

Habitats & Heritage

England & Wales · Charity number 1140872

Details

Other names	SOUTH WEST LONDON ENVIRONMENT NETWORK
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Status	Registered
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Legal form	Charitable company
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Company number	07469024
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Registered	2011-03-24
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Register	View on the Charity Commission register
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Activities

Objects: 4(1) TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, PRINCIPALLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, IN SOUTH WEST LONDON AND SURROUNDING AREAS, BY: (A) BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE WORKING ON PROJECTS WHICH AIM TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY PROVIDING THEM WITH SUPPORT, INFORMATION AND SERVICES; (B) PROMOTING THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, THE PRUDENT USE OF RESOURCES, AND SUSTAINABLE MEANS OF ACHIEVING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REGENERATION; AND (C) ADVANCING THE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS OF THE PUBLIC IN SUBJECTS RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE PRUDENT USE OF RESOURCES, AND PROMOTING AND CONDUCTING STUDY AND RESEARCH IN SUCH SUBJECTS, PROVIDED THAT THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH STUDY AND RESEARCH ARE DISSEMINATED TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. 4(2) TO PROMOTE, ORGANISE AND FACILITATE CO-OPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING BETWEEN THIRD SECTOR, STATUTORY AND OTHER RELEVANT BODIES IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES WITHIN THE AREA OF BENEFIT. 4(3) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 4: (A) "SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" MEANS DEVELOPMENT THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS; (B) "THIRD SECTOR" MEANS CHARITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES; (C) "CHARITIES" ARE ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES; AND (D) "VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES" ARE INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, OR A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THEIR CONSTITUTION TO MAKE A PROFIT FOR PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES DO NOT INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER STATUTORY AUTHORITIES.

Activities: Habitats & Heritage's activities include bringing people together to learn about the environment and heritage, delivering projects which protect and enhance the local environment and heritage and encourage sustainable behaviour, and providing a capacity building service and representation for the local third sector in relation to environmental and sustainability issues.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Ealing
- Hounslow
- Kingston Upon Thames
- Merton
- Richmond Upon Thames
- Wandsworth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£724,541	£561,699	£389,239	15
2024-03-31	£516,017	£438,752	£227,949	13
2023-03-31	£389,701	£405,238	-	-
2022-03-31	£399,032	£332,956	-	-
2021-03-31	£208,265	£153,468	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adam Christopher Tyson		2020-09-29
Christopher Lee		2024-03-23
Dr Ann Hagell		2020-03-25
Georgina Elizabeth Rose Creighton		2022-05-23
Mohammed Sabir Mughal		2024-06-24
Olga Pomazan		2024-05-14
Ruth Brooks		2024-06-18
Stephen Andrew Houchin		2022-09-25
Zoe Lorraine Lawrence		2022-07-11

Accounts



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The Trustees, who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS102')

Habitats & Heritage

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number

07469024

Registered Charity Number

1140872

Registered Office

ETNA Community Centre,
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Trustees

Ann Hagell	Chair	
Sabir Mohammed Mughal	appointed 24 th June 2024	Treasurer
Adam Tyson		
Stephen Houchin		
Zoe Lawrence		
Georgina Creighton		
Chris Lee		
Olga Pomazan	appointed 14 th May 2024	
Ruth Brooks	appointed 18 th June 2024	

Company Secretary

Victoria Phillips	resigned 24 th April 2024
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Independent Examiner

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

It has been another busy year at Habitats & Heritage, with all our workstreams expanding and developing, and the staff team growing as a result. It has been particularly encouraging to see so much face-to-face community engagement over the last 12 months, including our work supporting Friends groups, running corporate volunteering days, giving talks and providing advice on home energy efficiency savings. As well as providing the leadership and organisational support for these activities, we also lend equipment – it is wonderful to see, for example, that 332 people loaned bat detectors over the year, and 16 community groups borrowed litter pickers. This reflects a lot of people engaging with the local green spaces and heritage in south and west London, and it is our mission to increase those numbers year on year.

Once again we have many people to thank for their help. Our Board is incredibly supportive, thoughtful and helpful, and the staff team is wonderful. As well as our many funders across all our workstreams, we are also grateful to some key individuals – I cannot list them all but particular thanks are due this year to the Mayor of Kingston who chose us as one of her charities, to Lord Hendy of Richmond, one of our patrons and the best bus driver I've ever met, and Axel Sheffler the artist who is so generous with his time and skills. It has also been a delight to work this year with our new CEO, Paul Jennings, who has brought energy, dedication and expertise to his leadership role.

Highlights in our heritage workstream this year have included starting two major projects funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. One relates to the Bazalgette mausoleum in Wimbledon, and the other to Burton's tomb in Mortlake. Both are essentially educational and

community oriented. For those of us who have been attached to Habitats & Heritage for many years, it has also been beyond exciting to see work start on Grove Gardens Chapel, stabilising the subsiding structure and working to open it for public use again as soon as possible.

A huge amount of work has been undertaken in relation to habitats, biodiversity and conservation, but we have been particularly pleased to welcome 27 new young people who have joined our youth environmental programme, funded by National Lottery Awards. We are always very grateful to our corporate partners, this year representing 13 companies who funded 21 volunteer days across three boroughs. This raises important money for the charity but also introduces lots of new people to the beauties and challenges of looking after our particular slice of south west London.

Our climate, sustainability and community workstreams have supported many new friends groups and established a new resource hub to help groups become independent, as well as improving home energy use. We are very aware that this whole area of our work is of increasing importance and value, and that local solutions are critical responses to the climate crisis.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our work, we are hugely grateful to you all.

Ann Hagell, Chair of Trustees

ABOUT HABITATS & HERITAGE

Habitats & Heritage is the local charity that acts for the natural and historic environment and climate in south and west London. Our mission is to protect and restore our threatened rivers, green spaces, parks and historic built environment for the benefit of the whole community, for this and future generations.

We are based in Twickenham and work across the London Boroughs of Richmond, Hounslow, Kingston, Wandsworth, Ealing, Sutton and Merton.

Vision and values

Our vision is a restored and extensive natural and historical heritage for south and west London. We want to enrich and connect degraded and isolated green spaces across our urban landscape and to restore neglected historical structures and landscapes that would otherwise fall to ruin or disappear. We want to make those special local places accessible and inviting to all to explore, enjoy and feel part of.

We promote an accessible and inclusive approach to our environmental and historical heritage and seek to deepen people's sense of wellbeing, belonging and pride in place through learning and appreciation of the local environment. We promote sustainable lifestyles and recognise the interconnectedness of all aspects of human activity.

Our values:

- Foster partnership.
- Recognise the value of natural and built environment both for people's well-being and for its own sake.
- Celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- Enable involvement through volunteering.
- Be locally relevant to global concerns.

History and governance

Habitats & Heritage is a registered charity (no 1140872) and a company limited by guarantee (no. 7469024) established in 2011 under the name South West London Environment Network (SWLEN). The charity was renamed and rebranded Habitats & Heritage in November 2020 following merger with Environment Trust, a sister charity established in 1984.

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. Operational management is delegated to the executive led by Chief Executive, Paul Jennings. There are a number of committees and subgroups reporting to the board.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and that the activities carried out by Habitats & Heritage during the year were all undertaken in order to further its objects. A detailed explanation is shown under activities and performance.

Charitable Objects

Habitats & Heritage was set up with the following objects:

1. To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, principally, but not exclusively, in South West London and surrounding areas by:

- Building the capacity of third sector organisations which are working on projects which aim to achieve sustainable development for the benefit of the public by providing them with support, information and services;
- Promoting the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, the prudent use of resources, and sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;
- Advancing the education and awareness of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and the prudent use of resources, and promoting and conducting study and research in such subjects, provided that the useful results of such study and research are disseminated to the public at large.

2. To promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

Habitats & Heritage aims:

a) To protect and restore our threatened rivers, green spaces, parks and historic built environment, and extend them through connecting them along green corridors, and new community spaces.

b) To protect and restore historical built environment for this and future generations, and through engagement with this heritage to deepen peoples' sense of belonging and pride in place.

c) To realise the mutuality between urban historical and natural heritage goals.

d) To promote an accessible and inclusive approach to our environmental and historical heritage through opportunities for all communities and individuals to be part of restoring, experiencing and co-creating new spaces and becoming part of a larger movement for change.

e) To promote learning for people of all ages and to deepen appreciation of our local natural and built environment

f) To promote a more sustainable lifestyle which recognises the inter-connectedness of all aspects of human activity.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

The themes of our work are Habitats, Heritage, Climate and Community.

Habitats



Young volunteers removing invasive Himalayan balsam

Youth Environmental Programme

Supported by the National Lottery Awards For All, we run regular volunteering sessions one Saturday a month for young people over 14 years, who take part in conservation activities to support our Habitats projects. Tasks have ranged from planting to invasive species removal and dead hedge building to litter picking. 27 new young people joined the programme and all the young people contributed 434 hours of nature conservation work. We ran workshops with schools at Richmond's eco-champions event at the London Wetland Centre in Barnes.

Citizen science

Habitats & Heritage citizen science programme offers people the opportunity to gather information to better understand the environment across the area. Our private gardens survey is an example. 25% of London green spaces is private gardens and, as such, it's a vital space for wildlife. It helps to connect the green spaces across London and adds to the green corridor to overcome fragmentation of south and west London. We are also recruiting citizen scientists to take part in a monitoring programme of your local roadside verges. We help people record wildlife sightings anywhere to add to London-wide data.

Employee Team Volunteering

Private and public sector organisations contribute to our work in many ways, not least through practical nature conservation volunteering. We ran 21 volunteer days for 13 different companies in three Boroughs. Typical tasks have included planting, pruning, habitat building, and helping to reduce the spread of invasive species such as Himalayan Balsam.

Green Hubs

Green Hubs are small neglected green spaces that can become connected wildlife havens, from roadside verges, to areas outside of houses and other buildings. We have worked with local people to create sustainable green hubs, for example at Warren Gardens in Richmond, where dedicated volunteers have transformed a strip of land into four nature zones, helping biodiversity and adding to the beauty of the area. The green hub at West Temple Sheen was completed with community planting and we undertook consultation on Raleigh Road Recreation Ground.

Take Me To The River

'Take Me to the River aims to engage Hounslow residents in connecting with nature, particularly along the River Crane. Our role in this project is to organise nature conservation sessions that enhance habitat quality while providing the community with opportunities to get involved through outdoor volunteering.

We run a mix of activities, from community-focused events like willow weaving and teddy bear picnics to hands-on conservation work such as bramble cutting and invasive species removal. A key focus is improving habitat quality for reintroduced water voles, educating volunteers on their importance while enhancing and protecting these spaces for wider wildlife.'

Thames Landscape Strategy

During the year we logged 240 hours of conservation volunteer hours from local residents and corporate volunteers. This includes removing the invasive plant Himalayan balsam, scrub clearance and preventing riverbank erosion using willow spiling. We engaged with 441 members of the public through our numerous events including: talks, bat walks and our 30th Birthday event in September. In July 2024, we secured three years of funding from the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to fund the Joint Thames Strategy Project.

