creation of an attractive open body of water with a variety of depths, a reconfigured island and planting on perimeter banks in order to improve the habitat for wildlife.

The project was originally due to be finished in March 2022 but has been delayed due to the winter storms. FoPV will transfer a final balance to the Council on completion of the work, and any remaining restricted funds will be used to invest in further environmental improvements in the area.

Further information and updates can be found at <https://www.fopv.org.uk/forge-dam>

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Shepherd Wheel: The smaller hull and the rear courtyard were reopened in June 2021 as part of the reorganised Sheffield Museums Trust. A happy return to normality and though there were some limitations because of Covid it was altogether a very successful summer.

Bingham Park: Crowdfunding and other innovative fundraising by the Community Group secured major improvements for Bingham Park: a splendid picnic bench appeared by the pay to play tennis courts, and plans for rehabilitation of a further court were laid. Other improvements planned are a netball/basketball court, mini skateboard park, children's scooter and cycle track.

Endcliffe Park: No duck race in 2021 for the second year running. Some gardening done.

Valley Condition and Support for the environment. Bird and butterfly monitoring was planned in summer 2021 with the Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust. We are very mindful that the wildlife needs to be supported, but sadly incidents of damage to the environment needed action: fly tipping continued to be a problem, brook pollution was reported in Whiteley Woods, and dramatically low water levels in the Wire Mill Dam endangered the fish in August.

Conservation Work: Voluntary work carried on quietly throughout the lockdown, firstly with individuals working alone and then in teams of 6 strictly allocated to tasks and observing Covid precautions. Sightlines down to the dam were created in the 70 year old Festival of Britain Woodland and the original trees were identified and labelled. Footpath repairs, dry stone wall reconstruction and garden bed planting started at Forge Dam lower green. The old boathouse area overlooking the millrace was cleared of a tangle of selfset sycamore and brambles and promises to be a good seating area right by the dam.

Community events: 2020 Christmas sales were largely done by the FoPV web shop and the 2021 calendar was very much a record of 2019/20 Covid lockdown experiences. Ever increasing numbers of people used the valley to walk, cycle, run. To meet the needs of these newcomers we created leaflets about the valley from Endcliffe right up to the Porter Clough.

Walks, Talks: There were only 5 walks. An online booking system was introduced to limit the numbers on the monthly walks when they restarted in June 2021 so that we complied with Covid distancing recommendation.

Volunteers: Volunteers (including trustees) are estimated to have given over 2,800 hours in the year towards conversation work, events and fundraising and other work. (In a year not impacted by lockdown, this would have been closer to 4,800 hours).

Future plans

Once the contractors have completed their work at Forge Dam, habitat improvements will then be our main focus. Bingham Park will see new family and ball game facilities. Future donations will go to new Porter Valley restorations: there is much to do.

Reserves policy

The charity does not currently have a formal reserves policy. General funds at 31 August 2021 were £28,988. The committee considers this balance sufficient as the majority of the charity's expenditure is for specific projects for which restricted funding is raised. General funds allow for meeting any limited costs that might arise from volunteer working parties.

**Friends of the Porter Valley
Trustees' annual report - continued
For the year ended 31 August 2021**

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by its constitution adopted 21 March 1995, and became a registered charity in June 1998.

Friends of the Porter Valley's Executive Committee run the day to day activities of the charity. Each member is responsible for a key area. The committee usually meet monthly.

Subcommittees exist to oversee separate parks/spaces – eg Bingham Park. All activities are carried out by volunteers.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' annual report above on 22 June 22 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:



Ann Le Sage
Chairperson

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of the Porter Valley ("the Charity")

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed:

Sarah Lightfoot, FCA DChA
Employee of:
VAS Community Accountancy
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Dated: 23/06/2022

**Friends of the Porter Valley
Receipts & payments account
For the year ended 31 August 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Restated - see note 6		
					Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Receipts							
Grants	2	-	3,500	3,500	-	2,000	2,000
Membership Subscriptions		5,152	-	5,152	5,461	-	5,461
Donations		1,985	123,693	125,678	1,168	2,884	4,052
Gift aid claimed		4,139	-	4,139	-	-	-
Fundraising and sales		1,202	6,370	7,572	1,340	6,745	8,085
Bank Interest		-	2	2	-	28	28
Total receipts		12,478	133,565	146,043	7,969	11,657	19,626
Payments							
Fundraising and sales costs		2,107	-	2,107	130	1,440	1,570
Forge Dam project		-	263,047	263,047	-	4,141	4,141
Materials for work mornings, events and displays		117	3,494	3,611	771	102	873
Printing and stationery		1,279	-	1,279	371	113	484
Postage and phone		-	-	-	151	200	351
Insurance		550	-	550	-	-	-
Meeting costs		-	-	-	771	43	814
Bank charges		531	-	531	173	-	173
Total payments		4,584	266,541	271,125	2,367	6,039	8,406
Net receipts/(payments)		7,894	(132,976)	(125,082)	5,602	5,618	11,220
Transfers	3	(4,139)	4,139	-	(752)	752	-
Net movement after transfers		3,755	(128,837)	(125,082)	4,850	6,370	11,220
Cash funds brought forward - restated - see note 6		25,233	191,980	217,213	20,383	185,610	205,993
Cash funds carried forward		28,988	63,143	92,131	25,233	191,980	217,213

