

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:

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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

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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

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
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

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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