

THE CALDER AND COLNE RIVERS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1134377

Details

Other names	C&CRT;
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06822083
Registered	2010-02-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO CONSERVE, PROTECT, REHABILITATE AND IMPROVE THE RIVERS, STREAMS, WATERCOURSES AND WATER IMPOUNDMENT'S OF THE CATCHMENTS COMPRISING THE RIVERS CALDER (WEST YORKSHIRE), COLNE, HOLME AND RYBURN ALL OTHER TRIBUTARIES AND CONNECTED WATERWAYS.(B) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC, OR ANY ASSOCIATION, COMPANY, LOCAL AUTHORITY, ADMINISTRATIVE OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR PUBLIC BODY OR REPRESENTATIVE BODY IN:(1) THE UNDERSTANDING OF RIVERS, RIVER CORRIDORS AND CATCHMENTS, INCLUDING THEIR FAUNA, FLORA AND ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL ACTIVITY, AND RIVER CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT.(2) THE NEED FOR, AND BENEFITS OF, CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF AQUATIC ENVIRONMENTS.

Activities: We aim to conserve and protect the waterways throughout the Calder river catchment. We aim to educate the public, particularly children, in: (1) The understanding of rivers,including their fauna, flora and economic or social activity, and river catchment management.(2) The need for, and benefits of, conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WEST YORKSHIRE
- Calderdale
- City Of Wakefield
- Kirklees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£629,381	£472,189	£511,852	9
2024-03-31	£441,261	£387,829	-	-
2023-03-31	£412,109	£235,037	-	-
2022-03-31	£80,284	£91,270	-	-
2021-03-31	£87,614	£28,650	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nicholas Simms	Chair	2011-09-13
Cindy Louise Lockwood		2024-03-13
Geoffrey Sweaney		2017-08-24
Helen Jane Upson		2019-01-05
Jason Young		2021-12-13
Robert Halliwell		2025-04-16
Timothy Russell Conroy		2014-01-23

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CALDER RIVERS TRUST

Trustees Annual Report

**for the year ended
31 March 2025**

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1 Administrative Information

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2 Structure, Governance & Management

The trustees of the Trust, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, collectively form the Board of Trustees (the “**BoT**”).

The BoT for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (the “**period**”) covered by this report comprised:

Cindy Lockwood

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3 Objectives and activities

Calder Rivers Trust's purposes as set out in its governing document are:

- to conserve, protect, rehabilitate, and improve the rivers, streams, watercourses, and water impoundments of the catchments comprising of the rivers Calder (West Yorkshire), Colne, Holme and Ryburn, and all other tributaries and connected waterways;
- To advance the education of the public, or any association, company, local authority, administrative or governmental agency or public body or representative body in:
 - (a) the understanding of rivers, river corridors and catchments, including their fauna, flora and economic or social activity, and river catchment management.
 - (b) the need for, and benefits of, conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

These purposes inform the Trust's overall ambition for a prosperous and resilient Calder catchment, for our communities and nature. This ambition and our purposes steer the Trust's activities in three areas of activity: protecting rivers, balancing land use, and working with others.

4 Protecting rivers

Our primary objective in this area of activity is to restore freshwater habitats and reconnect them with the wider landscape. The Calder is a recovering post-industrial catchment facing multiple challenges, including heavy physical modification and poor water quality.

A healthy and resilient river can be characterised by good water quality, dynamic sediment processes, and strong connections to riparian habitats and floodplains. The Trust's work to protect rivers is intended to support progress towards these characteristics through the following activities:

- Surveying and assessing waterbodies for artificial in-channel structures and engineered riverbanks, and evaluating their influence on natural river processes and habitat connectivity;
- Developing and delivering site-specific projects to restore habitats and reinstate natural river functions where feasible;

- Identifying point and diffuse pollution pressures through waterbody walkovers, informing the Trust's land advice and engagement activities;
- Monitoring water quality and aquatic invertebrates as indicators of river health.

Connecting the Calder

During the period, the Trust's Connecting the Calder programme continued to improve the evidence base on the location and distribution of riverine barriers across the catchment. Using historic mapping and field surveys, the Trust mapped 513 weirs across the Calder and its tributaries, visiting and documenting 355 of these.

Feasibility assessments were completed for the potential removal of five weirs on the Rivers Calder and Ryburn and on Black Brook. Detailed designs were also commissioned and received for two weirs on the River Calder.

Looking ahead, feasibility and design work to address in-channel structures will continue within the Connecting the Calder programme, with support from the Great Yorkshire Rivers partnership. The Trust will seek to secure the necessary permissions and funding for delivery while continuing to identify priority locations. Water quality data and river health indicators will continue to be used to help target pressures that the Trust is able to influence.

5 Balancing Land Use

Water quality and quantity in rivers are influenced by how land is managed across the catchment. The Trust's focus in this area of work is to support landholders to manage land in ways that benefit water and the wider environment.

The upper Calder catchment responds rapidly to rainfall, contributing to flood risk in downstream communities. Extensive artificial drainage of upland pasture has increased runoff rates while limiting opportunities for groundwater recharge. Recent years have also highlighted increasing drought risk. Climate projections suggest more intense rainfall events and greater variability, which is expected to increase pressure on both flood and drought management.

Water moving through agricultural land can also carry fine sediment, nutrients and faecal contamination. Supporting landholders to address water quantity and quality pressures contributes to protecting river health. To deliver this work, the Trust undertakes the following activities:

- Providing free and confidential whole-holding advice, including land management surveys and tailored reports identifying opportunities to improve environmental outcomes and resource efficiency;
- Hosting the South Pennines Farmers Group to facilitate peer-to-peer learning and information exchange on policy, agri-environment schemes and good practice;
- Supporting landholders to apply for land management funding and assisting with the delivery of funded activities where appropriate;
- Promoting Payments for Ecosystem Services as a mechanism to support long-term sustainable land management and environmental improvement.

Land and Water Management advice

During the period, the Trust's Farm & Rural Liaison project, supported by the Community Lottery, continued to provide land management advice. Detailed surveys were completed on 11 holdings and five South Pennines Farmers Group events were delivered.

In January 2025, the Trust also began a new project focused on surveying grassland soils and providing targeted management advice to participating landholders.

Water Stewardship

During the period, the Trust delivered its first wetland creation project supported by private business investment. The Replenish programme supports landholders to manage water in ways intended to deliver wider environmental and societal benefits, which are quantified using the Volumetric Water Benefit Accounting methodology.

Through this programme, participating landholders who change land use or create wetland habitats receive Payments for Ecosystem Services to support the ongoing management of land and water for multiple benefits.

Calder and Colne Landscape Links Defra Landscape Recovery

In May 2024, the Trust began working in partnership with Calderdale Council, Kirklees Council, Environmental Projects in Kirklees, and Moors for the Future Partnership on the development phase of a Landscape Recovery project.

The project is working with 17 landholders and covers approximately 16,000 hectares across the Upper Calder, Middle Calder, and Colne and Holme operational catchments.

During the development phase, which runs until April 2026, the Trust is responsible for producing land management plans and the project's Monitoring and Evaluation Plan to guide long-term delivery over up to 20 years.

If successful, the project is intended to improve climate resilience, including to wildfire risk, flooding and drought, reduce pressures from invasive species, and improve access to and engagement with nature.

6 Working with others

Historic water quality and flooding issues have led many communities to turn away from rivers and rely on hard infrastructure for protection. The Trust's focus in this area of work is to reconnect communities with rivers and to work in partnership to address catchment-wide challenges.

There is strong evidence linking access to high-quality blue and green space with improved wellbeing. Improving access to and understanding of the water environment also supports more sustainable water use. Addressing these challenges requires collaboration. The Trust works with others by:

- Supporting partnership working through the Calder Catchment Partnership;

- Providing volunteering opportunities that contribute to monitoring and practical delivery activity;
- Raising public awareness of the Trust's aims and activities and improving understanding of the water environment.

Calder Catchment Partnership

The Catchment Based Approach Calder Catchment Partnership brings together organisations and community groups to work towards improvements in water environment health and resilience. During the period, the partnership met four times to share updates on activity and agree priority areas for joint working.

Citizen Science

This During the period, the Trust delivered the 14th season of the River Health Project, which monitors aquatic invertebrates as indicators of river health. A volunteer monitoring team of 49 people undertook monthly sampling across 45 sites between March and October.

