

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 09 2019	To	31 08 2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Upper Don Trail Trust

Other names charity is known by

UDTT

Registered charity number (if any)

1104333

Charity's principal address

28 Millau

2 Kelham Island

Sheffield

Postcode

S3 8RD

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Simon Ogden	Chairperson		AGM of registered members
2	Chris Prescott	Treasurer		
3	Chris Bell	Trustee		
4	David Holmes	Trustee		
5	Ian Holmes	Trustee		
6	Tim Rippon	Trustee		
7	Lee Heykoop	Trustee		
8	Julie Parfitt	Trustee		
9	Tony Canning	Trustee		
10	Ben McGarry	Trustee		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by AGM

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Upper Don Trail Trust works with a wide range of partners and groups in order to achieve the aims of its charitable objectives. These include city and town councils, local communities, private landowners, statutory bodies such as the Environment Agency, other charities and developers.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are:

*"The provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation of the public with the object of improving their conditions of life particularly through the provision of providing footpaths, cycleways, and bridleways as locally appropriate alongside the River Don*

<p><i>from Lady's Bridge to Stocksbridge and to the Peak District National park."</i></p>	<p>Throughout the course of planning and managing our activities for this the organisation has very much kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.</p> <p>COVID-19 had some impact on our activities.</p> <p>Following a relaunch in October 2019 and despite the severe restrictions resulting from the Pandemic from early 2002, the Trust has made a very significant impact on progressing the Trail in almost every section whether through commenting on and influencing planning applications, seeking partnerships with landowners, applying and supporting funding bids and organising volunteering events when permitted.</p> <p>The Trustees and other active supporters have continued to meet using virtual meeting technology, which has given us the ability to include members otherwise unable to attend in person, a facility which we hope to retain when meeting in person is again allowed.</p>
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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

All our activities are steered by volunteers.

### Little Kelham Bridge

After a number of false starts the Council's funding contribution was re-confirmed in August 2020 and a partnership agreement with Citu drafted which should allow the bridge to be constructed, subject to costs remaining within budget. A new planning application will be required as the previous one has timed out.

### Herries to Hillfoot

This new project was adopted as the first priority of the relaunched trust as it is the key missing link in the inner city section of the trail between established sections in Kelham/Neepsend and Beeley Woods. A successful bid to Sustrans was submitted by the Council and supported by the UDTT, with additional funding from the Council and a planning application was submitted and approved. However subsequent site investigations have revealed unforeseen problems with buried electric and gas services which render the route unviable as an accessible cycle and wheelchair trail. An alternative route for cycling is therefore being explored following the river bank more closely whilst more modest improvements to the previous alignment as a walking only route are being considered.

### Stocksbridge Healthy Towns Fund

Trustees have been invited to join the sub-group of the above board to help shape its bid for up to £20m from the government's Healthy Towns Programme. The successful initial bid has been approved including up to £3.75m for new connections in the walking/cycling/horse riding trails around Stocksbridge, most of which form part of or connect with the UDT. Stakeholder work, consultation and detailed feasibility, costing and design will continue.

### Planning Applications

The UDTT has commented on the following planning applications to ensure parts of the trail are provided as part of the development:

- Bloor Homes – 450 houses at former brick works Manchester Rd Deepcar with 1km of riverside trail and improvements to Station Rd
- Barrett Homes – 200 houses at former paper mill Manchester Rd Wharnccliffe Side with 1km of riverside trail plus new bridge over the River Don and connecting trail into Oughtibridge
- Jaguar Estates – retail and leisure development between Penistone Rd and Herries Rd, Hillsborough with potential to improve existing cycling and walking facilities on Penistone Road (decision yet to be made)

### Volunteering

A clean-up of the Beeley Woods section of the Trail was organised in February 2020 in partnership with Sustrans Rangers, City Kayak Club, Good Gym and the River Stewardship Co. Over 40 people took part and the whole length of trail from Abbey Stainless to Oughtibridge Cricket Club was litter picked, leaves and detritus scraped off and encroachment of vegetation cut back.

Further activities are planned at Club Mill Rd when permitted again.

### Design Guidance

Trustees are working to produce a compendium of design standards for widths, surfacing, signage etc based on best practice from across Europe. This will be used to influence the design of new sections and the upgrade of existing trails including removal of security barriers which exclude legitimate users.

## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity doesn't maintain significant reserves and raises funds on a needs by needs basis.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our principal sources of funds are:

- i. Grant applications
- ii. Business sponsorship (funds and in kind)

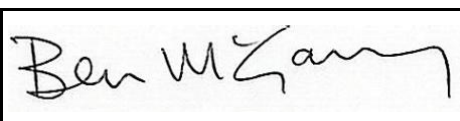
## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Ben McGarry

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

31.07.2021



## Receipts and payments account

For the period from	Period start date 31/08/2019	To
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
Balance		-	-
Donations	200	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	200	-	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	200	-	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
Media: short film commission			-
Artwork: logo	200		-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	200	-	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	200	-	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	-	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	1	-	14/07/2021



<b><i>Cash funds this year end</i></b>		-	-
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Accounts with Co-op Bank plus float	23,526
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		-
	Total cash funds	23,526
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates
	CCXX R3 accounts (SS)	14/07/2024

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



Signature

Print Name

<i>C. Prescott</i>

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Period end date  
310/08/2020

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Total funds

Last year

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

	26,236
200	-
-	-
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-	-
200	26,236

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200	26,236
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-	2,510
200	200
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200	2,710

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	23,526
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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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SCOTT	20th May 2021