Biodiversity Partnerships co-ordination in Kingston and Richmond

We continued to co-ordinate biodiversity protection and enhancement for both Richmond and Kingston councils. As chair of the partnerships in both boroughs, we held four general meetings in Richmond and three in Kingston over the last year as well as over ten specific habitat and species action plan reviews. These meetings bring partners together to review and co-ordinate management actions. Through this work we are helping to protect habitats such as lowland acid grassland, rivers and streams and woodland as well as specific identified species such as stag beetles, water voles, badgers and native black poplars.

Community Orchard in Merton

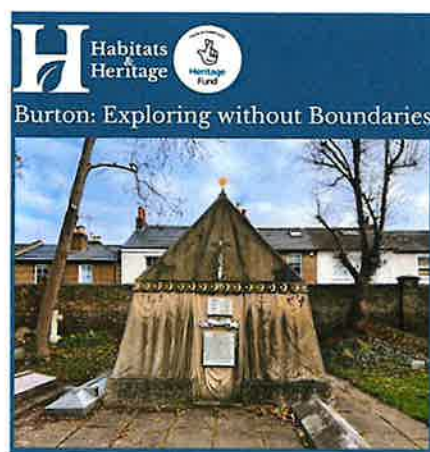


New community designed map of the London Road Playing fields Orchard

In October, Habitats & Heritage worked at the London Road playing fields in Merton with the May Project Gardens and 20 volunteers. Together, we unveiled the community designed sign, launched the online park tour

and undertook some tree care by cutting back encroaching bramble and grasses and mulching around the base of the trees. The local community can now look forward to years of free plum, apple and pear picking as these trees grow and provide a calm and shaded environment for residents to enjoy.

Heritage



Sir Richard Burton's Mausoleum

Historic England Capacity Building

We had a successful first year of the new three-year funding cycle from Historic England. We secured the funding for years two and three from Historic England and were awarded £250k by the National Lottery Heritage Fund for our project: Sir Joseph Bazalgette & the Great Stink of London. We were joined by Jess Vining as Heritage Projects Officer in June who took over from Caitlin Jones who became manager of the NLHF project, Burton: Exploring without Boundaries.

Grove Gardens Chapel

We appointed a professional team in the spring of 2024 comprising of Cymes Conservation architects and Conisbee Structural Engineers to undertake all the design works to stabilise the subsiding structure. This resulted in listed building consent being granted and DBR Limited being appointed at the start of 2025 to undertake building works.

Burton: Exploring Without Boundaries



Study group at Sir Richard Burton's Mausoleum

We started our National Lottery Heritage Fund project *Burton: Exploring Without Boundaries*, introducing two new members to the team to oversee the conservation and education works in June 2024. Over the year, we have engaged a total of 146 people on-site and 257 off-site through events such as tree planting, talks on *Burton & Islam* in Richmond and Kingston, as well as participation in the Everyday Muslim Conference at the University of Westminster and the Annual International Burton Conference.

We have strengthened developed an outreach and education programme with the Museum of Richmond and are working with Kingston University to assess the on the material culture of the mausoleum. We have improved the diversity of our work through consultation with 3 additional-needs based charities and local faith-based organisations such as the Hounslow Islamic Centre and Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group.

We have recruited 8 volunteers across our research and oral history programmes, who have contributed a total of 229 hours. Following a pre-app submission to the local authority, we have hired Conisbee Structural Engineers to carry out a structural appraisal, received permission for the removal of the ash tree causing damage to the site, and tendered for conservation specialists. This will inform our conservation works for the next year.

St Leonards Air Raid Shelter

H&H continued to open the structure to the general public with the support of the

Mortlake with East Sheen Society, welcoming around 500 school children.

Bazalgette's Mausoleum

A bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund was created and submitted in the autumn of 2024 for the project, *Sir Joseph Bazalgette & the Great Stink of London*. This was awarded early in 2025 and totalled £250k. Throughout the year a total of 7 talks were given about the project to 320 people.

Kilmorey Mausoleum



We were delighted to launch two new books: *Francis Jack Needham: 2nd Earl of Kilmorey. His life and loves* and a revised history of the mausoleum. Both books have been researched and written by local historian Prof. Andrew George MBE and published by Habitats & Heritage. We supported Richmond Council in their work of renovating the stars on the roof of the mausoleum to prevent water ingress.

Vineyard Passage Burial Ground

A dedicated group of volunteers continue to run vegetation management days and to preserve the heritage of the burial ground.

Talks and presentations

15 heritage talks have been given during the year by H&H staff and volunteers on topics including *Sir Joseph Bazalgette & the Great Stink of London* and the *Kilmorey Mausoleum*. The talks have been attended by approximately 500 people.

Heritage Events

A successful heritage bus tour took place in June which finished at the Thameside villa, Asgill House. The tour was again made

possibly through the generosity of the Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill and his Routemaster bus.

Climate and Sustainability

Our partnership with Crew, SWLEAP, has grown this year with the appointment of 2 freelance energy advisors to deliver home visits in Richmond. The advisors, alongside our colleagues in Wandsworth, have delivered 415 home energy visits across Richmond, Kingston, Wandsworth and Lambeth. These visits have saved approximately 243,000 kg in carbon emissions and over £120,000 in savings for households at risk of fuel poverty.

We have also delivered 137 energy cafe events in the community giving free advice and energy saving equipment to 1,286 people. Supporting this work we have 7 volunteers who give their time to attend home visits and energy cafes.

During the winter months we delivered the Warm Pack project which was funded by Richmond and Wandsworth council. This included handing out Warm Pack boxes and ordering over 400 Deeper Intervention items to further help clients keep warm and reduce the energy usage (Infra red heaters, dehumidifiers, heated throws, letter box brushes etc).

One person told us:

"Thank you for your having your advisor visit our home and the invaluable advice she provided regarding our energy needs. We sincerely appreciate the support and guidance, particularly during these challenging times when low income can make it difficult for families like ours. Her visit has truly made a difference in our lives. We are also grateful for the resources she provided. Your charity's support not only empowers us but also foster hope and resilience in our community."

Community



Picking litter on the Thames foreshore

Friends Groups

We have provided support to 6 new groups to help them set up and run events, and to establish themselves as constituted groups. We continue to provide support to over 50 Friends Groups across the boroughs of Kingston, Hounslow and Richmond with advice, events, promotion, loaning litter pickers and bat detectors, and practical work on site with our Duke of Edinburgh and corporate volunteers. We have chaired and facilitated the Richmond Friends Forums, allowing groups to network amongst each other, share knowledge, and provide feedback.

We have created and launched a Resource Hub on our website, providing free access to information on governance, finance, health & safety, risk assessments and events for community groups. We have also hosted 4 training sessions for Friends and community groups across the year, including Risk Assessment training, Active Bystander training (in partnership with Protection Approaches), Composting workshops (in partnership with the ETNA Community Centre), and Social Media & Digital Strategies training.

We have continued to work with Friends of Ham Lands on a volunteer mapping project with undergraduate and graduate students. This project is coming to an end and has included the creation of a management map to help prioritise volunteer tasks on the site, and a habitat map to show the range of species across the site.

Crane Valley Smarter Water Catchment



Planting pear trees at Bedfont Lakes with community group Gurseva

We supported the Crane Valley Partnership's programme to improve watercourses throughout the Crane Valley catchment, from Harrow to the Thames. With funding from Thames Water we worked with community groups, who have involved hundreds of volunteers to deliver practical improvements to the environment. We have run online meetings, written newsletters and visited groups who have been working on projects funded by the Crane Valley Community Fund. This provided us with twenty case studies for our evaluation report to showcase the success of the funding and develop the potential of communities to conserve and protect vital rivers in six London Boroughs. Groups have benefited from the stores of bat detectors and litter pickers we created for loan in the catchment.

Litter Picking



Do Something Green group with our litter pickers

We continue to support the community with green initiatives by lending out our litter picking equipment and providing advice on best practices, including risk assessment templates, routes, and safety briefings.

During the year we had requests for 565 litter pickers from 16 groups and individuals across Richmond borough and neighbouring areas. Among the groups borrowing our litter picking equipment are Friends of Parks Groups, Scouts groups, primary and secondary schools, local Councillors, residents' associations, local businesses, and individuals interested in organising their own litter picks.

Our equipment has also played a crucial role in supporting significant events such as the Do Something Green litter pick, the Annual Thames Draw Off Litter Pick, and the Barnes Common Big Annual Litter Pick. This financial year, we hosted a big litter picking week on Ham Lands in partnership with the Friends of Ham Lands and Richmond Council, which we hope will become an annual event.

Communications

Habitats & Heritage has maintained open communication with the public through monthly newsletters and social media: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Nextdoor, and BlueSky. While the X (formerly Twitter) account remains open, it is no longer actively used.

We continue to promote events and opportunities, supporting local environmental groups like Friends of Parks to encourage public involvement in protecting nature and heritage. As The Mayor of Kingston's chosen charity, we have engaged with audiences in this area and aim to expand our reach and collaborations further.

Newsletter

Our audience continues to grow, increasing our impact.

- Subscribers: 2,599 (up from 2,473 last year).
- Email Reach: 36,138 emails sent with a 51% open rate (above average) and a 4.6% click rate, indicating strong engagement.
- Unsubscribes were low at 0.38%.
- Environmental Groups Newsletter: Reaches 219 subscribers in Richmond and Hounslow.

Social Media

Our audience continues to grow across all platforms:

- Facebook: 2,166 followers (up from 2,088 last year).
- Instagram: 2,055 followers (up from 1,855).
- Bluesky: New account with 66 followers.
- "Nature in Richmond Borough" Facebook Group: 15,336 members (up from 10,000 in the year before).
- "Nature in Hounslow Borough" Facebook Group: 688 members (up from 576).

Website

Habitats & Heritage website data suggests a healthy level of user engagement and growth, with seasonal variations

- Active Users (30,000): Total unique visitors over the past year.
- New Users (31,000): Slightly higher than active users, indicating growth.

IT Support for Friends of Parks Groups

We have supported groups with their own websites, newsletters and promoting events. Groups supported include Friends of Murray Park and Whitton Dene Park, Friends of Richmond Green, Friends of Grove Gardens, Teddington, Friends of Northcote Nature

Reserve, Friends of Lampton Park and Friends of Queens Road Estate.

Events



Axel Scheffler signing books

This year has been amazingly successful for our fundraising, including our three major events: the Plant Sale in May, attended by more than 400 people; the Secret Art Auction in September, with contributions from 147 artists, including Royal Academicians; artist Axel Scheffler's hugely popular story-telling, live artistry and book-signing of *Jonty Gentoo* and other tales. We have created a range of environmentally friendly items for sale and to promote the image of Habitats & Heritage, including items with original designs by Axel Scheffler.



Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames

Habitats & Heritage were chosen this year as Kingston upon Thames' Mayoral Charity. H&H worked with the Kingston Mayor and her office to organise over 6 large fundraising events, including: a Treasure hunt, a Quiz Night, a Korean dining experience, a Comedy Night, a Gala Ball, and a Kingston heritage bus tour, including other initiatives.

2024-25 IN NUMBERS



3,151 BENEFICIARIES! Habitats & Heritage's varied activities, practical help and education brought benefit to 3,151 people.