The Trust also expanded the pilot water quality monitoring project with Halifax Canoe Club, providing monitoring equipment to two additional community groups in Huddersfield and Wakefield. This monitoring supports river users in making informed decisions about water contact and increases local awareness of water quality issues.

Two publicly accessible dashboards are maintained to host River Health Project and water quality monitoring data.

During the period, the Trust also supported the University of York's ECOMIX research project by collecting samples at two locations using continuous sampling devices. The project is investigating the combined presence of multiple chemical pollutants in Yorkshire's rivers.

Volunteering

In addition to citizen science activity, volunteers supported river clean-ups, tree planting and Himalayan balsam control. This included volunteers from corporate groups and members of the public. During the period, approximately 1,500 volunteer hours were recorded, excluding Trustee contributions.

7 Our Partners

During the period, the Trust worked in partnership with the Environment Agency, Natural England, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Yorkshire Water, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, the National Trust, River Holme Connections, Calderdale Council, Kirklees Council, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, the Moors for the Future Partnership, Halifax Canoe Club, partners within the Calder Catchment Partnership, and the Trust's umbrella organisation, The Rivers Trust.

We are your local rivers trust, working hard to improve rivers and waterways in Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield in West Yorkshire.

We are affiliated with The Rivers Trust the umbrella body of the rivers trust movement, working to protect, promote and enhance our freshwater ecosystems for both people and wildlife.

The Calder catchment includes the main rivers Calder, Colne, and Holme. And all the rivers, streams, canals, waterways, and watercourses connected to them. We work across all these waters within our catchment.

Our river projects aim to improve the rivers and waterways of the River Calder catchment for both people and wildlife

We rely on volunteers to help us with all aspects of our work.

We rely on the generosity of local people to support our important work.

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Annual Accounts

**for the year ended
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3 Trustees' Responsibilities and Approval of Financial Statements

Statement of the Responsibilities of the Trustees

The BoT are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The BoT must ensure that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Trust's state of affairs and its income and expenditure for the financial year, in compliance with:

- The Charities Act 2011;
- The Companies Act 2006; and
- The Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102).

In preparing the financial statements, the BoT are responsible for:

- Selecting and applying suitable accounting policies consistently;
- Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Trust will continue its activities.

The BoT must also ensure that the Trust:

- Maintains proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- Safeguards the assets of the Trust; and
- Takes reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approval of the Financial Statements

The Trust is entitled to exemption from the audit requirement under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

No trustee has deposited a notice pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these accounts.

The BoT confirm that the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position as at 31 March 2025;
- Show the income and expenditure for the financial year, in accordance with sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- Otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to the Trust.

These financial statements are approved.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature *N Simms*
N Simms (Dec 19, 2025 11:35:05 GMT)

Full name Nicholas Simms

Position Chair

Date 19/12/2025

4 Statement of Financial Activities

Table 1: Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2025)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Sales	Table 3	433,025	-	433,025	344,963
Bank interest		2,880	-	2,880	2,444
Other income		24	-	24	
Income received from charitable sources					
Grants & donations	Table 3	193,452	-	193,452	93,854
Total incoming resources		629,381		629,381	441,261
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities expenditure		452,463	-	452,463	364,512
Governance & overheads costs		15,883	-	15,883	19,573
Depreciation		3,843	-	3,843	3,744
Total resources expended		472,189		472,189	387,829
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		354,661	-	354,661	301,229
Net movement in funds		157,192	-	157,192	53,432
Reallocation of funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		511,853	-	511,853	354,661

5 Balance Sheet

Table 2: Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets		5,432		5,842
Investments		100		100
Current assets				
Debtors	197,344		287,461	
Other debtors	1,811		916	
Cash at bank and in hand	366,804		142,851	
	<u>565,959</u>		<u>431,228</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Total assets less current liabilities	59,637		82,364	
		506,320		348,864
		511,852		
Net assets		511,852		354,661
Income funds				
Restricted funds		-		-
Unrestricted funds		511,852		354,661
		511,852		354,661

Table 4

6 Grants and income

Table 3: Grants and income received between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

Grants & Income

Sales

Grants

Donations

Other income

Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
433,025	-	433,025	344,962
193,452	-	193,452	89,775
-	-	-	4,079
2,904	-	2,904	2,444
629,381	-	629,381	441,261

7 Creditors

Table 4: Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

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Accruals
Creditors
VAT
PAYE & NIC
Pension
Credit card facilities

Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
11,726	1,412
7,602	39,370
40,092	41,475
-	-
-	-
217	107
59,637	82,364

8 Notes to the Annual Accounts

8.1 Accounting Policies

8.1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with:

- Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102), the applicable UK accounting standard;
- The Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102) (effective 2019); and
- The Companies Act 2006.

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and has applied the relevant provisions accordingly.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The BoT have considered the Trust's financial position, reserves and forecast cash flows and have concluded that there are no material uncertainties that cast significant doubt on its ability to continue as a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

8.1.2 Incoming resources

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the following criteria are met:

- The Trust has entitlement to the income;
- Receipt is probable; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are recognised when the Trust has entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be reliably measured. Where grants are subject to performance conditions, income is recognised as the Trust meets the specified conditions and earns the right to the funds.

Deferred Income

Income received in advance for a specific period or service is deferred until the Trust meets the conditions for recognition.

8.1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- There is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment;
- It is probable that settlement will be required; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

Classification of Expenditure

Expenditure is classified under the following headings:

- Charitable Activities – Costs incurred in delivering the Trust's objectives.
- Raising Funds – Costs of generating voluntary income, including fundraising and grant applications.
- Governance Costs – Costs associated with the governance of the Trust, including legal, regulatory, and compliance costs.

Allocation of Costs

- Direct costs are allocated to the relevant activity.
- Support costs (including administrative, IT, and management costs) are allocated to activities on a reasonable and consistent basis.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as the Trust has a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment.

8.1.4 Fund structure

The Trust maintains the following types of funds:

Unrestricted Funds

These funds are available for use at the discretion of the BoT in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust.

The BoT may designate funds for specific purposes. While designated funds remain unrestricted, they are set aside for particular activities.

Restricted Funds

These funds can only be used for specific purposes as specified by the donor or where funds were raised for a particular purpose.

Restrictions arise when imposed by grant conditions, donor instructions, or fundraising appeals.

The BoT may also impose internal restrictions on funds for strategic or operational purposes. These restrictions may be temporary, with these funds transferred back to unrestricted funds when the original purpose of the restriction is no longer required.

A summary of the Trust's funds is provided in the financial statements.

8.2 Related Party Transactions

8.2.1 Wetland Engineering

During the period:

Wetland Engineering, a business operated by Geoffrey Sweaney, who was a BoT member during the period, was contracted to deliver paid work for the Trust.

This did not cover any duties related to his role as a BoT member.

In accordance with best practice and governance standards, this BoT member was excluded from all decisions regarding the appointment, terms, and payment of this contract.

8.3 Taxation

The Trust is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from corporation tax on income and gains arising from its charitable activities, to the extent that such income and gains are applied to charitable purposes only.

The Trust is registered for VAT (Registration Number: 460 3121 38). VAT is reclaimed only on expenditure that relates directly to taxable business activities. VAT incurred on expenditure that relates to non-business activities, or general overheads that cannot be attributed to taxable supplies, is not reclaimed and is therefore included within the relevant cost heading in the Statement of Financial Activities. Income and expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities are stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

The level of taxable business activity during the year meant that partial exemption calculations were not required. Recoverable VAT outstanding at the year end is included within debtors or creditors, as appropriate.

8.4 Liability of directors

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital.

Each BoT member undertakes to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Trust in the event of its winding up, while they are a BoT member or within one year after they cease to hold office.

This contribution is for the purposes of:

- Paying the debts and liabilities of the Trust incurred before they ceased to be a BoT member;
- Covering the costs, charges, and expenses of winding up; and
- Adjusting the rights of contributors among themselves.

