

Charity number: 1072335
Company number: 03472165
(England and Wales)

Canals in Hackney Users Group
Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 November 2022

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To educate the public about inland waterways and in particular to encourage and promote the use of the canal for the benefit of the people of Hackney and the surrounding communities.

To provide in the interests of social welfare facilities for recreation and other leisure time opportunities for the people of Hackney and surrounding communities; being facilities of which those persons have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances; to improve the conditions of life for such persons by promoting their physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and the supplementary public benefit guidance for charities whose aims include advancing religion when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Plans for Future Periods

We will continue with our ongoing projects and will also participate in the setting up of a Community Garden on the towpath as part of a Sky Way funding initiative for the Regent's Canal.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

Activities

Activities carried out in this financial period include the following:

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves

The reserves policy is that at least 6 months expenditure to be retained as reserves at all times. In this financial period the reserves were comfortably above this level.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that the charity will continue to be a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Risk Assessment

The trustees have looked at the risks and are satisfied that steps have been taken to mitigate them.

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This system requires that all members are to respect the decision making process and the decisions that are made whether they are in agreement or not.

Tasks, roles and responsibilities are shared out in order to sustain the community. All members of the community are required to contribute their time and energy free of charge to sustain the community.

Governance and management

Decisions are made collectively and by majority at meetings.

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Charity registration number	1072335
Company registration number	03472165
Principal address	11 Allen Road London N16 8SB

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Maria Gandy
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Maria Gandy

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 30 November 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
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As at 30 November 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	465	4,710
Cash at bank and in hand		66,701	61,496
		67,166	66,206
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(420)	(420)
Net current assets		66,746	65,786
Total assets less current liabilities		66,746	65,786
Net assets		66,746	65,786
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	13	66,746	65,786
Total funds		66,746	65,786

For the year ended 30 November 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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 Maria Gandy
 Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 November 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Canals in Hackney Users Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

Funds

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Designated funds comprise of unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure.

Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading

Allocation and appointment of costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs may include any back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charities programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities where applicable. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the company, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the Statement of Financial Activities, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	30,439	29,249
Subscriptions received	-	110
	<u>30,439</u>	<u>29,359</u>

3. Investment income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	12	2
	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>

4. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Encouraging use of canal	150	2,200
Support costs	29,341	34,342
	<u>29,491</u>	<u>36,542</u>

5. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Support costs				
Encouraging use of canal	150	29,341	29,491	36,542

6. Analysis of support costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Encouraging use of canal		
Management	26,136	33,922
Governance costs	3,205	420
	<u>29,341</u>	<u>34,342</u>

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7. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy fees	420	420
	<u>420</u>	<u>420</u>

8. Particulars of employees

	2022	2021
	£	£
Directors	6	6
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

9. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2022:£nil).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022:£nil). The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2022:£nil).

Trustees' expenses represents the payment or reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs totalling £nil (2022:£nil).

10. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

11. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	465	4,710
	<u>465</u>	<u>4,710</u>

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12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	420	420
	<u>420</u>	<u>420</u>

13. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/12/2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/11/2022 £
<i>General</i>				
General	65,786	30,451	(29,491)	66,746
	<u>65,786</u>	<u>30,451</u>	<u>(29,491)</u>	<u>66,746</u>

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/12/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 30/11/2021 £
<i>General</i>				
General	72,967	29,361	(36,542)	65,786
	<u>72,967</u>	<u>29,361</u>	<u>(36,542)</u>	<u>65,786</u>

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds		
<i>General</i>		
General	66,746	66,746
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Previous year

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General	65,786	65,786
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15. Company limited by guarantee

Canals in Hackney Users Group is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