756 VOLUNTEERS! We worked with amazing individuals across all of our projects including nature conservation, biodiversity and heritage. A huge thank you to all of them, without whom our work would not be possible.



2,560 VOLUNTEER HOURS! Our practical nature volunteers, adults and children, have devoted 2,560 hours to create habitats, remove invasive species and support biodiversity across south & west London.



1,032 ATTENDING HERITAGE SITES AND TALKS. Our heritage sites are vibrant hubs of learning and exploration. We open the doors to visitors for events such as lectures, school trips, bespoke visits and our popular plant sale at Kilmorey Mausoleum.



SAVING LOCAL BATS! 332 people have used bat detectors loaned from Habitats & Heritage on bat walks. An excellent way for raising awareness of bats and monitor their populations



1,286 HELPED WITH ENERGY ADVICE! We ran 137 energy cafes, giving advice and energy saving equipment. We distributed Warm Packs and arranged delivery of 400 'deeper intervention' items such as dehumidifiers following consultations at home.



133 COMMUNITY GROUPS SUPPORTED! Habitats & Heritage have supported 133 Friends of Parks and other neighbourhood groups throughout 2024-25, including groups in the Crane Valley across five Boroughs.



565 PEOPLE PICKED LITTER! Throughout the year, 16 groups borrowed our litter-picking equipment to conduct their own clean-ups across Richmond.



BOOSTING BIODIVERSITY! Is also worth celebrating our collaborative efforts with Kingston and Richmond councils on Biodiversity Partnerships. We are committed to assisting councils, private landowners, community groups, and individuals

THANKS TO ALL OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS:

Habitats & Heritage works with a wide range of partners and depends upon them not only for financial support but also for delivering work and embedding the benefits of projects in the long term.

Aurelius Trust
Axel Scheffler
Banijay
Bat Conservation Trust
Benevity donors
Be Richmond
Better Buildings Partnership
BP
Brand Architekts
Cantor Hindson
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ETNA Community Centre
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Sally Field
Christine L Fluker
Friends of Kneller Gardens
Friends of the River Crane Environment
Groundwork UK
Haymarket Media Group
Historic England
Hounslow Friends of Parks Forum
Idexx
Independent Merton Green Spaces Forum
Phil Kirk
Kingston Environment Forum
Kingston Technology
Kingston University
Kingston Voluntary Action
Let's Go Outside & Learn

London Borough of Hillingdon
London Borough of Hounslow
London Borough of Merton
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
London Friends of Green Spaces Network
May Project Gardens, Merton
Merck Group
Merton Climate Action Group
Merton Friends of the Earth
Merton Tree Wardens
Mortlake and East Sheen Society (MESS)
Multicultural Richmond
National Energy Action
National Lottery Awards for All
National Lottery Community Fund
National Lottery Heritage Fund
Old Deer Park Sports Ground
Parks for London
Paypal Giving donors
People's Postcode Lottery
Pilgrim Trust
Richmond Biodiversity Partnership members
Richmond Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
Surbiton Farmers Market
Superhighways
Thames Landscape Strategy
Thames Water
The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)
Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust
Zoological Society of London

Thanks also to many other individual sponsors, Supporters and donors to our projects and general work. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who contribute so much time and care to the environment.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding during the year 2024-25 were: (1) grants awarded to Habitats & Heritage to carry out work which is in accordance with its objects and (2) donations from members of the public through subscription and fund-raising events.

In 2024-25 grants were given by Historic England, the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, the Energy Saving Trust and many other donors listed in the Annual Report in this document. The Trustees are very grateful to these organisations and individuals for their support.

Reserves Policy

H&H aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure that Habitats & Heritage can meet its obligations. We aim to build reserves of unrestricted funds sufficient for at least three months of core costs (i.e. other than specific projects) in addition to closing down costs. In 2024-25 the target was £60,000.

Funds in deficit

There were no funds in deficit at the end of the accounting year.

Investment policy and objectives

Habitats & Heritage does not have significant funds to invest in medium or long term. Funds above those needed to deal with day-to-day transactions are kept on bank deposit.

Funds held as custodian for others

Habitats & Heritage acted as an Agent for three community groups, managing incoming and outgoing funds on their behalf. Habitats & Heritage acts in accordance with the direction of the groups, whilst ensuring that the use of the funds is consistent with Habitats & Heritage's charitable purposes and duties. Receipts and disbursements are not recognised as income and expenditure of Habitats & Heritage. Details of the groups and movements of funds are in note 7 to the accounts.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Habitats & Heritage is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

History of Habitats & Heritage

Habitats & Heritage was set up to promote sustainable development mainly in South West London and to foster partnership working. The name *Habitats & Heritage* was adopted by South West London Environment Network (SWLEN), retaining the company and charity numbers and registering changes to the Articles of Association. SWLEN became a registered Company and Charity in 2010-11. The Articles of Association were amended by special resolution on 25th November 2020. In 2020-21 Habitats & Heritage assumed responsibility for all assets and liabilities of Environment Trust, which deregistered as a Company and Charity during 2021-22.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustee Board of Habitats & Heritage is made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen Trustees. On 31st March 2025 there were nine Trustees.

New Trustees undergo an induction programme to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the contents of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Annual Review and Business plans, Habitats & Heritage's decision-making process, and its financial performance including the most recent financial statements. During this induction new Trustees meet staff, volunteers and existing Trustees of Habitats & Heritage.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. The Board meets a minimum every two months and has several sub-committees overseeing aspects of the work in more detail. Day to day running of Habitats & Heritage is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer. A number of projects carry out specific activities under the management of a project leader who reports to the Chief Executive Officer.

Related Parties

The Trustees confirm that there were no transactions with related parties during the period.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which Habitats & Heritage is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

The Trustees' strategy is to review the risks that Habitats & Heritage faces on a regular basis and to integrate risk into the strategic and business planning process. It has a risk register which is regularly reviewed by the Board.

DECLARATION

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- For the year ending 31st March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Hagell', is written over a faint, light blue rectangular background.

Ann Hagell, Chair and Trustee

29th October 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HABITATS & HERITAGE

I report on the accounts for the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charities Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent review

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 trustees 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the Trustees have not met the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act

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



Name: Dunstanette Kuti, FCCA MCSI

Position: Community Accountant

Community Action Sutton

Granfers Community Centre,

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Date: 14/11/25

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024/25 Total Funds £	2023/24 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investment income	3	3,001		3,001	1,304
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds					
Grants and contracts	4		623,159	623,159	466,267
Donations and legacies		30,554	28,160	58,714	20,799
Gift aid		106	6,295	6,401	1,083
Fund-raising events and items for sale		33,266		33,266	26,564
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		66,927	657,614	724,541	516,017
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities					
Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public principally in South West London	5	46,576	470,209	516,785	396,523
Cost of generating funds		10,137		10,137	5,796
				0	0
Support costs		24,109	8,375	32,485	35,008
				0	0
Governance costs		2,293		2,293	1,425
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		83,115	478,584	561,699	438,752
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE					
Before transfer		-16,188	179,030	162,842	77,265
Gross transfer between funds	6	31,583	-31,583		
Net incoming/outgoing resources		15,395	147,447	162,842	77,265
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total H&H funds brought forward		26,738	190,845	217,583	140,318
Funds held as Custodian or Agent	7		8,814	8,814	10,366
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		42,133	347,106	389,239	227,949

Balance sheet at 31 March 2025

	£	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/3/2025 Total funds	31/3/2024 Total funds
FIXED ASSETS		8	0		0	2,135
CURRENT ASSETS					0	
Investment and leases		9	10		10	10
Debtors and prepayments		10	2,820		2,820	2,825
Cash at bank			43,271	483,990	527,261	229,609
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			46,101	483,990	530,091	232,444
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		11	3,968	7,166	11,134	6,630
Deferred income				129,718	129,718	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			3,968	136,884	140,852	6,630
NET CURRENT ASSETS			42,133	347,106	389,239	225,814
NET TOTAL ASSETS			42,133	347,106	389,239	227,949
FUNDS						
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			42,133		42,133	26,738
RESTRICTED FUNDS				338,292	338,292	190,845
FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN OR AGENT		7		8,814	8,814	10,366
TOTAL FUNDS			42,133	347,106	389,239	227,949

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The Trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with the Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102). The company therefore claims exemption from preparing a cash flow statement.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 29th October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ann Hagell
Chair & Trustee



Sabir Mughal
Treasurer

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2019).

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Funds held as Custodian or Agent are not accounted as charitable income (see note 7).

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Assets worth more than £2,500 are capitalised when future economic benefits will flow to Habitats & Heritage beyond the end date of an accounting period and that the cost of the item can be measured reliably. See also note 8.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds may be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds may 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 a particular restricted purpose.

Funds held as Custodian or Agent are not included in the Charitable Funds of Habitats & Heritage. See Note 7 below.

Funds are detailed by name in 'Movement in Funds' on page 25

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' Expenses

No Trustees were paid expenses during the year.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

		2024/25	2023/24
Bank account interest	£	3,001	£ 1,304

4. INCOMING FUNDS

Grants and Contracts		2024/25	2023/24
Total grants	£	623,159	£ 466,267

The two largest grants in 2023/24 were:

- £189,857 from London Borough of Richmond upon Thames for restoration works to Grove Gardens Chapel. Other grants and restricted donations for the restoration brought total income of £212,218, of which £83,145 was expended or transferred (see Movement in Funds, below)

- £76,705 from the London Borough of Hounslow for Take Me To The River, of which £68,315 was expended or transferred (see Movement in Funds, below)

5. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Year	Gross Wages and Salaries £	Employer's National Insurance £	Employer's Contributions to Pensions (NEST) £	Total Before NI Relief £
2024/25	350,497	30,403	7,830	388,730
2023/24	271,235	21,275	5,671	298,180

Small employer's relief on employer's national insurance contributions was claimed. The total liability was £5,000 less than **Total Before NI Relief** above.

NEST Pensions makes no charge to Employers. Employees pay 1.8% charge on every contribution paid into their pot and 0.3% annual management charge on the total value of their pot each year.

No other forms of employee benefits were made.

Staff numbers	2024/25	2023/24
Average headcount	14.5	13
Full time equivalent	11	9.4

Consultancy and payments to other organisations, £	2024/25	2023/24
Energy projects	9,422	43,990
Chapel Restoration	48,453	3,860
River Crane conservation	27,194	4,440
Local parks conservation	15,779	2,211
Interim CEO	-	26,410
Other	-	240
TOTAL	100,848	81,151

6. TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

Net transfers from Restricted to Unrestricted Funds were £31,583, as detailed in Movement of Funds table p 24. Reasons for transfers were: agreed Full Cost Recovery with funders; supporting deficit of Restricted Fund; and surplus funds from projects completed to satisfaction of funders.

7. FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN OR AGENT

Funds were held on behalf of five community groups and expended in accordance with Habitats & Heritage's charitable objectives. No remuneration was made from these funds to the groups or to Habitats and Heritage's committee members, Trustees or staff.