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Micro-entity Accounts

30 March 2025

Micro-entity Balance Sheet as at 30 March 2025

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2024</i>
		£	£
Fixed Assets		5,532	5,942
Current Assets		532,979	427,830
Prepayments and accrued income		32,980	2,230
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(59,639)	(81,341)
Net current assets (liabilities)		<u>506,320</u>	<u>348,719</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>511,852</u>	<u>354,661</u>
Total net assets (liabilities)		<u>511,852</u>	<u>354,661</u>
Reserves		<u>511,852</u>	<u>354,661</u>

- For the year ending 30 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on

And signed on their behalf by:

Nicholas Simms, Director

N Simms

N Simms (Dec 19, 2025 11:35:05 GMT)

Notes to the Micro-entity Accounts for the period ended 30 March 2025

1	Employees		
		2025	2024
	Average number of employees during the period	7	9

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Independent Examiners Report

**for the year ended
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2 Independent Examiners Report for year ended 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that the Company is eligible for independent examination, I am responsible for examining the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and for reporting whether any matters have come to my attention. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination has included a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It has also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and I have sought explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and accordingly I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 have not been met; or
- that the accounts do not agree with the accounting records; or

- that the accounts do not comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as they apply to charitable companies, other than any requirement that the accounts give a “true and fair view”; or
- that the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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 on behalf of the Independent Examiner:

Signature	<u>TaxAssist Accountants</u>
Full name	TaxAssist Accountants
Position	Independent Examiner
Date	19 th December 2025

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1 Administrative Information

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2 Structure, Governance & Management

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The BoT is appointed through a nomination and election process and serve a term until retiring on rotation. The Board meets regularly to oversee governance, risk management, and strategic planning. Key risks identified are managed at BoT level or delegated to specific sub-groups or named individuals.

3 Objectives and activities

Calder Rivers Trust's purposes as set out in its governing document are:

- to conserve, protect, rehabilitate, and improve the rivers, streams, watercourses, and water impoundments of the catchments comprising of the rivers Calder (West Yorkshire), Colne, Holme and Ryburn, and all other tributaries and connected waterways:
- To advance the education of the public, or any association, company, local authority, administrative or governmental agency or public body or representative body in:
 - (a) the understanding of rivers, river corridors and catchments, including their fauna, flora and economic or social activity, and river catchment management.
 - (b) the need for, and benefits of, conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

These purposes inform the Trust's overall ambition for a prosperous and resilient Calder catchment, for our communities and nature. This ambition and our purposes steer the Trust's activities in three areas of activity: protecting rivers, balancing land use, and working with others.

The Trust's activities benefit the public by improving water quality, reducing flood risk, enhancing biodiversity, and increasing community engagement with the natural environment. These efforts contribute to healthier river ecosystems and more resilient landscapes for local communities.

3.1 Protecting rivers

Our primary objective for this area of activity is to restore freshwater habitats and reconnect them with the wider landscape. The Calder is a recovering post-industrial catchment which faces multiple challenges to recovery: heavy modification and water quality.

A healthy and resilient river can be characterised as having good water quality, dynamic sediment processes, and connection to a rich riparian zone/floodplain. Our work protecting rivers is aimed at supporting the Calder catchment's waterbodies achieve these characteristics, through the following activities:

- Surveying and assessing waterbodies for artificial in-channel structures and artificial riverbanks, evaluating their impact on natural river processes and habitat connectivity;
- Developing and delivering site specific projects to restore and reconnect lost habitats, and natural river functions;
- Identifying point and diffusion pollution pressures through waterbody walkovers, informing the Trust's land advice and engagement activities;
- Monitoring water quality and aquatic invertebrates as proxies for river health.

Connecting the Calder

Through 2023/24, the Trust's Connecting the Calder programme has continued to expand our understanding of the locations and impact of artificial features by visiting and documenting 123 weirs within the catchment. We conducted feasibility work on the removal of 9 weirs in the River Holme. We carried out walkovers on 35 km of waterbodies. We completed works removing a weir and 350 m of artificial riverbank on Black Brook, restoring river processes and reconnecting the river to the floodplain.

Looking forward, feasibility and design work to address in-channel structures will progress within the Connecting the Calder programme. We will work to secure permissions and funding for delivery whilst identifying future project locations. We'll continue to use water quality data and river health proxies to identify pressures to our rivers that we can work to address.

3.2 Balancing Land Use

We know that the water we monitor in our rivers has travelled through the land in our catchment, and its quality is a result of how we use land. Our focus in this area of work is to support landholders to manage land well for water.

The upper areas of the Calder catchment are very responsive to rainfall events which leads to significant flood risk in the communities further down the valley. Much of the upland pasture has been artificially drained, increasing the catchment's responsiveness whilst limiting opportunities for groundwater recharge. Recent years have highlighted an increasing drought risk. Climate projections indicate annual rainfall is likely to be focussed into more frequent

and heavy rainfall events, society will have to manage water in different ways to address both drought and flood risk.

We also know that water falling in our catchment can be contaminated by fine sediments, nutrients, and faecal material as it passes through agricultural land. Supporting landholders to address water quantity and quality issues will help in protecting our rivers. To do this, Calder Rivers Trust carries out the following activities:

- Free and confidential whole holding advice. We work with landholders to survey land management activities, culminating in a report which highlights opportunities to save money and help the environment;
- Host the South Pennines Farmers Group farm cluster to facilitate peer-to-peer learning and disseminate information on policy, agri-environment schemes and good practice.
- Support landholders to apply for land management funding, helping with delivery of activities;
- Promote the use of Payments for Ecosystems services as a sustainable and balanced approach to funding land management and improvement for the environment.

Farm & Rural Liaison

Our ongoing Farm & Rural Liaison project (supported by the Community Lottery) has continued to provide land management advice through 2023/24, carrying out pinpoint surveys on 15 holdings, ecological surveys covering and hosting 6 events for the South Pennines Farmers Group.

The Trust supported the delivery of natural flood management interventions on 3 holdings through design, consenting, and practical delivery activities. This included planting approximately 2500 saplings for woodland and hedgerow creation, 7.5 ha of woodland management, 30 leaky wood barriers, 2.5 ha of Himalayan Balsam management, creation of 4 attenuation basin wetlands/ponds. We also delivered aeration of >130 ha of upland grassland.

Replenish

This year we established the foundations for the Replenish programme which will support landholders to manage water in ways which provide more environmental and societal benefit. Funded by private business, and using Volumetric Water Benefit Accounting, landholders changing land use or

creating wetland habitat will receive payments for ecosystem services to continue managing land and water for multiple benefits.

This area of work for the Trust will be a useful mechanism to address land use water challenges across the catchment, whilst supporting rural businesses.

Looking forward, the Trust will continue to provide land advice, and support landholders to manage land for water through local and national funding, and the Replenish programme. From May 2024 we will also explore other payments for ecosystem service markets through the Calder and Colne Landscape Links Landscape Recovery project.

3.3 Working with others

Historic water quality and flooding issues have led our communities to turn their backs to the river and build physical walls for protection. Our focus in this area of work is to reconnect our communities with the river, and work in partnership with others to address the challenges our catchment faces.

We believe disconnection from blue/green spaces negatively impacts our communities, research demonstrates the wellbeing benefits of access to good quality blue/green space. Access to and understanding of our water environment is also important to inform the way we use water as a society.

There is much to do to reconnect our communities to the river and make our catchment more prosperous and resilient, this needs to be done in partnership. We work with others by:

- Continuing to cultivate partnership working through the Calder Catchment Partnership;
- Providing opportunities for volunteering that support the Trust's monitoring and delivery activities;
- Working to increase public awareness of the Trust's aims and activities, and understanding of the water environment.

Calder Catchment Partnership

The Calder Catchment Partnership brings together local people and organisations to work towards a healthier and more resilient water

environment. The whole partnership met 4 times during the year to present on activities and discuss catchment priorities.

The partnership supported the development and submission of the upper catchment focussed Calder and Colne Landscape Links project to round 2 of Landscape Recovery. The bid was successful and for 2 years from May 2024 catchment partners will develop plans for landscape improvements over a 20 year delivery period.

Citizen Science

This year marked the 13th season for our aquatic invertebrate monitoring River Health Project. Our volunteer monitoring team grew to 60 people who conducted monthly monitoring of sites across our catchment between March and October.

We established a pilot water quality monitoring project with members of Halifax Canoe Club. Their members regularly become unwell after spending time in the River Calder. This pilot which has been monitoring dissolved nutrients since July 2023, seeks to explore if we can support them with water quality information to inform decisions on entering the water. It has also helped the club members to consider water quality and water usage more broadly.

We have 2 publicly accessible dashboards which host all the River Health Project and Halifax Canoe Club data.

Volunteering

In addition to citizen science, we had volunteers support with river clean ups, tree planting, and Himalayan balsam control. This was a mix of volunteers from corporates and members of the public. In total we had approximately 1200 volunteer hours, excluding BoT contributions.