Friends of the Porter Valley
Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31 August 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Restated - see note 6		
				Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Cash assets						
Current account	28,988	63,143	92,131	27,786	189,427	217,213
	28,988	63,143	92,131	27,786	189,427	217,213

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Assets retained have not been given a value - these comprise event and maintenance equipment


Debtors

	Fund	2021 £	2020 £
Gift aid	Unrestricted	1,125	4,091
Gift aid	Bingham Park	1,000	-
Legacy	Unrestricted	30,000	-
Grants due re Bingham Park	Bingham Park	4,000	-
		36,125	4,091

Liabilities

		2021 £	2020 £
Accountancy and Independent Examination fees	Unrestricted	1,050	-
		1,050	-

Approved by the board of trustees on 22 June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



 Ann Le Sage
 Chairperson

Friends of the Porter Valley
Notes to the accounts
For the year ended 31 August 2021

1 Notes on the preparation of the accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

Unrestricted funds comprise of general funds and designated funds. General funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of charity.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sheffield City Council	-	500	500	-	2,000	2,000
The J G Graves Charitable Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-
	-	3,500	3,500	-	2,000	2,000

3 Restricted funds

	<i>Restated</i> Brought Forward	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Forge Dam restoration	159,982	115,168	(263,047)	4,139	16,242
Shepherd Wheel	19,092	535	(2,894)	-	16,733
Bingham Park	8,320	17,262	-	-	25,582
Forge Dam Playground	4,586	-	-	-	4,586
Tools	-	600	(600)	-	-
	191,980	133,565	(266,541)	4,139	63,143

Details of the main restricted projects can be found in the Trustees' annual report.

Forge Dam restoration

The transfer represents gift aid claimed on membership subscriptions for the past four years, which the trustees have agreed to allocated to this project.

Prior year comparison - restated

	<i>Brought Forward</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Carried Forward</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Forge Dam	155,737	8,284	(4,039)	-	159,982
Forge Dam - SCC ward pot	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Shepherd Wheel	18,201	891	-	-	19,092
Bingham Park	7,086	482	-	752	8,320
Forge Dam Playground	4,586	-	-	-	4,586
	185,610	11,657	(6,039)	752	191,980

4 Trustees' remuneration

The trustees were not paid or received any benefits from employment with the charity neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year. No trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity.

5 Related party transactions

Trustees pay membership and donations as part of their involvement with the charity. Some Trustees donated towards existing restricted fundraising campaigns during the year, on the same terms as other donors, and without exerting additional influence over the decision making processes by the board.

There were no other related party transactions to report during the financial year.

6 Prior year adjustments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Reported fund balance as at 1 September 2019	20,383	-	20,383
Opening balance adjustment - inclusion of other bank accounts	-	185,610	185,610
Restated fund balance as at 1 September 2019	<u>20,383</u>	<u>185,610</u>	<u>205,993</u>
Reported income per 2020 accounts	10,010	-	10,010
Adjustment of income - inclusion and reanalysis of restricted funds	(2,041)	11,657	9,616
Restated 2020 income	<u>7,969</u>	<u>11,657</u>	<u>19,626</u>
Reported expenditure per 2020 accounts	(3,917)	-	(3,917)
Adjustment of expenditure - inclusion and reanalysis of restricted funds	1,550	(6,039)	(4,489)
Restated 2020 expenditure	<u>(2,367)</u>	<u>(6,039)</u>	<u>(8,406)</u>
Reported transfer per 2020 accounts	(3,500)		
Restated transfer per 2020 accounts	-	752	-
Restated fund balance as at 31 August 2020	<u>25,233</u>	<u>191,980</u>	<u>217,213</u>

The previous accounts have only reported the main bank account transactions, which have been identified as general fund expenditure only. The comparative figures have been reworked to show all transactions in the bank and paypal accounts, split out by restricted funds, from 1 September 2019 onwards.