£	OPENING BALANCE 1/4/2024	INCOMING RESOURCES	RESOURCES EXPENDED	TRANSFER OF FUNDS	MOVEMENT IN YEAR	CLOSING BALANCE 31/3/2025
FRIENDS OF HATTON FIELDS	7,141	3,522	-8,405	0	-4,883	2,257
FRIENDS OF HAMPTON HEATH	267	2,509	0	0	2,509	2,776
FRIENDS OF HATHEROP & OAK AVENUE	2,958	1,040	-845	0	195	3,153
FRIENDS OF INWOOD PARK HOUNSLOW	0	7,000	-7,000	0	0	0
FRIENDS OF NORTH SHEEN RECREATION GROUND	0	629	0	0	629	629
TOTAL CUSTODIAN FUNDS HELD	10,366	14,699	-16,250	0	-1,551	8,815

8. FIXED ASSETS

Art works were depreciated to zero as fixed assets because their value is estimated to be less than the capitalisation value of £2,500

9. INVESTMENT AND LEASES

The long term lease of Grove Gardens Chapel is valued at £10.

10. DEBTORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024/25		2023/24	
Prepayments	£	2,820	£	2,825
Total	£	2,820	£	2,825

11. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024/25		2023/24	
Independent Examination Fee	£	2,125	£	1,425
Deferred Income	£	129,718	£	0
Other creditors	£	9,009	£	5,205
Total	£	140,852	£	6,630

Deferred income: grant remittances from National Lottery Heritage Fund, £122,968 and from R B Kingston, £6,750, were received in March 2025 to be spent on projects beginning in 2025/26.

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

£	OPENING BALANCE 1/4/2024	INCOMING RESOURCES	RESOURCES EXPENDED	TRANSFER OF FUNDS	MOVEMENT IN YEAR	CLOSING BALANCE 31/3/2025
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
FIXED ASSETS: UNRESTRICTED	2,135	0	-2,135	0	-2,135	0
SHARES & LEASE: UNRESTRICTED	10	0	0	0	0	10
GENERAL FUNDS: UNRESTRICTED	16,222	52,578	-80,784	41,583	13,377	29,599
CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING	8,371	14,348	-196	-10,000	4,152	12,523
UNRESTRICTED Total	26,738	66,926	-83,115	31,583	15,394	42,133
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
RICHMOND PARKS	2,292	58,555	-46,805	-9,000	2,750	5,043
LBRuT CLIMATE ACTION ETC	0	500	-345	0	155	155
HOUNSLOW PARKS	2,017	9,040	-5,997	-900	2,143	4,160
DONKEY WOOD AND BRAZIL MILL	3,153	0	0	0	0	3,153
BURTON'S TOMB	14,742	49,133	-52,679	-7,614	-11,160	3,582
HISTORIC ENGLAND: CAPACITY	736	64,410	-58,493	-4,000	1,917	2,653
KEW HA-HA	0	21,219	-12,158	11,001	20,062	20,062
GREEN HUBS POSTCODE LOTTERY	4,737	0	-1,751	0	-1,751	2,987
VINEYARD PASSAGE BURIAL GROUND	4,299	0	-1,010	0	-1,010	3,289
GROVE GARDENS CHAPEL UPKEEP	117	100	-4,519	4,302	-117	0
MARLOW CRESCENT	9,500	0	0	0	0	9,500
LBRuT GARDEN SURVEY	4,695	0	-207	0	-207	4,488
MOATED MANOR CO-OP FUNDS	1,667	0	0	0	0	1,667
KINGSTON GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	500	0	0	0	0	500
SURBITON STREAM THAMES WATER	2,500	0	-480	0	-480	2,020
ST LEONARDS COURT AIR RAID SHELTER	2,496	720	0	0	720	3,216
GREEN HUBS LBRuT	16,793	0	-3,833	-8,447	-12,280	4,514
D S SMITH	3,000	0	0	0	0	3,000
EST / SWLEAP ENERGY	5,969	826	-6,381	-414	-5,969	0
GROVE GARDENS CHAPEL RESTORATION	69,056	212,218	-69,920	-13,225	129,074	198,130
GRIMWOOD ROAD	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
HOUNSLOW TAKE ME TO THE RIVER	0	76,705	-59,815	-8,500	8,389	8,389
TLS REWILDING ARCADIA	1,570	46,644	-40,370	-3,500	2,774	4,344
SWC CRANE	9,864	38,785	-46,244	0	-7,459	2,405
KINGSTON BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN (KBAP)	700	19,433	-8,114	-1,200	10,119	10,819
L B MERTON	250	6,117	-3,410	0	2,707	2,957
BATTING FOR BATS	1,150	0	0	0	0	1,150
WARREN GARDENS	1,936	0	-392	0	-392	1,543
AWARDS FOR ALL YOUTH VOLUNTEERING	5,132	19,926	-8,882	-1,500	9,544	14,677
L B RICHMOND ENERGY 2023	4,443	0	-4,276	-166	-4,443	0
RPLC ENERGY	13,852	0	-13,662	-190	-13,852	0
HUBBUB - SUTTON	3,677	0	0	0	0	3,677
SGN ENERGY	0	27,593	-26,017	-1,229	347	347
BAZALGETTE'S MAUSOLEUM	0	3,400	-575	0	2,825	2,825
GRANTS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS	0	2,000	-2,000	0	0	0
KILMOREY MAUSOLEUM	0	290	-248	3,000	3,042	3,042
RESTRICTED Total	190,845	657,614	-478,584	-31,583	147,447	338,292
FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN OR AGENT	10,366	14,699	-16,250	0	-1,551	8,815
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	227,949	739,239	-577,949	0	162,090	389,239

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 APRIL 2024 – 31 MARCH 2025

Detailed statement of financial activities £	2024/25 Unrestricted funds	2024/25 Restricted funds	2024/25 All funds	2023/24 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Investment Income				
Bank interest	3,001		3,001	1,304
Activities for generating funds			-	-
Grants and contracts	-	623,159	623,159	466,267
Donations and legacies	30,554	28,160	58,714	20,799
Gift Aid	106	6,295	6,401	1,083
Items for sale	3,244	-	3,244	
Fundraising events	30,022	-	30,022	26,564
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	66,927	657,614	724,541	516,017
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities				
Salaries and NI Costs	44,727	332,614	377,340	287,119
Consultancy and grants given	-	100,848	100,848	81,151
Project purchases and miscellaneous costs	958	31,148	32,106	24,588
Subscriptions	891	225	1,116	1,904
Travel, subsistence and training		5,374	5,374	1,761
Sundry project costs				-
Total Charitable Activities	46,576	470,209	516,785	396,523
Support Costs				-
Salaries allocated to support costs	6,390		6,390	6,061
Office Costs	4,875	1,491	6,367	7,808
Insurance	2,112	2,780	4,892	4,890
Rent	7,620	2,662	10,282	7,967
Telephone and internet	352	68	420	888
Travel, subsistence and training	877	1,309	2,187	4,181
Website and IT	1,883	65	1,948	3,213
Total Support Costs	24,109	8,375	32,484	35,008
Cost of Generating Funds				
Fund raising costs	10,137	-	10,137	5,796
Total Cost of Generating Funds	10,137	-	10,137	5,796
Governance Costs				-
Independent Examiner's Fees	2,125		2,125	1,425
Filing and other governance	168		168	
Total Governance Costs	2,293	-	2,293	1,425
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	83,115	478,584	561,699	438,752
Net Income before Fund Transfers	-16,188	179,030	162,842	77,265
Fund Transfers	31,583	-31,583		
Net Income / Expenditure after Fund Transfers	15,395	147,447	162,842	77,265

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The Trustees, who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS102')

Habitats & Heritage

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number

07469024

Registered Charity Number

1140872

Registered Office

ETNA Community Centre,
13 Rosslyn Road,
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Trustees

Ann Hagell	Chair
Adam Tyson	
Stephen Houchin	
Zoe Lawrence	
Georgina Creighton	
Chris Lee	Appointed 23 rd March 2024
Gary Butler	Resigned 23 rd March 2024
Saima Habib	Resigned 10 th October 2023
Sharon Willoughby	Resigned 27 th November 2023

Company Secretary

Victoria Phillips

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I am very pleased to introduce Habitat & Heritage's annual report for 2023-24

As our Activities report demonstrates, Habitats & Heritage have had another very productive year. Community engagement continues to be the focus of our work, from supporting Friends groups, through to giving talks, leading tours and giving advice on home energy efficiency savings. Our work and activities provide clear evidence of the value that people put on interacting with and looking after their local green spaces and heritage in south and west London. In the face of national and local species decline, our work co-ordinating biodiversity partnerships in London remains vital, and we continue to facilitate collaboration between partners for the benefit of wildlife and people in local areas.

My gratitude, as ever, lies with my colleagues on the Board, the dedicated and passionate staff; our generous funders and collaborators; and our supporters. Their continued belief in Habitats & Heritage and their commitment to our vision has been essential in attaining the successful outcomes that we have realised this year.

With our 'Habitats' programme we have continued to promote biodiversity through practical volunteering and supporting local communities to care for green spaces. The idea of Green Hubs – small green spaces that are vital for connectivity as well as local sense of place – has been a keynote of the year, with volunteer work extending to Richmond, Sutton and Merton. Young people have been active through the Youth Volunteering nature conservation programme as well as educational activities such as an inspiring Eco-Champions event in February. Our projects with Thames Landscape Strategy and Crane Valley Partnership have been vital in promoting our commitment to the environment of the Thames and its tributaries. We are dedicated to developing local Biodiversity Action Plans and to supporting Friends' groups and others who are environmental stewards in their neighbourhoods.

Our 'Heritage' programme now includes a major scheme, funded by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, to save Grove Gardens Chapel, which has suffered structural decline in recent years. We have secured a major Lottery grant to restore Sir Richard Burton's Mausoleum in Mortlake and to develop an education programme with local schools. We have organised many events, including a talk about Sir Joseph Bazalgette, a Heritage Bus Tour and London Open House. The core of our work has been funded by Historic England and we continue to work closely with them on heritage at risk.

Our 'Climate' programme has focussed on energy efficiency in partnership with CREW energy, with a new project funded by Richmond Parish Lands Charity. As well as home visits and advice we delivered 3,000 Warm Packs across Richmond and Wandsworth, with Local Authority funding support.

The year has brought changes to the Board and to our staff team. We said farewell to Saima Habib, who served diligently as Treasurer throughout our years of organisational merger and reform. Gary Butler left the Board, having helped us through years of change with his invaluable expertise as a conservation architect. Sharon Willoughby also left and we shall miss her insight into community engagement and many other areas. We were delighted to welcome to the Board Chris Lee, who brings a wealth of experience in economic and social regeneration. Our Chief Executive Officer, Colin Cooper, left to become the CEO of Wimbledon and Putney Commons after thirteen years dedicated to Habitats & Heritage and its predecessor charities. After the steadying hand of Eve Risbridger as interim CEO we are excited to welcome as our new CEO Paul Jennings, who brings great experience in education and management and a fresh approach to the challenges of the future.

Ann Hagell, Chair of Trustees

ABOUT HABITATS & HERITAGE

Habitats & Heritage is the local charity that acts for the natural and historic environment and climate in south and west London. Our mission is to protect and restore our threatened rivers, green spaces, parks and historic built environment for the benefit of the whole community, for this and future generations.

We are based in Twickenham and work across the London Boroughs of Richmond, Hounslow, Kingston, Wandsworth, Ealing, Sutton and Merton.