Looking forward, we'll be continuing to work in partnership with other organisations to tackle catchment pressures and issues through the Calder Catchment Partnership. We will look to expand our River Health Project monitoring locations and number of monitors to help monitor long term changes to our rivers. We will continue to support the Halifax Canoe Club volunteers, and look for additional sampling points and community groups to

provide greater coverage. We will continue to provide practical volunteering opportunities for members of the public and corporate groups.

4 Our Partners

During this period the Trust has worked in partnership with the Environment Agency, Natural England, DEFRA, Yorkshire Water, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, National Trust, River Holme Connections, Calderdale Council, Kirklees Council, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Moors for the Future Partnership, Halifax Canoe Club, partners within the Calder Catchment Partnership, and our umbrella organisation—The Rivers Trust.

5 Financial Review

During the period, the Trust had total income of £441,261 and total expenditure of £387,829. The majority of income was received from grants and partnerships. At year-end, the Trust held reserves of £354,661 in line with its reserves policy, ensuring our ability to continue delivering our objectives. A financial breakdown is provided in the Annual Accounts accompanying this report.

The Trust's reserves policy aims to maintain sufficient funds to cover operating costs and risks for a defined period, ensuring financial stability and resilience. During the period, reserves remained in line with this policy. The key financial risk identified was funding uncertainty and rising costs, which is being managed through diversification of income sources and building core reserves.

6 Approval

This report is approved.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature



Full name **Nicholas Simms**

Position **Chair**

Date **31 January 2025**

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We rely on volunteers to help us with all aspects of our work.

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CALDER RIVERS TRUST

Annual Accounts

for the year ended
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3 Trustees' Responsibilities and Approval of Financial Statements

Statement of the Responsibilities of the Trustees

The BoT are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The BoT must ensure that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Trust's state of affairs and its income and expenditure for the financial year, in compliance with:

- The Charities Act 2011;
- The Companies Act 2006; and
- The Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102).

In preparing the financial statements, the BoT are responsible for:

- Selecting and applying suitable accounting policies consistently;
- Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Trust will continue its activities.

The BoT must also ensure that the Trust:

- Maintains proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- Safeguards the assets of the Trust; and
- Takes reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approval of the Financial Statements

The Trust is entitled to exemption from the audit requirement under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

No trustee has deposited a notice pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these accounts.

The BoT confirm that the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position as at 31 March 2024;
- Show the income and expenditure for the financial year, in accordance with sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- Otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to the Trust.

These financial statements are approved.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature Nick Simms
Nick Simms (Jan 31, 2025 08:10 GMT)

Full name **Nicholas Simms**

Position **Chair**

Date **Jan 31, 2025**

4 Statement of Financial Activities

Table 1: Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2024)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Sales	Table 3	1,500	343,463	344,963	108,114
Bank interest		2,445	-	2,445	270
Income received from charitable sources					
Grants & donations	Table 3	4,079	89,775	93,854	303,725
Total incoming resources		8,023	433,238	441,261	412,109
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities expenditure		5,671	358,842	364,512	219,349
Governance & overheads costs		19,573	-	19,573	12,436
Depreciation		520	3,223	3,744	3,252
Total resources expended		25,764	362,065	387,829	235,037
Net movement in funds		(17,740)	71,172	53,432	177,072
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		80,644	220,585	301,229	124,157
Reallocation of funds		291,757	(291,757)	-	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		354,661	-	354,661	301,229

5 Balance Sheet

Table 2: Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets			5,842		6,029
Investments			100		100
Current assets					
Debtors		287,461		62,230	
Other debtors		916		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		142,851		329,525	
		<u>431,228</u>		<u>391,755</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Table 4	<u>82,364</u>		<u>40,655</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>348,864</u>		<u>351,100</u>
Net assets			<u>354,661</u>		<u>357,229</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			-		220,585
Unrestricted funds			354,661		80,644
			<u>354,661</u>		<u>301,229</u>

6 Grants and income

Table 3: Grants and income received between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024

Grants & Income

Sales

Grants

Donations

Other income

Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
1,500	343,463	344,963	108,114
-	89,775	89,775	301,876
4,079	-	4,079	1,109
2,444	-	2,444	1,010
8,023	433,238	441,261	412,109

7 Creditors

Table 4: Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

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Accruals
Creditors
VAT
PAYE & NIC
Pension
Credit card facilities

Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
1,412	300
39,370	37,166
41,475	-
-	1,047
-	2,005
107	137
82,364	40,655

8 Notes to the Annual Accounts

8.1 Accounting Policies

8.1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with:

- Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102), the applicable UK accounting standard;
- The Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102) (effective 2019); and
- The Companies Act 2006.

The Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and has applied the relevant provisions accordingly.

8.1.2 Incoming resources

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the following criteria are met:

- The Trust has entitlement to the income;
- Receipt is probable; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are recognised when the Trust has entitlement, receipt is probable, and the amount can be reliably measured.

Where grants are subject to performance conditions, income is recognised as the Trust meets the specified conditions and earns the right to the funds.

Deferred Income

Income received in advance for a specific period or service is deferred until the Trust meets the conditions for recognition.

8.1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- There is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment;
- It is probable that settlement will be required; and
- The amount can be measured reliably.

Classification of Expenditure

Expenditure is classified under the following headings:

- Charitable Activities – Costs incurred in delivering the Trust's objectives.
- Raising Funds – Costs of generating voluntary income, including fundraising and grant applications.
- Governance Costs – Costs associated with the governance of the Trust, including legal, regulatory, and compliance costs.

Allocation of Costs

- Direct costs are allocated to the relevant activity.
- Support costs (including administrative, IT, and management costs) are allocated to activities on a reasonable and consistent basis.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as the Trust has a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment.

8.1.4 Fund structure

The Trust maintains the following types of funds:

Unrestricted Funds

These funds are available for use at the discretion of the BoT in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust.

The BoT may designate funds for specific purposes. While designated funds remain unrestricted, they are set aside for particular activities.

Restricted Funds

These funds can only be used for specific purposes as specified by the donor or where funds were raised for a particular purpose.

Restrictions arise when imposed by grant conditions, donor instructions, or fundraising appeals.

The BoT may also impose internal restrictions on funds for strategic or operational purposes. These restrictions may be temporary, with these funds transferred back to unrestricted funds when the original purpose of the restriction is no longer required.

A summary of the Trust's funds is provided in the financial statements.

8.2 Note on relationship of Directors acting as contractors

8.2.1 Wetland Engineering

During the period:

Wetland Engineering, a business operated by Geoffrey Sweaney, who was a BoT member during the period, was contracted to deliver paid work for the Trust.

This did not cover any duties related to his role as a BoT member.

In accordance with best practice and governance standards, this BoT member was excluded from all decisions regarding the appointment, terms, and payment of this contract.

8.3 Taxation

The Trust is not VAT registered during the period.

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

8.4 Liability of directors

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital.

Each BoT member undertakes to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Trust in the event of its winding up, while they are a BoT member or within one year after they cease to hold office.

This contribution is for the purposes of:

- Paying the debts and liabilities of the Trust incurred before they ceased to be a BoT member;
- Covering the costs, charges, and expenses of winding up; and
- Adjusting the rights of contributors among themselves.

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2 Independent Examiners Report for year ended 31 March 2024

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The trustees of the Trust, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, collectively form the Board of Trustees (the "BoT").

The BoT are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with charity and company law.

The BoT have considered that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is appropriate.

Having satisfied myself that the Trust is not required to be audited under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I am responsible for:

- Examining the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Following the procedures specified in the Charity Commission's Directions under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- Reporting whether any material matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Charity Commission's Directions. The examination includes:

- Reviewing the accounting records maintained by the Trust;
- Comparing the financial statements with those records; and
- Considering any unusual transactions or disclosures in the accounts.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence required for an audit, and therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no material matters have come to my attention that give me reasonable cause to believe that:

- (a) The accounts have not been properly prepared in accordance with:
 - Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 (requirement to keep proper accounting records); and
 - Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 (requirement to prepare financial statements that comply with the Act and Charities SORP (FRS 102)).
- (b) No other matters have come to my attention that should be drawn to the attention of the BoT to assist a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed on behalf of the Independent Examiner:

Signature TaxAssist Accountants
Full name TaxAssist Accountants
Position Independent Examiner
Date Jan 31, 2025

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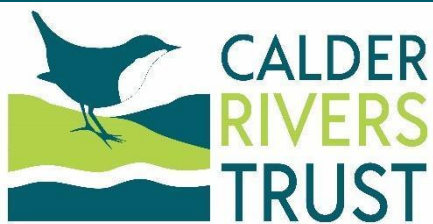
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2 Structure, Governance & Management

The Directors of the Trust the period covered:

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The BoT give their time voluntarily and do not receive benefits from the Trust. Any out-of-pocket expenses reclaimed by the BoT from the Trust are set out in the Notes to the Accounts.

