

Transition Bath

Trustees' Report 2022/2023

Transition Bath is an environmental charity focussing on running local projects aimed at the reduction of carbon emissions and/or the restoration of nature.

Eco Together. In December 2022, £3000 was secured from the Bath & West Community Energy fund for a coordinator for Eco Together to work one day a week for a year. A Masters student from the University of Bath was recruited, in order to build on connections with the University Climate Action Team and with a view to rolling Eco Together out for students, staff or both. Relationship building took place over the course of the year, with the University and also Bath & North East Somerset Council. Alongside this, two new Eco Together groups started in Bath at Bath Quakers, and two groups of Bath residents continued to progress through the programme. In Birmingham, the Eco Together coordinator prepared a pilot of using Eco Together as a ten week course, for a social housing community Whitton Lakes.

The **Food Group** continued management of the Nuttery, our nut orchard on National Trust land. After some spring clearance work, we engaged in more extensive learning about tree management from the Agroforestry Research Trust, both on site in Dartington and through an online course. Unfortunately we lost a key volunteer, and did not carry through intended work in 2022-23. The responsible trustee prepared a funding bid (successful in the following year) which will see more activity.

The **Food Group** has for some years supported community gardening all across the city by enabling networking of community gardens and creating shared resources. After a lull in activity during the pandemic, this work picked up, though most benefit falls after the period currently reported. We also maintain strong links with the local council's initiatives around food poverty, and continue to represent food growing

on the relevant public health consultative panels, creating links where possible between surplus crops and the Affordable Food Network.

Bath Green Homes. Preparation for Bath Green Open Homes which we last ran 10 years ago started in this year. This time the weekend will be managed and organised by BWCE as we don't have the internal capacity to run such an event. We will however be supporting the project by writing case studies, providing volunteers and some funding held over from 10 years ago.

Thermal Imaging. We offer training courses to help people make best use of our Thermal Imaging camera during the winter. The programme was severally interrupted by COVID but revived in 2022 when we restarted training courses. We had significant unsatiated demand as a result of homeowners trying to reduce their costs during the Energy Crisis. The limiting factor on the project is our one camera and how many homes it can be used for over the winter season.

Ride to Work loans electric bikes for 6 weeks at a time to commuters to persuade them to switch from commuting by car to electric bike. Launched in September 2019 into the face of a COVID epidemic; despite the switch to working from home we have managed to keep the bike permanently loaned to commuters since focussing during COVID lockdowns on schools but have recently seen some revival of businesses coming back to work in the office.

Carbon Reductiion Strategy. This was a new project for 2022, with Energy Sparks our school-focussed project having flown the nest and become a standalone charity, we have been looking for other projects which will have a large impact on carbon emissions. We are actively researching a heat pump project to help home-owners install heat pumps which reduce heating and hot water carbon emissions by 80%.

Ecooperation. We organized a meeting in June 2022 of some 35 environmental organizations in Bath to discuss cooperation. It was decided at the meeting to create a WhatsApp group to keep each

other informed, to devise a directory of Bath environmental groups and to collaborate in the recruitment of volunteers. The first of these has been enacted and a further meeting of 45 groups to include groups in the area surrounding Bath is planned for early in 2024.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Transition Bath Limited		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st March 2022	Charity no (if any)	1139853
Set out on pages	2		

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement


I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:		Date:	17-10-2022
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.