Vision and values

Our vision is a restored and extensive natural and historical heritage for south and west London. We want to enrich and connect degraded and isolated green spaces across our urban landscape and to restore neglected historical structures and landscapes that would otherwise fall to ruin or disappear. We want to make those special local places accessible and inviting to all to explore, enjoy and feel part of.

We promote an accessible and inclusive approach to our environmental and historical heritage and seek to deepen people's sense of wellbeing, belonging and pride in place through learning and appreciation of the local environment. We promote sustainable lifestyles and recognise the interconnectedness of all aspects of human activity.

Our values:

- Foster partnership.
- Recognise the value of natural and built environment both for people's well-being and for its own sake.
- Celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- Enable involvement through volunteering.
- Be locally relevant to global concerns.

History and governance

Habitats & Heritage is a registered charity (no 1140872) and a company limited by guarantee (no. 7469024) established in 2011 under the name South West London Environment Network (SWLEN). The charity was renamed and rebranded Habitats & Heritage in November 2020 following merger with Environment Trust, a sister charity established in 1984.

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. Operational management is delegated to the executive led by Chief Executive, Paul Jennings. There are a number of committees and subgroups reporting to the board.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and that the activities carried out by Habitats & Heritage during the year were all undertaken in order to further its objects. A detailed explanation is shown under activities and performance.

Charitable Objects

Habitats & Heritage was set up with the following objects:

1. To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, principally, but not exclusively, in South West London and surrounding areas by:
 - Building the capacity of third sector organisations which are working on projects which aim to achieve sustainable development for the benefit of the public by providing them with support, information and services;
 - Promoting the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, the prudent use of resources, and sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;
 - Advancing the education and awareness of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and the prudent use of resources, and promoting and conducting study and research in such subjects, provided that the useful results of such study and research are disseminated to the public at large.
2. To promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

Habitats & Heritage aims:

- a) To protect and restore our threatened rivers, green spaces, parks and historic built environment, and extend them through connecting them along green corridors, and new community spaces.
- b) To protect and restore historical built environment for this and future generations, and through engagement with this heritage to deepen peoples' sense of belonging and pride in place.
- c) To realise the mutuality between urban historical and natural heritage goals.
- d) To promote an accessible and inclusive approach to our environmental and historical heritage through opportunities for all communities and individuals to be part of restoring, experiencing and co-creating new spaces and becoming part of a larger movement for change.
- e) To promote learning for people of all ages and to deepen appreciation of our local natural and built environment
- f) To promote a more sustainable lifestyle which recognises the inter-connectedness of all aspects of human activity.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

The themes of our work are Habitats, Heritage, Climate and Community.

Habitats



Young volunteers thinning invasive rhododendron

Youth programme

Our youth volunteers (ages 14-25) have completed around 368 volunteering hours across 12 practical nature conservation sessions. Tasks carried out by the youth volunteers include Stag Beetle loggery building, bee bank maintenance, litter picking, non-native plant species removal, woodland management, grassland management, community garden maintenance, and tree planting. Sessions have taken place in the boroughs of Richmond, Kingston, Hounslow and Sutton.

Our youth steering group has continued to have quarterly online meetings. The meetings now included a careers Q&A session as well as discussions around a theme or topic. The February 9th meeting gathered the young people's opinions on 'Friends of' groups including what would make young people more or less likely to volunteer with such groups. These opinions were then fed back to our Community Engagement Officer.

Green Hubs in Richmond

We have continued our work turning under-utilised spaces into wildlife havens cared for by the community through our Green Hubs project. In Richmond we have worked at these places:

West Temple Sheen. The area was prepared with a log border and topsoil. Free native tree saplings were obtained from Woodland Trust 'Free trees for schools and communities scheme'. Trees were planted into a mini hedgerow for wildlife with Sheen Mount Primary School pupils. Local residents helped prepare the border and have offered to help maintain the Green Hub.

Raleigh Road Recreation Ground. We confirmed plans with Richmond Council and they are ready for public consultation

High Park Road. We met with local residents to discuss plans and we worked on gaining permissions.

St Luke's Open Space. We met with local residents to decide which plants to get to replace the ones that didn't survive the summer heatwave. Chosen more drought tolerant species this time.

Growing Together Project, Merton

Habitats & Heritage partnered with the Tree Wardens and Friends of the Earth Merton to run a community tree care day. 17 volunteers engaged in a litter pick, mulched and pruned the fruit trees, and pulled up the bramble threatening to choke the trees if left unattended.

North Cheam Community Garden, Sutton

Our youth volunteers contributed 28 volunteering hours to the garden, which was set up with funding gratefully received from Hubbub. Other volunteering has involved the

church and local community. Signs were installed on the planters. Large harvests of potatoes, tomatoes and courgettes were enjoyed by the local community. Local people have been weeding and caring for the garden routinely.

Warren Gardens Wildlife Haven

The Warren Gardens Wildlife Haven in Richmond is now almost complete. We acquired some free plants from the Kew Community team for the garden, and the residents have also used some of the budget to buy more plants and bulbs. We donated two wooden pallets which have been used to start bug hotels. A monthly gardening group has been established by residents with some support from H&H.

Eco-champions event

In February Habitats & Heritage took part in the LBRuT Eco-champions event. Run by the Council's Climate Team with support from H&H and Community Bluescapes, the event saw eco-champions from various LBRuT primary schools visiting the London Wetland Centre to take part in a morning of workshops. H&H CEO Paul gave a talk to the pupils about biodiversity in Richmond and what we are doing to help it, and we ran a 'minibeasts' workshop about the importance of invertebrates and how we can help them. The pupils who attended were planning school assemblies and newsletter articles to pass on what they had learnt to other pupils at their schools after the event.

Biodiversity Partnerships

Habitats & Heritage has continued to chair the Richmond Biodiversity Partnership and has formalised and streamlined the process through which partners can report progress on their actions. H&H is still the lead of the Hedgehog Species Action Plan and the Private Gardens Habitat Action Plan.

The Kingston Biodiversity Action Plan was launched in September. The plan went live on our website, and an in-person event to mark the launch of the Kingston Biodiversity Action Plan and Kingston Biodiversity Partnership was held at Kingston University. H&H helped to run

this event and our interim CEO, Eve Risbridger, gave a presentation. The event was very well attended and zoologist and TV presenter Megan McCubbin gave the keynote speech. H&H chaired the inaugural meeting of the Kingston Biodiversity Partnership in December 2023.

H&H continue to receive biodiversity data from members of the public, community groups, and Richmond council's ecologists. We keep records of all this data and also submit the data to Greenspace In Greater London (GiGL) with the help of a volunteer.

Citizen science

The garden survey is live on our website and we have been taking paper copies to some of our events. Around 50 people have completed the survey. We held an event on Ham Common in September to promote the survey. At the event we also gave out our own species ID sheets for kids and did a bug hotel building activity. The ID sheets also included a QR code linking to our species sighting reporting webpage so that people can report the species that they see.

A second training course for the roadside verge survey project took place in July 2023 and 8 more citizen scientists were trained.

Corporate volunteering



Thames Draw-Off litter picking with Be Richmond

H&H ran corporate volunteering sessions for businesses, including the annual Draw Off event for BeRichmond. The corporate volunteers completed over 600 hours of volunteering across 3 different boroughs, and

took part in activities ranging from litter picking to balsam bashing.

Varied volunteering

H&H held three other volunteering sessions, amounting to nearly 100 volunteering hours. 60 members of the public took part in the public Draw Off litter picking event, and we also held tree planting events for the public at the Burton Mausoleum cemetery in Mortlake and for school pupils at our West Temple Sheen Green Hub.

Talks & presentations

In March 2024 H&H gave a talk on 'Gardening for Wildlife Habitats' to over 80 people at the Hampton Hub. The event was organised by XR Hampton and aligned with the Richmond Private Gardens Habitat Action Plan. The audience were very engaged and gave good feedback. A follow-up email with links and more information was also sent to 61 attendees who gave their email address.

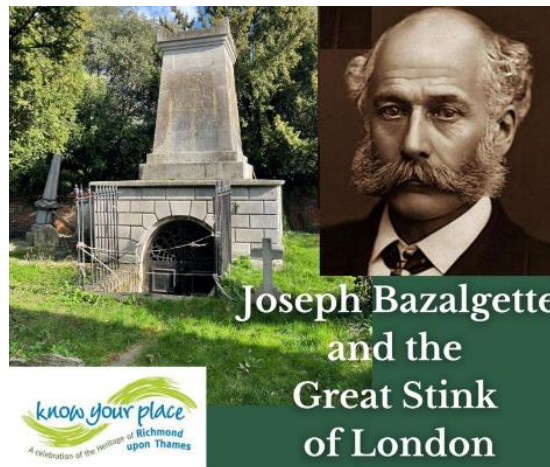
Thames Landscape Strategy



Managing a meadow for biodiversity

In 2023-24 we have logged 1744 hours of conservation volunteer hours from local residents and corporate volunteers. This includes creating sand martin habitat, removing the invasive plant Himalayan balsam, scrub clearance and preventing riverbank erosion using willow spiling. We have engaged with 323 members of the public through our numerous events including: talks, bat walks, our Camera Obscura open days and a variety of local fairs/markets.

Heritage



Celebrating local heritage

Historic England

The H&H heritage team continued to work closely with Historic England to secure a further three years of funding for the posts of Heritage Projects Manager and Officer as part of a capacity building grant. This success will ensure that the work to conserve and care for south & west London's most treasured heritage at risk continue to be looked after. We also investigated and adopted new projects, including at Kensal Green Cemetery, adopting a K6 telephone box in Twickenham and the Kew Road Ha-ha in Richmond. H&H are immensely grateful to Historic England and the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames for supporting the programme.

Grove Gardens Chapel

Grove Gardens Chapel in Richmond is on the Historic England 'at-risk' register. We successfully secured £243,000 from Richmond Council as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for capital works and a further £24,000 from the Pilgrim Trust, Historic England and the Aurelius Trust for developmental works. This money was used to fund an engineering appraisal and an options appraisal to best identify how to secure the building from further subsidence and how best to repurpose the building.

Burton Mausoleum & project

In the autumn of 2023 we secured a grant of £249,000 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the project, Burton: Exploring without Boundaries which involves the restoration of the Burton Mausoleum in Mortlake. As well as works to the tomb of the 19th century explorer Sir Richard Burton and his wife Lady Isabel, the project also includes an extensive education aspect which focusses on the travels of Richard Burton, British imperialism and the influence the empire has had on the lives of modern day Muslims.

St. Leonards Court

H&H continued to make use of the second world war air raid shelter for educational visits by welcoming over 500 local school children. Such visits were undertaken with the assistance of the Mortlake with East Sheen Society volunteers whom H&H work closely with. We continued to liaise closely with the freeholder of the St. Leonards Court estate to obtain a renewed licence to make use of the site and a memorandum of understanding for obtaining a future lease.

Bazalgette Mausoleum

We delivered talks entitled Sir Joseph Bazalgette & the Great Stink of London to eight community groups and civic societies which engaged 303 people as part of the project. The talks have provided a means of initial engagement for a prospective National Lottery Heritage Funded project to conserve the mausoleum and to celebrate the work of the illustrious Victorian civil engineer.