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3.2 Summary of Activities

3.2.1 Projects

We produced 2 detailed designs for weir removals, surveyed 55 km of rivers, surveyed 230 ha of farmland for soil health and natural flood management opportunities, hosted 2 river clean up events, and planted over 4500 trees.

We continued to work with landholders across the Calder catchment by providing advice, identifying opportunities, and securing funding for delivery. We conducted 23 whole farm pinpoint surveys, submitted 16 applications for the Calderdale Natural Flood Management Landowner Grant, and hosted 2 soil health events. We continued to facilitate the South Pennine Farmers Group.

Our 34 certified volunteers collected 166 invertebrate samples for submission to a nationwide study of invertebrate life and the health of the nation's watercourses. We hosted a successful end of season data review event.

3.2.2 Catchment Partnership

With support of stakeholders, we reviewed the partnership's 12-month roadmap of project activities and priorities.

We hosted 2 in-person catchment partnership events and 2 web-based meetings, attended by the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, and many other organisations working across the landscape in our catchment. The in-person Catchment Partnership Showcase in January 2023 was our opportunity to highlight work carried out in 2022 and look forward to future activities.

The Trust supported collaborative Calder Catchment Partnership applications to Defra's Landscape Recovery, Yorkshire Water's WINEP River Resilience, and Natural England's Nature Recovery funding opportunities.

3.2.3 Partnership Working

During this period the Trust has worked in partnership with the Environment Agency, Natural England, DEFRA, Yorkshire Water, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, National Trust, River Holme Connections, partners within the Calder Catchment Partnership, Local Authorities, and our umbrella organisation—The Rivers Trust.

4 Statement of the Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year.

In preparing those financial statements the BoT is required to:

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The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the Small Companies' Regime.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature _____

Full name Nicholas Simms

Position Chair

Date 6 February 2024

5 Independent Examiners Report for year ended 31st March 2023

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out in this report (specifically on pages 14 to 26).

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Independent Examiner:

- the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Annual Accounts.
- the Directors consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Trust is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement:

- (a) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements:
- (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed on behalf of the Independent Examiner:

Signature _____

Full name TaxAssist Accountants

Position Independent Examiner

Date 6 February 2024

6 Statement of Financial Activities

Table 1: Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2023)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Sales		100	108,014	108,114	540
Bank interest		270	-	270	11
		370	108,014	108,384	551
Income received from charitable sources					
Grants & donations	9.2	5,569	298,156	303,725	79,733
Total incoming resources		5,939	406,170	412,109	80,284
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities expenditure		3,340	216,009	219,349	89,156
Governance costs		12,436	-	12,436	2,114
Depreciation		43	3,209	3,252	-
Total resources expended		15,819	219,218	235,037	91,270
Net movement in funds		(9,880)	186,952	177,072	(10,986)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		90,524	33,633	124,157	135,143
Reallocation of funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		80,644	220,585	301,229	124,157

Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
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This Statement of Financial Activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

7 Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

Table 2: Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets			6,029		3,416
Investments			100		-
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments		6,230		604	
Cash at bank and in hand		329,525		122,652	
				123,256	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9.5	(40,655)		(2,515)	
Current assets less current liabilities			295,100		120,741
Net assets			301,229		124,157
Income funds					
Restricted funds			220,585		
Unrestricted funds			80,644		33,633
				90,524	
			301,229		124,157

8 Finance Statement Approval

The Trust is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

No director of the Trust has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Trust.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are approved.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature _____

Full name Nicholas Simms

Position Chair

Date 6 February 2024

9 Notes to the Annual Accounts

9.1 Accounting Policies

9.1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Companies Act 2006.

9.1.2 Incoming resources

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the Trust earns the right to consideration by its performance.

All incoming resources are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

9.1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources.

9.1.4 Fund structure

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Directors.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the Statement of Financial Activities.

9.2 Grants & Income

Table 3: Grants and income received between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants & Income				
Project Income	3,820	374,303	378,123	54,440
Government Grants				
EA – Connecting the Calder	-	31,867	31,867	-
EA – Catchment Partnership Grant	-	-	-	7,500
Donations	1,109	-	1,109	18,233
Other	1010	-	1010	100
	5,939	406,170	412,109	80,273

9.3 Charitable expenditure

Table 4: Charitable expenditure between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Charitable expenditure				
Projects (grouped)	3,340	216,009	219,349	89,156
	3,340	216,009	219,349	89,156

9.4 Bank Interest Received

Table 5: Bank Interest Received

Bank Interest Received
Bank interest

Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
270	11
270	11

9.5 Creditors

Table 6: Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors
Credit card
Accruals
PAYE & NI
Pension

Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
37,166	117
137	7
300	300
1,047	1,398
2,005	693
40,655	2,515

9.6 Movement in Funds

Table 7: Movement in Funds

	Balance 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance 31 March 2023 £
Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds (grouped)	33,633	406,170	(219,218)	-	220,585
Total restricted funds	33,633	406,170	(219,218)	-	220,585
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds (grouped)	90,524	5,939	(15,819)	-	80,644
Total unrestricted funds	90,524	5,939	(15,819)	-	80,644
Total funds	124,157	412,109	(235,038)		301,229

9.7 Note on relationship of Directors acting as contractors

9.7.1 Wetland Engineering

During the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023;

Wetland Engineering (owned by Geoffery Sweaney who was a Director of the Trust during the period) was contracted to deliver work for the Catchment Development Project.

In this period a total of £5,206 was paid to Wetland Engineering.

This did not cover any duties as a Director.

This Director was excluded from making decisions in regards appointment and payment of this contract(s).

Relevant expenses paid to directors are outlined in the notes to the Accounts.

9.8 Taxation

The Trust is not VAT registered during the period.

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

9.9 Liability of directors

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital.

Every Director of the Trust undertakes to contribute such sum as may be required (not exceeding one pound) to the assets of the Trust if it should be wound up while they are a director, or within one year after they cease to be a director, for the payment of debts and liabilities of the Trust contracted before they cease to be a director and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.

10 Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge our funders and partners for their support in this year, including but not limited to:

- Calderdale Council
- Environment Agency
- Natural England
- The Coca-Cola Foundation
- The Community Lottery
- The Rivers Trust
- Yorkshire Water

11 Declarations

I declare that the Trust approves this report.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature _____

Full name Nicholas Simms

Position Chair

Date 6 February 2022

We are your local rivers trust, working hard to improve rivers and waterways in Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield in West Yorkshire.

We are affiliated with The Rivers Trust the umbrella body of the rivers trust movement, working to protect, promote and enhance our freshwater ecosystems for both people and wildlife.

The Calder catchment includes the main rivers Calder, Colne, and Holme. And all the rivers, streams, canals, waterways, and watercourses connected to them. We work across all these waters within our catchment.

Our river projects aim to improve the rivers and waterways of the River Calder catchment for both people and wildlife

We rely on volunteers to help us with all aspects of our work.

We rely on the generosity of local people to support our important work.

For more information about our cause please visit
www.calderandcolneriverstrust.org

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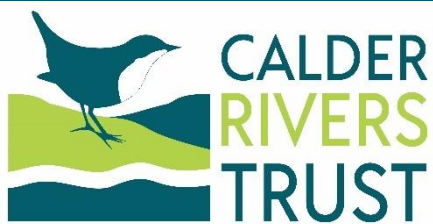
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for the year ended

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CALDER RIVERS TRUST

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1 Administrative Information

The Calder And Colne Rivers Trust Ltd is a private limited company by guarantee ([06822083](#)) and registered charity ([1134377](#)) (the “Trust”).

The company was registered 17 February 2009

The charity was registered 18 February 2010

We operate under our brand name ‘Calder Rivers Trust’.