Heritage Events

The heritage team staged 45 events which engaged 1,762 people with our numerous heritage and outreach projects. Events included open days and talks related to the Grove Gardens Chapel, the Bazalgette and Kilmorey mausolea, the London Festival of Architecture, the Richmond Arts & Ideas, Richmond: Know Your Place and London Open House festivals. Further events included the Heritage Bus Tour which enabled the public to visit our heritage sites aboard a classic

Routemaster bus owned by Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill.

Kilmorey Mausoleum



Visitors to Kilmorey Mausoleum with a group for speakers of English as an Additional Language

We have continued to look after and open the Kilmorey Mausoleum as part of our commitment to Richmond Council and the community. We have worked closely with the council to arrange for the glass stars in the ceiling to be repaired to prevent water ingress. We also staged volunteer sessions with Duke of Edinburgh award volunteers to care for the wildlife garden. Numerous events were held at the site including the annual Plant Sale for Wildlife and Open House London. Tours of the site have also included diverse groups of people from English as an Additional Language who have used the site to improve their spoken English through the vernacular of heritage.

Kew Ha-ha

Following the offer of a large donation from a local resident, the Nature Conservation Manager (NCM) and Heritage Project Officer (HPO) re-established a relationship with the General Manager of the Old Deer Park Sports Ground in August with the view of creating a larger project to ensure that the restoration of the Ha-ha would be sustainable and maintained. The HPO investigated the conservation of the historic brick wall, engaging stakeholders such as the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and Historic England, to co-ordinate a community and education-led restoration package. This included the recruitment of two volunteers in

October, researching the history of the site and creating outreach material. Signs were erected in January along the ha-ha with volunteer-created illustrations to demonstrate our engagement with the site. The NCM (subsequently CEO) and Nature Conservation Officer developed relationships with stakeholders such as Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and established a habitat restoration programme suitable for the environment. A crowdfunding appeal was created in January alongside a public consultation attended by 35 local residents. This culminated in the recruitment of two more volunteers to carry out research and to advise on archaeological investigation and two further large donations in support of the project. Subsequently, we engaged with local archaeological firm AOC UK, the Historic England Archaeological Advisory Service and Oxford Archaeology, with planned research and investigation for the following year.

Boroughs of Richmond and Wandsworth. Habitats & Heritage staff have been particularly active in carrying out outreach in the London Borough of Richmond. Over the year they attended 51 events giving advice to 523 individuals at the event as well as referring many others to have a home energy visit or receive follow up advice by telephone.

Habitats & Heritage is particularly grateful to Richmond Parish Lands Charity for a grant to enable it to carry out more work on the Richmond side of the Borough (postcodes TW9, TW10, SW13 and SW14). As a result of this grant Habitats & Heritage was able to have a regular presence at Castelnau, Mortlake and Vineyard Foodbanks, and to work with other organisations such as the Cambrian Centre, RUILS Health Fairs, Sheen Lane Day Centre, Multicultural Richmond, FISH, Ham and Petersham SOS, and Barnes and Ham Children's centres.

Climate



*South West London Energy Advice
Partnership: advice session*

During the year Habitats & Heritage continued to run its energy advice service which is known as South West London Energy Advice Partnership (www.swleap.org.uk) in partnership with CREW Energy a community benefit society based in Wandsworth. SWLEAP provides advice to those struggling to pay their energy bills enabling them to save money and carbon dioxide emissions. Over the year staff carried out 395 home visits and 267 detailed telephone advice consultations in the London

During the year SWLEAP worked extensively with London Boroughs of Wandsworth and Richmond to develop and deliver the Warm Packs scheme. This provided boxes containing energy saving equipment, such as LED bulbs and radiator foil, to those identified by the Councils as being at risk of suffering fuel poverty due to a low income and a home with a poor energy rating. SWLEAP helped to give out approximately 3000 Warm Packs across the two boroughs, attending launch events at the two town halls and distributing packs via libraries and community centres.

Community



Gurseva group show tree planting for the Smarter Water Catchment evaluation

Friends of Parks Groups

We have been supporting three new Friends Groups to establish themselves as constituted organisations. We have continued to support existing Friends Groups in offering them advice, marketing, advertising, loaning litter pickers and bat detectors and practical work on site with our Duke of Edinburgh and corporate volunteers.

We have chaired and facilitated the Richmond Friends Forum events, allowing for groups to share strategies, network amongst each other and provide feedback. We have supported the Hounslow Friends of Groups Forum.

We are taking on the role of assisting Friends Groups in organising and putting on small events, helping them with the promotion of their event, lending them equipment, assisting them with risk assessments and insurance. We have launched a volunteering programme for university students interested in a career in nature conservation to help Friends of Ham Lands with managing and monitoring Ham Lands Local Nature Reserve. We hope that this will be successful and can be implemented with other Friends Groups.

Crane Valley Smarter Water Catchment

We have supported voluntary groups along the River Crane and other rivers in the catchment,

bringing people together in common purpose to protect the environment. We have run online meetings, written newsletters and visited groups who have been working on projects funded by the Crane Valley Community Fund. This provided us with case studies for our evaluation report to showcase the success of the funding and to highlight improvements that could be made. This work is part of the Crane Valley Partnership's programme to improve water courses throughout the catchment, from Harrow to the Thames.

Litter Picks

We are committed to supporting the community with their green initiatives by lending out our litter picking equipment and providing guidance on best practices, including risk assessment templates and advice.

In the financial year of 2023-2024, approximately 500 individuals participated in litter picking events across the entire Richmond borough and neighbouring areas like Hounslow. Among the groups borrowing our litter picking equipment are Friends of Parks Groups, schools, local Councillors, residents' associations, local businesses, and individuals interested in organising their own litter picks.

Our equipment also played a crucial role in supporting significant events such as the annual Barnes Big Clean Up, The Annual Thames Draw Off Litter Pick, and The Clean Sheen, which is part of the Great Green Week.

IT Support for Groups

This year, we have provided significant support to Friends of Grove Gardens Teddington with their communications. We've assisted them by sending various informative emails to their members using Mailchimp. Additionally, we supported the setup, distribution, and processing of their Parks Survey.

We also aided Friends of Northcote Nature Reserve in designing and sending out their newsletters through Mailchimp.

Furthermore, our IT and website support this year was extended to Friends of Richmond Green and Friends of Radnor Gardens.

Communication

At Habitats & Heritage, we strive to communicate openly with the public. Our main means of communication are our monthly newsletters and our social media channels, which include Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly known as Twitter), LinkedIn and Nextdoor. We actively promote events and opportunities with us and with local environmental groups such as Friends of Parks to raise awareness of local initiatives. This allows the public to get involved in enhancing and protecting local nature, heritage, and the environment. Whether it's activities, walks, talks, gardening and conservation sessions, or litter picking, we communicate these opportunities to a broader audience.

Newsletters

Our audiences continue to grow steadily, amplifying the impact of our message. Our monthly newsletter and flash news amount to 45,109 emails received with an open rate of 55%, indicating strong interest. Our click rate is 4.7%, showcasing active engagement.

Additionally, our bimonthly newsletter and flash news tailored for environmental groups in Richmond and Hounslow with reach 239 active subscribers and are also very well received.

Social media

We continue to steadily grow our audience. As of today, April 30, 2024, we have 3,743 X (Twitter) followers (compared to 3,705 in 2023), 2,088 Facebook followers (compared to 1,952 in 2023), and 1,855 Instagram followers (compared to 1,693 in 2023).

Our "Nature in Richmond Borough" Facebook group remains our most popular, having already reached 10.7K members, up from 6.9K in 2023.

Our "Nature in Hounslow Borough" group has grown to 599 members compared to 526 last year.

Additionally, we engage with audiences on LinkedIn and Nextdoor.

Website

The website has a total of 62,226 page views and 20,952 viewers (users). This is a significant number of views and viewers for the website. The most popular page on the website is our home page with 8,732 views and 5,306 users. Other popular pages include "Work with us - Habitats & Heritage" (5,554 views and 2,525 users), "Secret Art Auction 2023 - Habitats & Heritage" (2,875 views and 1,107 users), "Upcoming Events - Habitats & Heritage" (2,573 views and 1,422 users), and "Secret Art Auction 2023 Gallery - Habitats & Heritage" (1,848 views and 622 users).

Green & Gold Drinks

H&H continue to organise the Twickenham Green & Gold Drinks held on the last Thursday of every month in the Eel Pie pub in Twickenham. The regular event is a great informal way for local people, groups and charities with a vested interest in conservation to network and socialise.

Events



Plant sale at Kilmorey Mausoleum

Events to raise funds are also opportunities to engage people in the aims and work of the charity. We ran a popular Plant Sale at Kilmorey Mausoleum and our Secret Art Auction raised more than £10,000, with contributions from Royal Academy members and many new artists. Artist and illustrator Axel Scheffler put on a wonderful show for our benefit, bringing delight to young children and families and raising over £6,000 for the charity.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-24



250 VOLUNTEERS! We worked with amazing individuals across all of our projects including nature conservation, biodiversity and heritage. A huge thank you to all of them, without whom our work would not be possible..



3,300 VOLUNTEER HOURS! Our practical nature volunteers, adults and children, have devoted 3,300 hours to create habitats, remove invasive species and support biodiversity across south & west London.



1,762 VISITORS TO OUR HERITAGE SITES! Our 6 heritage sites have become vibrant hubs of learning and exploration. We open the doors to 1,762 visitors for events such as lectures, school trips, bespoke visits and our popular plant sale at Kilmorey Mausoleum.



SAVING LOCAL BATS! 300 people have used bat detectors loaned from Habitats & Heritage on bat walks. An excellent way for raising awareness of bats and monitor their populations



ENERGY ADVICE TO HOUSEHOLDS! Together with our partner CREW Energy we carried out 395 energy advice home visits, saving households an average of £300 per year from their bills via equipment installed and advice given. We provided 267 detailed telephone advice sessions for those needing more help with energy bills . We attended 51 events in London Borough of Richmond at which we gave 523 households energy advice.



3000 HOUSEHOLDS HELPED TO KEEP WARM! in collaboration with Richmond and Wandsworth Councils and CREW Energy, we distributed 3000 Warm Homes Packs to lower income households in Richmond and Wandsworth, helping to reduce their energy bills and to inform them about further support that is available.



180 COMMUNITY GROUPS SUPPORTED! Habitats & Heritage have supported 180 Friends of Parks and other neighbourhood groups throughout 2023, including 60 groups in the Crane Valley across five Boroughs.



435 PEOPLE PICKED LITTER! Throughout the year, 19 groups borrowed our litter-picking equipment to conduct their own clean-ups across Richmond. 95 volunteers turned out to help at our litter-picking event during the annual Thames Draw Off.



BOOSTING BIODIVERSITY! Is also worth celebrating our collaborative efforts with Kingston and Richmond councils on Biodiversity Partnerships. We are committed to assisting councils, private landowners, community groups, and individual

THANKS TO ALL OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS:

Habitats & Heritage works with a wide range of partners and depends upon them not only for financial support but also for delivering work and embedding the benefits of projects in the long term.