Charity number 1134377

Company number 06822083

Registered office The Elsie Whiteley Innovation Centre
(from 03 July 2022) Hopwood Lane
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West Yorkshire
HX1 5ER

Independent Examiner TaxAssist Accountants (Mirfield)
(Cramp & Harding Ltd ([06524203](#)))
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WF14 8BL

2 Structure, Governance & Management

The Directors of the Trust the period covered:

Andrew Higham	(Resigned as Trustee on 30 March 2022)
David Fisher ¹	(Company Secretary)
Frank Lawson	
Geoffrey Sweaney	
Helen Upson	
Ian Oates	(Resigned as Trustee on 14 March 2022)
John Ludlam ²	(Resigned as Trustee on 6 August 2021)
Nicholas Simms	(Chair)
Timothy Conroy	
Warren Goodall	(Appointed as Trustee on 13 December 2021)
Jason Young	(Appointed as Trustee on 13 December 2021)
Ian Whitworth	(Appointed as Trustee on 21 February 2022)

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¹ Was a Director and Company Secretary for the period of this report, resigning later on 9 June 2022

² Was a Director until his death. John is sadly missed by all at the Trust.

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3.2 Summary of Activities

3.2.1 Projects

The second year of our Yorkshire Water funded 'Catchment Development Project' brought in new funding for nature restoration projects, creating new wetlands at two sites in Wakefield, produced 5 weir removal feasibility studies, and supported Natural Flood Management project development.

Our 'Farm & Rural Liaison Project' provided advice to 50 landholders and unlocked 25 ha of land for nature restoration. We also produced training materials on soil and grazing management for horse owners and established a landholder engagement 'memorandum of understanding' for organisations the Calder catchment. In addition, we took on formal hosting/facilitation responsibilities of the 'South Pennine Farmers Group'.

The 'River Health Project' recovered significantly following the initial impact of COVID-19 restrictions. With the help of contracted project management support, the volunteering onboarding, training, and data submission processes were all refined. Our volunteers also pioneered implementing a new modular Riverfly training approach, with our in-house trainer Melvyn Wood certifying his 100th Riverfly monitor. We hosted a successful end-of-season event for 25 volunteers, and a webinar for all to attend. The project was aided by more than 30 volunteers to take 87 samples in 2021-2022 to a nationwide longitudinal study into the health of invertebrate life in the nation's watercourses.

3.2.2 Catchment Partnership

The Trust continued to host the 'Calder Catchment Partnership' during this period. With support of stakeholders, we refreshed the 'Calder Catchment Management Plan' and produced a 12-month roadmap of project activities.

We hosted four web-based catchment partnership meetings, attended by the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, and many other organisations working across the landscape in our catchment.

We supported collaborative applications to the 'Green Recovery Challenge Fund' (with River Holme Connections and Slow the Flow), and the Open Rivers Fund (with River Holme Connections, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, and Environmental Projects in Kirklees).

We also supported the National Trust's 'Ancient Grasslands project', looking to quantify and champion the upland acid and waxcap grasslands in the catchment.

We continued working on larger collaborative projects:

- 'Connecting the Calder' (weir removal and modification to restore and reconnect river habitats)
- 'Calder Wetlands' (development of washlands, reed beds, ponds, and wetland habitats).

3.2.3 Engagement & Social Media

The Trust continued to develop the website and social media platforms. These, together with mailing lists, formed the principal communication channels used by the Trust to reach out to existing and potential funding partners, other environmental organisations including Rivers Trust members, volunteers, beneficiaries of our services, and members of the public. This activity encouraged the Trust's main citizen science project, the 'River Health Project', to continue following the initial COVID-19 restrictions.

The Calder Catchment Partnership ensures collaboration and information sharing amongst interested parties working in catchment. This partnership continues to work well in communicating information to and through its members and wider audiences.

3.2.4 Procedures & Administration

Our bank accounts remain with Lloyds Bank, where we have business accounts, that enable us to manage the Trust's finances. Four Directors have mandates to access these accounts, with at least two signatories required for every transaction.

3.2.5 Partnership Working

During this period the Trust has worked in partnership with the Environment Agency, DEFRA, Yorkshire Water, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, National Trust, partners within the Calder Catchment Partnership, Local Authorities, and our umbrella organisation - The Rivers Trust.

3.2.6 Future Activity

The effectiveness of the Trust's communications will be increased. This will involve further work on the website to align it more closely with the needs of the Trust's audiences. Similar work will be embarked upon with our social media platforms.

4 Statement of the Responsibilities of the Trustees

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the Small Companies' Regime.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature 
N Simms (Dec 19, 2022 09:10 GMT)

Full name Nicholas Simms

Position Chair

Date 19 December 2022

Signature 
Mr Warren Goodall (Dec 19, 2022 16:56 GMT)

Full name Warren Goodall

Position Vice-chair

Date 19 December 2022

5 Independent Examiners Report for year ended 31st March 2022

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Respective responsibilities of Directors and Independent Examiner:

- the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Annual Accounts.
- the Directors consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Trust is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement:

- (a) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements:

- (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
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(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed on behalf of the Independent Examiner:

Signature	<u>TaxAssist Accountants</u>
Full name	TaxAssist Accountants
Position	Independent Examiner
Date	19 December 2022

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Total incoming resources		20,944	59,340	80,284	87,614
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities expenditure		5,171	83,985	89,156	27,163
Governance costs		2,114	-	2,114	1,486
Total resources expended		7,285	83,985	91,270	28,650
Net movement in funds		13,659	(24,645)	(10,986)	58,964
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		76,865	58,278	135,143	76,179
Reallocation of funds		-	-	-	-

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Notes	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2022	90,524	33,633	124,157	135,143

This Statement of Financial Activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

7 Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

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Fixed assets			3,416		3,416
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments		604		1,001	
Cash at bank and in hand		122,652		131,026	
		<u>123,256</u>		<u>132,027</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9.5	<u>(2,515)</u>		<u>(300)</u>	
Current assets less current liabilities			<u>120,7411</u>		<u>131,727</u>
Net assets			<u>124,157</u>		<u>135,143</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds					58,278
Unrestricted funds			33,633		76,865
			<u>90,524</u>		
			<u>124,157</u>		<u>135,143</u>

8 Finance Statement Approval

The Trust is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022.

No director of the Trust has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Trust.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 December 2022 (at the Board Meeting (General Meeting)).

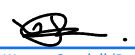
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Signature 
N Simms (Dec 19, 2022 09:10 GMT)

Full name Nicholas Simms

Position Chair

Date 19 December 2022

Signature 
Mr Warren Goodall (Dec 19, 2022 16:56 GMT)

Full name Warren Goodall

Position Vice-chair

Date 19 December 2022

9 Notes to the Annual Accounts

9.1 Accounting Policies

9.1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Companies Act 2006.

9.1.2 Incoming resources

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the Trust earns the right to consideration by its performance.

All incoming resources are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

9.1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources.

9.1.4 Fund structure

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Directors.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the Statement of Financial Activities.

9.2 Grants & Income

Table 3: Grants and income received between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grants & Income				
Black Brook Project	-	-	-	-
Yorkshire Water - Catchment Development Project	-	-	-	80,000
EA – Connecting the Calder	-	-	-	-
EA – Catchment Partnership Grant	-	7,500	7,500	7,500
Farm and Rural Liaison	-	51,440	51,440	-
River Health Project	3,000	-	3,000	-
Donations	17,833	400	18,233	100
Sales (other)	100	-	100	-
	20,933	59,340	80,273	87,600

9.3 Charitable expenditure

Table 4: Charitable expenditure between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Charitable expenditure				
Black Brook Project	-	1752	1752	-
Catchment Development Project	-	37,324	37,324	17,365
Calder Catchment Partnership (part of CDP)	-	646	646	6,398
Connecting the Calder	-	8,306	8,306	-
Farm & Rural Liaison Project	-	35,957	35,957	3,387
River Health Project	5,171	-	5,171	14
	5,171	83,985	89,156	27,163

9.4 Bank Interest Received

Table 5: Bank Interest Received

Bank Interest Received

Bank interest

Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
11	14
11	14

9.5 Creditors

Table 6: Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors
Credit card
Accruals
PAYE & NI
Pension

Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
117	-
7	-
300	300
1,398	-
693	-
2,515	300

9.6 Movement in Funds

Table 7: Movement in Funds

	Balance 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance 31 March 2022 £
Restricted funds:					
Black Brook Project	-	-	(1,752)	-	(1,752)
EA - Catchment Partnership Grant	(970)	-	(646)	-	(1,616)
Connecting the Calder	-	-	(8,306)	-	(8,306)
Yorkshire Water - Catchment Development Project	62,635	7,500	(37,324)	-	32,811
Farm & Rural Liaison Project	(3,387)	51,840	(35,957)	-	12,496
Total restricted funds	58,278	59,340	(83,985)	-	33,633
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	76,865	20,944	(7,285)	-	90,524
Total unrestricted funds	76,865	20,944	(7,285)	-	90,524
Total funds	135,143	80,284	(91,270)	-	124,157

9.7 Note on relationship of Directors acting as contractors

9.7.1 Wetland Engineering

During the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022;

Wetland Engineering (owned by Geoffery Sweaney who was a Director of the Trust during the period) was contracted to deliver work for the Catchment Development Project.

In this period a total of £785.05 was paid to Wetland Engineering.

This did not cover any duties as a Director.

This Director was excluded from making decisions in regards appointment and payment of this contract(s).

Relevant expenses paid to directors are outlined in the notes to the Accounts.

9.8 Taxation

The Trust is not VAT registered during the period.

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

9.9 Liability of directors

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital.

Every Director of the Trust undertakes to contribute such sum as may be required (not exceeding one pound) to the assets of the Trust if it should be wound up while they are a director, or within one year after they cease to be a director, for the payment of debts and liabilities of the Trust contracted before they cease to be a director and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.

10 Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge our funders and partners for their support in this year, including but not limited to:

- Calderdale Council
- Environment Agency
- The Community Lottery
- The Rivers Trust
- Yorkshire Water

11 Declarations

The BoT declare that they have approved this report by majority vote at the Normal Board Meeting held on 15 December 2021.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature	 N Simms (Dec 19, 2022 09:10 GMT)	Signature	 Mr Warren Goodall (Dec 19, 2022 16:56 GMT)
Full name	Nicholas Simms	Full name	Warren Goodall
Position	Chair	Position	Vice-chair
Date	19 December 2022	Date	19 December 2022

We are your local rivers trust, working hard to improve rivers and waterways in Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield in West Yorkshire.

We are affiliated with The Rivers Trust the umbrella body of the rivers trust movement, working to protect, promote and enhance our freshwater ecosystems for both people and wildlife.

The Calder catchment includes the main rivers Calder, Colne, and Holme. And all the rivers, streams, canals, waterways, and watercourses connected to them. We work across all these waters within our catchment.

Our river projects aim to improve the rivers and waterways of the River Calder catchment for both people and wildlife

We rely on volunteers to help us with all aspects of our work.

We rely on the generosity of local people to support our important work.

For more information about our cause please visit
www.calderandcolneriverstrust.org

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THE CALDER AND COLNE RIVERS TRUST

Micro-entity Accounts

30 March 2022

Micro-entity Balance Sheet as at 30 March 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed Assets		3,416	3,416
Current Assets		122,652	131,231
Prepayments and accrued income		604	796
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(2,515)	(300)
Net current assets (liabilities)		<u>120,741</u>	<u>131,727</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>124,157</u>	<u>135,143</u>
Total net assets (liabilities)		<u>124,157</u>	<u>135,143</u>
Reserves		<u>124,157</u>	<u>135,143</u>

- For the year ending 30 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on ~~15 Dec 2022~~ 15 Dec 2022

And signed on their behalf by:

Nicholas Simms, Director

Warren Goodall, Director


N Simms (Dec 19, 2022 09:10 GMT)


Mr Warren Goodall (Dec 19, 2022 16:56 GMT)

Notes to the Micro-entity Accounts for the period ended 30 March 2022

1	Employees		
		2022	2021
	Average number of employees during the period	2	1

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THE CALDER AND COLNE RIVERS TRUST

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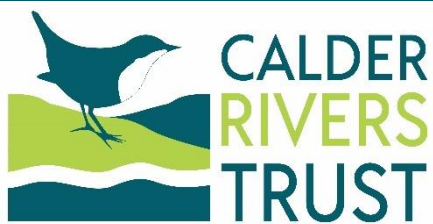
31 March 2021

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06822083

Charity Number

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CALDER RIVERS TRUST

Annual Accounts and Report of the Directors

**for the year ended
31 March 2021**

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1 Administrative Information

The Calder And Colne Rivers Trust Ltd is a private limited company by guarantee ([06822083](#)) and registered charity ([1134377](#)) (the “Trust”).

The company was registered 17 February 2009

The charity was registered 18 February 2010

We operate under our brand name ‘Calder Rivers Trust’.

Charity number 1134377

Company number 06822083

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Independent Examiner TaxAssist Accountants (Brighouse)
(Cramp & Harding Ltd ([06524203](#)))
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2 Structure, Governance & Management

The Directors of the Trust the period covered:

Andrew Higham	
David Croft ¹	(Resigned as Trustee on 26 February 2021)
David Fisher	(Company Secretary)
Frank Lawson	
Geoffrey Sweaney	
Helen Upson	
Ian Oates	
John Ludlam	(Vice-Chair)
Nicholas Simms	(Chair)
Rachel Naden	(Resigned as Trustee on 3 June 2020)
Rosie Holdsworth	(Resigned as Trustee on 7 December 2020)
Timothy Conroy	

The Directors of the company are also charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law, and are known as the 'Board of Trustees' (the "**BoT**").

The BoT give their time voluntarily and do not receive benefits from the Trust. Any out-of-pocket expenses reclaimed by the BoT from the Trust are set out in the Notes to the Accounts.

The Trust directly employed two members of staff during the period of this report.

Activity plans and development objectives of the Trust are agreed by the BoT. At each Normal Meeting a progress report is given by the lead person for each of our key areas of activity.

The induction and training of Trustees is undertaken by the existing BoT. Our Articles of Association mandate at each Annual General Meeting that one-fifth, or, if their number is not a multiple of five, then the nearest to one-fifth, must retire by rotation.

¹ David Croft was appointed on 3 June 2020 and served as a Trustee and 'Finance Director' before resigning on 26 February 2021.

Our work relies upon people supporting us by giving their time voluntarily, and we owe a debt of gratitude to all those who generously donate their time and skills. Volunteers participate in training, and work under the supervision of Trustees or other appropriate persons as delegated by the BoT.

The BoT have developed policies and procedures and will review them as required. The BoT continues to assess risks on an ongoing basis, and maintain appropriate insurance cover.

A risk management strategy has been implemented which comprises:

- a regular review of the risks which the Trust may face;
- the establishment and implementation of procedures to mitigate those risks identified.

3 Objectives and Activities

3.1 Objectives

The charitable objectives are:

- 1) To conserve, protect, rehabilitate and improve the rivers, streams, watercourses and water impoundments of the catchments comprising the rivers Calder (West Yorkshire), Colne, Holme and Ryburn, and all other tributaries and connected waterways;
- 2) To advance the education of the public, or any association, company, local authority, administrative or governmental agency or public body or representative body in:
 - (a) the understanding of rivers, river corridors and catchments, including their fauna, flora and economic or social activity, and river catchment management.
 - (b) the need for, and benefits of, conservation, protection, rehabilitation and improvement of aquatic environments.

3.2 Summary of Activities

3.2.1 Projects

Our Catchment Development Project secured £200,000 of funding over 5 years from Yorkshire Water. This funding enabled us to employ a full time Project Manager who started in September 2020.

We partnered with Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council in a successful bid to the National Lottery Community Fund for the Growing Resilience Project. This will bring £183,175 to the Trust to engage with and provide advice to farmers and rural communities. In March 2021 we appointed a Farm and Rural Liaison Officer to deliver this project.

Our River Health Project was heavily impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, monitoring was significantly reduced, and we were unable to train new Riverfly Monitors. We held a successful out-of-season webinar which was attended by 66 people.

3.2.2 Catchment Partnership

The Trust continued to host the Calder Catchment Partnership during this period. We established a Stakeholder Strategy Group to guide the Catchment Partnership and formalised the structure and scope of the partnership Terms of Reference. The partnership held a successful web-based 'Catchment Showcase' in January 2021 which was attended by the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water and many large and small organisations working across the landscape within our catchment area.

Larger collaborative projects that have been under development:

- **Connecting the Calder** (weir removal and modification to restore and reconnect riverine habitats);
- **Lower Calder Wetlands** (development of washlands, reed beds and habitats);
- **Calder Catchment Landowner Engagement**

Specific activities included:

- Active partners in the Upper Colne and Holme NFM Operations Group "Our Future Landscapes".
- Active partners in the Calderdale NFM Operations Group.
- Active partners in the SOURCE Partnership.
- Submitted a GRCF bid in partnership with Calderdale MBC and the South Pennines Facilitation Group for 1 FTE Farm & Rural Liaison Officer, and 1 FTE Citizen Science and Volunteer Coordinator.

- Hosted Calder Catchment Partnership online event in January 2021.
- Initiated the “Connecting the Calder” project on opening fish passage with the Environment Agency, Canal & Rivers Trust, and Yorkshire Water. Site visits were conducted, and partners support developed. Long term strategy and funding applications are in preparation
- Appointed a full-time Catchment Development Project Manager
- Established a Calder Catchment Partnership Stakeholder Strategy Group
- Produced Catchment updates for the Partnership.
- Initiated a collaborative and coordinated approach to Landowner Engagement across the Calder Catchment.
- Supported West Yorkshire bid to the Flood and Coastal Innovative Resilience Programme (West Yorkshire GRIT)

3.2.3 Engagement & Social Media

The Trust launched a revamped website, supporting the growth of our online presence. The Trust’s following has grown with over 800 followers on Twitter, and over 350 on Facebook. We continue to use our online platforms and mailing lists to communicate with partners, volunteers, and members of the public.

3.2.4 Procedures & Administration

The bank accounts with Yorkshire Bank and Virgin Money were finally closed during the period, having remained dormant since the transfer of funds and banking to Lloyds Bank.

Updates took place on the Health & Safety and Safeguarding Handbooks, and the Finance Handbook was also updated to take into account matters related to staff employment.

As a consequence of the Trust becoming an employer during the year, the Trust’s accountant – Cramp-Harding – was employed to administer staff payroll and both employees were enrolled onto the Rivers Trust pension scheme with contributions from both the employees and the Trust.

A new Finance Officer was recruited during the year but resigned before the year-end.

Greater use was made of QuickBooks to monitor cash-flow and to produce management reports.

The Internal Financial Controls for Charities checklist, published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, was reviewed to the end of the period and no instances were found that required immediate attention.

Because of the pandemic, all meetings, both of subgroups and of the main Board, reverted to virtual on-line, using primarily Google Meet but also Zoom.

3.2.5 Partnership Working

During this period the Trust has worked in partnership with the Environment Agency, DEFRA, Yorkshire Water, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, National Trust, partners within the Calder Catchment Partnership, Local Authorities, and our umbrella organisation—The Rivers Trust.

3.2.6 Future Activity

Through the Calder Catchment Partnership we are reviewing and refreshing a catchment restoration plan to guide environmental project development and funding applications across the catchment.

Our Farm & Rural Liaison Project Officer is developing farm advice offers and education materials for rural communities. We are also working to facilitate good practice and coordinated approaches to farmers and landowner engagement.

Our River Health Project is working with the Riverfy Partnership to develop and trial a new modular training system for Riverfly Monitors. This will make training more efficient and flexible, helping to expand our team of volunteers.

4 Statement of the Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year.

In preparing those financial statements the BoT is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the Small Companies' Regime.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature		Signature	
Full name	Nicholas Simms	Full name	David Fisher
Position	Chair	Position	Company Secretary
Date	31 January 2022	Date	31 January 2022

5 Independent Examiners Report for year ended 31st March 2021

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out in this report (specifically on pages 14 to 15).

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Independent Examiner:

- the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Annual Accounts.
- the Directors consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Trust is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement:

- (a) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements:

- (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;

(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed on behalf of the Independent Examiner:

Signature	<u>TaxAssist Accountants</u>
Full name	TaxAssist Accountants
Position	Independent Examiner
Date	31st January 2022

6 Statement of Financial Activities

Table 1: Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2021)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Bank interest		14	-	14	160
		14	-	14	160
Income received from charitable sources					
Grants & donations	9.2	100	87,500	87,600	13,000
Total incoming resources		114	87,500	87,614	13,160
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities expenditure		14	27,149	27,163	15,255
Governance costs		1,486	-	1,486	1,273
Total resources expended		1,500	27,149	28,650	16,528
Net movement in funds		(1,386)	60,351	58,964	(3,368)
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		81,239	(5,060)	76,179	79,547
Reallocation of funds		(2,988)	2,988	-	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		76,865	58,278	135,143	76,179

This Statement of Financial Activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

7 Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

Table 2: Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£ 3,416	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments		1,001		205	
Cash at bank and in hand		131,026		77,244	
		<u>132,027</u>		<u>77,449</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9.5	<u>(300)</u>		<u>(1,270)</u>	
Current assets less current liabilities			<u>131,727</u>		<u>76,179</u>
Net assets			<u>135,143</u>		<u>76,179</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			58,278		(5,060)
Unrestricted funds			76,865		81,239
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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are approved by the Board of Trustees on 14 December 2021 (at the Normal Board Meeting).

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature 

Full name Nicholas Simms

Position Chair

Date 31 January 2022

9 Notes to the Annual Accounts

9.1 Accounting Policies

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Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the Trust earns the right to consideration by its performance.

All incoming resources are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trust is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

9.1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources.

9.1.4 Fund structure

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Directors.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the Statement of Financial Activities.

9.2 Grants & Income

Table 3: Grants and income received between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants & Income				
Yorkshire Water - Catchment Development Project	-	80,000	80,000	-
EA - Catchment Partnership Grant	-	7,500	7,500	7,500
Donations	100	-	100	200
Neighbourly (TK Maxx)	-	-	-	800
Yorkshire Water - Blockage Free Challenge	-	-	-	2,500
Debit Card Account Funds	-	-	-	2,000
	100	87,500	87,600	13,000

9.3 Charitable expenditure

Table 4: Charitable expenditure between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Charitable expenditure				
Catchment Development Project	-	17,365	17,365	-
Calder Catchment Partnership	-	6,398	6,398	13,602
Farm & Rural Liaison Project	-	3,387	3,387	-
River Health Project	14	-	14	625
Ian Oates – Ryburn Development Project	-	-	-	900
NHBS	-	-	-	128
	14	27,149	27,163	15,255

9.4 Bank Interest Received

Table 5: Bank Interest Received

Bank Interest Received
Bank interest

Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
14	160
14	160

9.5 Creditors

Table 6: Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year
Accruals

Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
(300)	1,270
(300)	1,270

9.6 Movement in Funds

Table 7: Movement in Funds

	Balance 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance 31 March 2021 £
Restricted funds:					
EA - Catchment Partnership Grant	(5,060)	7,500	6,398	2,988	-
Yorkshire Water - Catchment Development Project	-	80,000	17,365	-	-
Farm & Rural Liaison Project	-	-	3,387	-	-
Total restricted funds	(5,060)	87,500	27,149	2,988	58,278
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	81,239	114	1,500	(2,988)	-
Total unrestricted funds	81,239	114	1,500	(2,988)	76,865
Total funds	76,179	87,614	28,650	-	135,143

9.7 Note on relationship of Directors acting as contractors

9.7.1 Wetland Engineering

During the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021;

Wetland Engineering (owned by Geoffery Sweaney who was a Director of the Trust during the period) was contracted to deliver work for the Catchment Development Project.

In this period a total of £6,397.60 was paid to Wetland Engineering.

This did not cover any duties as a Director.

This Director was excluded from making decisions in regards appointment and payment of this contract(s).

Relevant expenses paid to directors are outlined in the notes to the Accounts.

9.8 Taxation

The Trust is not VAT registered during the period.

The Trust is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

9.9 Liability of directors

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital.

Every Director of the Trust undertakes to contribute such sum as may be required (not exceeding one pound) to the assets of the Trust if it should be wound up while they are a director, or within one year after they cease to be a director, for the payment of debts and liabilities of the Trust contracted before they cease to be a director and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.

10 Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge our funders and partners for their support in this year, including but not limited to:

- Environment Agency
- Calderdale Council
- Yorkshire Water

11 Declarations

The BoT declare that they have approved this report by majority vote at the Normal Board Meeting held on 14 December 2021.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signature 

Full name Nicholas Simms

Position Chair

Date 31 January 2022

Signature 

Full name David Fisher

Position Company Secretary

Date 31 January 2022

We are your local rivers trust, working hard to improve rivers and waterways in Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield in West Yorkshire.

We are affiliated with The Rivers Trust the umbrella body of the rivers trust movement, working to protect, promote and enhance our freshwater ecosystems for both people and wildlife.

The Calder catchment includes the main rivers Calder, Colne, and Holme. And all the rivers, streams, canals, waterways, and watercourses connected to them. We work across all these waters within our catchment.

Our river projects aim to improve the rivers and waterways of the River Calder catchment for both people and wildlife

We rely on volunteers to help us with all aspects of our work.

We rely on the generosity of local people to support our important work.

For more information about our cause please visit
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