Alpkit
Axel Scheffler
Bat Conservation Trust
Benevity donors
Be Richmond
The Big Give Trust
Cantor Hindson
Cisco
Community Energy London
Crane Valley Community Interest Company
Crane Valley Partnership
CREW Energy
Josie Dalli
D S Smith Charitable Trust
Ecclesiastical Insurance Charitable Fund
Edward Stannard
Energy Saving Trust
English Heritage (Marble Hill)
ETNA Community Centre
Father Thames Trust
C L Fluker
Sally Field
Christine L Fluker
Friends of Kneller Gardens
Friends of the River Crane Environment
Historic England
Hounslow Green Spaces Forum?
Hubbub, with Starbucks
Independent Merton Green Spaces Forum
Phil Kirk
Kingston Environment Forum
Kingston Technology
Kingston University
Kingston Voluntary Action
Let's Go Outside & Learn
London Borough of Hillingdon
London Borough of Hounslow
London Borough of Merton

London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
London Friends of Green Spaces Network
May Project, Merton
Merton Climate Action Group
Merton Friends of the Earth
Merton Tree Wardens
Mortlake and East Sheen Society (MESS)
Multicultural Richmond
National Energy Action
National Lottery Community Fund
New To Nature
Old Deer Park Sports Ground
Parks for London
Paypal Giving donors
People's Postcode Lottery
Pilgrim Trust
Redington Ltd
Richmond Biodiversity Partnership members
Richmond Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)
Richmond Parish Lands Charity
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
S C Johnson
The Stephen Clarke Charitable Settlement 1965
Thames Landscape Strategy
Thames Water
The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)
Unilever
Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust
Zoological Society of London

Thanks also to many other individual sponsors, Supporters and donors to our projects and general work. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who contribute so much time and care to the environment.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding during the year 2023-24 were: (1) grants awarded to Habitats & Heritage to carry out work which is in accordance with its objects and (2) donations from members of the public through subscription and fund-raising events.

In 2023-24 grants were given by Historic England, the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, the Energy Saving Trust and many other donors listed in the Annual Report in this document. The Trustees are very grateful to these organisations and individuals for their support.

Reserves Policy

H&H aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure that Habitats & Heritage can meet its obligations. We aim to build reserves of unrestricted funds sufficient for at least three months of core costs (i.e. other than specific projects) in addition to closing down costs. In 2023 - 24 the target was £60,000.

Funds in deficit

There were no funds in deficit at the end of the accounting year.

Investment policy and objectives

Habitats & Heritage does not have significant funds to invest and funds above those needed to deal with day-to-day transactions are kept on bank deposit.

Funds held as custodian for others

Habitats & Heritage acted as an Agent for three community groups, managing £14,175 incoming funds on their behalf. Habitats & Heritage acts in accordance with the direction of the groups, whilst ensuring that the use of the funds is consistent with Habitats & Heritage's charitable purposes. Receipts and disbursements are not recognised as income and expenditure of Habitats & Heritage. Details of the groups and movements of funds are in note 7 to the accounts.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Habitats & Heritage is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

History of Habitats & Heritage

Habitats & Heritage was set up to promote sustainable development mainly in South West London and to foster partnership working. The name *Habitats & Heritage* was adopted by South West London Environment Network (SWLEN), retaining the company and charity numbers and registering changes to the Articles of Association. SWLEN became a registered Company and Charity in 2010-11. The Articles of Association were amended by special resolution on 25th November 2020. In 2020-21 Habitats & Heritage assumed responsibility for all assets and liabilities of Environment Trust, which deregistered as a Company and Charity during 2021-22.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustee Board of Habitats & Heritage is made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen Trustees. On 31st March 2024 there were seven Trustees.

New Trustees undergo an induction programme to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the contents of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Annual Review and Business plans, Habitats & Heritage's decision-making process, and its financial performance including the most recent financial statements. During this induction new Trustees meet staff, volunteers and existing Trustees of Habitats & Heritage.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. The Board meets a minimum every two months and has several sub-committees overseeing aspects of the work in more detail. Day to day running of Habitats & Heritage is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer. A number of projects carry out specific activities under the management of a project leader who reports to the Chief Executive Officer.

Related Parties

The Trustees confirm that there were no transactions with related parties during the period.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which Habitats & Heritage is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

The Trustees' strategy is to review the risks that Habitats & Heritage faces on a regular basis and to integrate risk into the strategic and business planning process. It has a risk register which is regularly reviewed by the Board.

DECLARATION

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- For the year ending 31st March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ann Hagell", is displayed within a light gray rectangular box.

Ann Hagell, Chair and Trustee

Dated: 29th July 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Habitats & Heritage Charitable Company ('the Company').

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of International Accountants which is one of the listed bodies. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: *R Athauda & Co.*

Date: 1st August 2024

Name: R Athauda, Fellow of the Association of International Accountants
Address: R Athauda & Co., 306 Staines Road, Twickenham, Middx, TW2 5AS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31st March 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023/24 Total funds	2022/23 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investment income	3	1,304		1,304	153
				0	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities				0	0
Activities for generating funds				0	0
Grants and contracts	4		466,267	466,267	333,479
Donations and legacies		11,032	9,767	20,799	25,112
Gift aid		486	597	1,083	768
Fund-raising events		26,564		26,564	30,189
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		39,386	476,631	516,017	389,701
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities					
Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public principally in South West London	5	62,130	334,393	396,523	366,638
				0	
Cost of generating funds		5,796		5,796	6,584
				0	
Support costs		28,040	6,968	35,008	30,766
				0	
Governance costs		1,425		1,425	1,250
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		97,391	341,361	438,752	405,238
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE					
Before transfer		-58,005	135,270	77,265	-15,537
Gross transfer between funds	6	57,548	-57,548		
Net incoming/outgoing resources		-457	77,722	77,265	-15,537
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		27,195	113,123	140,318	155,855
Funds held as Agent	7		10,366	10,366	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		26,738	201,211	227,949	140,318

Balance sheet at 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/3/2024 Total funds	31/3/2023 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	8	2,135	-	2,135	801
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investment and leases	9	10	-	10	10
Debtors and prepayments	10	2,825	-	2,825	2,683
Cash at bank		23,382	206,227	229,609	145,425
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		26,217	206,227	232,444	148,118
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	1,614	5,016	6,630	8,601
NET CURRENT ASSETS		24,603	201,211	225,814	139,517
				-	
NET TOTAL ASSETS		26,738	201,211	227,949	140,318
FUNDS				-	
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		26,738		26,738	27,195
RESTRICTED FUNDS			190,845	190,845	
FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN OR AGENT	7		10,366	10,366	
				-	
TOTAL FUNDS		26,738	201,211	227,949	140,318

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The Trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with the Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102). The company therefore claims exemption from preparing a cash flow statement.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the Twenty Ninth of July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ann Hagell
Chair & Trustee



Zoe Lawrence
Vice Chair

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2019).

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Funds held as Custodian or Agent are not accounted as charitable income (see note 7).

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Assets are capitalised when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to Habitats & Heritage beyond the end date of an accounting period and that the cost of the item can be measured reliably. See also note 8.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds may be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds may 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 a particular restricted purpose.

Funds held as Custodian or Agent are not included in the Charitable Funds of Habitats & Heritage. See Note 7 below.

Funds are detailed by name in 'Movement in Funds' on page 25

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' Expenses

No Trustees were paid expenses during the year.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

		2023/24		2022/23
Bank account interest	£	1,304	£	153

4. INCOMING FUNDS

Grants and Contracts		2023/24		2022/23
Total grants	£	466,267	£	333,479

The two largest grants in 2023/24 were:

- £68,625 from London Borough of Richmond upon Thames for restoration works to Grove Gardens Chapel. No expenditure was made from the fund in 2023/24, pending preparations for the restoration works.

- £64,987 from the Energy Saving Trust which was fully used on the SWLEAP project for its purpose to provide energy saving advice to households in south west London.

5. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Staff numbers	2023/24	2022/23
Average headcount	13	13
Full time equivalent	9.4	9.3

Consultancy and payments to other organisations		2023/24	2022/23
CREW Energy	Energy Projects	£ 43,990	£ 45,013
Let's Go Outside and Learn	Crane Valley Catchment	£ 3,860	£ -
CYMES, Hockley & Dawson	Chapel consultation, inspection	£ 4,440	£ 600
Merton May Project	Community orchard	£ 2,211	£ 8,800
Eveconsults	Interim CEO	£ 26,410	£ -
Other		£ 240	
TOTAL		£ 81,151	£ 54,413

6. TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

Net transfers from Restricted to Unrestricted Funds were £57,548, as detailed in Movement of Funds table p 23. Reasons for transfers were: agreed Full Cost Recovery with funders; supporting deficit of Restricted Fund; and surplus funds from projects completed to satisfaction of funders.

7. FUNDS HELD AS AGENT

Funds were held on behalf of three community groups and expended in accordance with Habitats & Heritage's charitable objectives. No remuneration was made from these funds to the groups' or to Habitats and Heritage's committee members, Trustees or staff.

£	OPENING BALANCE 1/4/2023	INCOMING RESOURCES	RESOURCES EXPENDED	TRANSFER OF FUNDS	MOVEMENT IN YEAR	CLOSING BALANCE 31/3/2024
FRIENDS OF HATTON FIELDS	0	8,555	-1,415	0	7,140	7,140
FRIENDS OF HAMPTON HEATH	0	1,942	-1,674	0	268	268
FRIENDS OF HATHEROP & OAK AVENUE	0	3,678	-720	0	2,958	2,958
TOTAL	0	14,175	-3,809	0	10,366	10,366

8. FIXED ASSETS

One work of art valued at £800 is capitalised and is expected not to depreciate. A computer acquisition worth £1,779 with expected 3 years of useful life was depreciated by £445.

9. INVESTMENT AND LEASES

The long term lease of Grove Gardens Chapel is valued at £10.

10. DEBTORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023/24	2022/23
Prepayments	£ 2,825	£ 2,683
Sundry debtors	£	£
Total	£ 2,825	£ 2,683

11. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023/24	2022/23
Independent Examination Fee	£ 1,425	£ 1,250
Deferred Income	£	£ 0
Other creditors	£ 5,205	£ 7,352
Total	£ 6,630	£ 8,602

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

£	OPENING BALANCE 1/4/2023	INCOMING RESOURCES	RESOURCES EXPENDED	TRANSFER OF FUNDS	MOVEMENT IN YEAR	CLOSING BALANCE 31/3/2024
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
FIXED ASSETS: UNRESTRICTED	801	1,779	-445	0	1,334	2,135
SHARES & LEASE: UNRESTRICTED	10	0	0	0	0	10
GENERAL FUNDS: UNRESTRICTED	7,717	34,339	-98,382	72,548	8,505	16,222
CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING	18,667	5,047	-343	-15,000	-10,296	8,371
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS TOTAL	27,195	41,165	-99,170	57,548	-457	26,738
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
RICHMOND PARKS	1,989	51,735	-39,092	-12,340	303	2,292
LBRuT CIVIC PRIDE AND GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK	0	3,084	-3,060	-24	0	0
HOUNSLOW PARKS	4,904	6,037	-8,924	0	-2,887	2,017
DONKEY WOOD AND BRAZIL MILL	3,153	0	0	0	0	3,153
BURTON'S TOMB	13,450	1,292	0	0	1,292	14,742
HISTORIC ENGLAND: CAPACITY	13,283	50,961	-63,508	0	-12,547	736
GREEN HUBS POSTCODE LOTTERY	9,541	0	-1,804	-3,000	-4,804	4,737
BE RICHMOND	435	0	-435	0	-435	0
VINEYARD PASSAGE BURIAL GROUND	4,299	0	0	0	0	4,299
GROVE GARDENS CHAPEL UPKEEP	3,653	266	-3,803	0	-3,537	116
MARLOW CRESCENT	9,500	0	0	0	0	9,500
LBRuT GARDEN SURVEY	0	4,880	-185	0	4,695	4,695
MOATED MANOR CO-OP FUNDS	1,667	0	0	0	0	1,667
KINGSTON GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	500	0	0	0	0	500
SURBITON STREAM THAMES WATER	2,500	0	0	0	0	2,500
ST LEONARDS COURT AIR RAID SHELTER	1,254	1,242	0	0	1,242	2,496
GREEN HUBS LBRuT	8,711	17,163	-7,482	-1,599	8,082	16,793
D S SMITH	3,000	0	0	0	0	3,000
EST / SWLEAP ENERGY	4,556	69,329	-63,166	-4,750	1,413	5,969
GROVE GARDENS CHAPEL RESTORATION	0	73,136	-4,080	0	69,056	69,056
ECO CHAMPIONS	0	600	-590	-10	0	0
TLS REWILDING ARCADIA	1,308	33,110	-28,848	-4,000	262	1,570
SWC CRANE	416	51,480	-21,933	-20,100	9,447	9,863
KINGSTON BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN (KBAP)	4,713	6,550	-9,562	-1,000	-4,012	701
L B MERTON	883	4,843	-5,476	0	-633	250
BATTING FOR BATS	1,150	0	0	0	0	1,150
WARREN GARDENS	3,078	0	-1,140	0	-1,140	1,938
AWARDS FOR ALL YOUTH VOLUNTEERING	9,886	200	-4,953	0	-4,753	5,133
L B RICHMOND ENERGY 2023	5,294	21,774	-20,125	-2,500	-851	4,443
RPLC ENERGY	0	43,355	-22,278	-7,225	13,852	13,852
HUBBUB - SUTTON	0	25,558	-20,881	-1,000	3,677	3,677
NATIONAL LOTTERY CLEAN-UP	0	1,500	-1,500	0	0	0
NEW TO NATURE	0	8,535	-8,535	0	0	0
RESTRICTED FUNDS TOTAL	113,123	476,630	-341,360	-57,548	77,722	190,845
FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN OR AGENT	0	14,175	-3,809	0	10,366	10,366
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	140,318	531,970	-444,339	0	87,631	227,949

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 APRIL 2023 – 31 MARCH 2024

Detailed statement of financial activities 2023/24 £	2023/24 Unrestricted Funds	2023/24 Restricted Funds	2023/24 Total	2022/23 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Investment Income				
Bank interest	1,304		1,304	153
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>			0	
Grants and contracts	-	466,267	466,267	333,479
Donations and legacies	11,032	9,767	20,799	25,112
Gift Aid	486	597	1,083	768
Fundraising events	26,564	-	26,564	30,189
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	39,386	476,631	516,017	389,701
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
<i>Charitable Activities</i>				
Salaries and NI Costs	42,428	244,691	287,119	290,793
Consultancy and grants given	18,085	63,066	81,151	54,413
Project purchases and miscellaneous costs	158	24,430	24,588	17,612
Subscriptions	1,459	445	1,904	2,049
Travel, subsistence and training		1,761	1,761	1,771
Sundry project costs			0	
Depreciation			0	
Total Charitable Activities	62,130	334,393	396,523	366,638
<i>Support Costs</i>			0	
Salaries allocated to support costs	6,061		6,061	9,094
Office Costs	7,069	739	7,808	7,710
Insurance	2,875	2,015	4,890	4,324
Rent	6,662	1,305	7,967	6,646
Telephone and internet	888	-	888	978
Travel, subsistence and training	1,272	2,909	4,181	968
Website and IT	3,213		3,213	1,046
Total Support Costs	28,040	6,968	35,008	30,766
<i>Cost of Generating Funds</i>				
Fund raising costs	5,796		5,796	6,584
Total Cost of Generating Funds	5,796		5,796	6,584
<i>Governance Costs</i>			0	
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,425		1,425	1,250
Total Governance Costs	1,425		1,425	1,250
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	97,391	341,361	438,752	405,238
Net Income before Fund Transfers	-58,005	135,270	77,265	-15,537
Fund Transfers	57,548	-57,548		
Net Income / Expenditure after Fund Transfers	-457	77,722	77,265	-15,537

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The Trustees, who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS102')

Habitats & Heritage

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number

07469024

Registered Charity Number

1140872

Registered Office

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Ann Hagell	Chair
Saima Habib	Treasurer
Gary Butler	
Adam Tyson	
Sharon Willoughby	
Stephen Houchin	Appointed 25 th September 2022
Zoe Lawrence	Appointed 11 th July 2022
Georgina Creighton	Appointed 23 rd May 2022
Dinusha de Silva Parker	Appointed 11 th July 2022, Resigned 21 st November 2022
Rachel Owen	Resigned 25 th September 2022

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I am very pleased to introduce Habitat & Heritage's annual report for 2022-2023

As our Activities report demonstrates, it has been a truly active year for H&H. Following the pandemic, we have found an increased interest in and emotional connection with the local environment from the communities around us in SW London. Our historic and natural resources are so important to wellbeing and belongingness, and it feels to us that our work to preserve and protect them is doubly important now that their value has been so amply demonstrated. Debates and anxiety around climate change have also significantly affected our work and become central to how we think about our task. Our role in supporting local councils to design and deliver their biodiversity action plans has been a really important part of our work in recent years.

As always, I am very grateful to my colleagues on the Board, the excellent staff, our generous funders and collaborators and our many supporters for their belief in H&H and their commitment to our vision. H&H retains a wonderful team of enthusiastic experts, who go over and beyond to deliver our projects, all of which reflect in one way or another our mission to support the extensive natural and historical heritage and climate in South and West London and to connect and enrich fragmented, degraded and isolated historic and green spaces for everyone to enjoy. We continue to develop our thinking about the synergy between habitats and heritage goals, which lies at the heart of our business plan.

Some key activities this year in our 'Habitats' programme have included the work achieved with young people on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, including 200 trees planted, and the 6,400 volunteer hours logged in total in our Rewilding Arcadia project, which focuses on reducing the flood risk between Weybridge and Kew. Improving access to litter pickers and bat monitors has also been a focus.

Within our 'Heritage' programme, largely funded by Historic England, we continue to manage and develop an interesting set of heritage assets including the Grade II* Kilmorey Mausoleum, the St Leonard's Air Raid Shelter and the Grove Gardens Chapel, amongst others. Improving the access to these for local residents and school groups has been a key aim, and we continue to welcome lots of people to the sites across the year. We've had some wonderful events, including "A night at the mausoleum" at the Kilmorey Mausoleum and a fabulous bus tour of all the H&H heritage sites on a classic Routemaster bus with the assistance of Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill. In our 'Climate' programme, our partnership with CREW Energy, South West London Energy Advice Partnership was very busy over the year giving advice to households in fuel poverty many of whom were severely affected by the huge price rises seen over the winter of 2022-23.

As always the year contained some farewells and welcomes. Rachel Owen left us after several years as a Trustee, during which she contributed a huge amount to our communication activities. We had a push on Board expansion which has brought the various skills of Stephen Houchin, Zoe Lawrence and Georgina Creighton onto the Trustee team.

There is still much work to be done, and we will continue over the next year to develop our programmes to protect and conserve the wonderful natural assets and rich heritage of South West London against the threats of climate change, habitat destruction and fragmentation, forgetting and neglect and commercial development. We could not do this without our connections and our partnership working, and we look forward to another year of working with you all to invest in, enjoy and conserve our local environment.

Ann Hagell, Chair of Trustees

ABOUT HABITATS & HERITAGE

Habitats & Heritage is the local charity that acts for the natural and historic environment and climate in south and west London. Our mission is to protect and restore our threatened rivers, green spaces, parks and historic built environment for the benefit of the whole community, for this and future generations.

We are based in Twickenham and work across the London Boroughs of Richmond, Hounslow, Kingston, Wandsworth, Ealing, Sutton and Merton.

Vision and values

Our vision is a restored and extensive natural and historical heritage for south and west London. We want to enrich and connect degraded and isolated green spaces across our urban landscape and to restore neglected historical structures and landscapes that would otherwise fall to ruin or disappear. We want to make those special local places accessible and inviting to all to explore, enjoy and feel part of.

We promote an accessible and inclusive approach to our environmental and historical heritage and seek to deepen people's sense of wellbeing, belonging and pride in place through learning and appreciation of the local environment. We promote sustainable lifestyles and recognise the interconnectedness of all aspects of human activity.

Our values:

- Foster partnership.
- Recognise the value of natural and built environment both for people's well-being and for its own sake.
- Celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- Enable involvement through volunteering.
- Be locally relevant to global concerns.

History and governance

Habitats & Heritage is a registered charity (no 1140872) and a company limited by guarantee (no. 7469024) established in 2011 under the name South West London Environment Network (SWLEN). The charity was renamed and rebranded Habitats & Heritage in November 2020 following merger with Environment Trust, a sister charity established in 1984.

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. Operational management is delegated to the executive led by Chief Executive, Colin Cooper. There are a number of committees and subgroups reporting to the board.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and that the activities carried out by Habitats & Heritage during the year were all undertaken in order to further its objects. A detailed explanation is shown under activities and performance.

Charitable Objects

Habitats & Heritage was set up with the following objects:

1. To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, principally, but not exclusively, in South West London and surrounding areas by:
 - Building the capacity of third sector organisations which are working on projects which aim to achieve sustainable development for the benefit of the public by providing them with support, information and services;
 - Promoting the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, the prudent use of resources, and sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;
 - Advancing the education and awareness of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and the prudent use of resources, and promoting and conducting study and research in such subjects, provided that the useful results of such study and research are disseminated to the public at large.
2. To promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

Habitats & Heritage aims:

- a) To protect and restore our threatened rivers, green spaces, parks and historic built environment, and extend them through connecting them along green corridors, and new community spaces.
- b) To protect and restore historical built environment for this and future generations, and through engagement with this heritage to deepen peoples' sense of belonging and pride in place.
- c) To realise the mutuality between urban historical and natural heritage goals.
- d) To promote an accessible and inclusive approach to our environmental and historical heritage through opportunities for all communities and individuals to be part of restoring, experiencing and co-creating new spaces and becoming part of a larger movement for change.
- e) To promote learning for people of all ages and to deepen appreciation of our local natural and built environment
- f) To promote a more sustainable lifestyle which recognises the inter-connectedness of all aspects of human activity.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

The themes of our work are Habitats, Heritage, Climate and Community. Collaboration is an over-arching theme.

Habitats



All About Bats. Talk at Kensington prep school.

Four meetings have occurred. The participants are from Hounslow, Richmond and Kingston. We are looking into the way we communicate with young people, creating targeting strategies, what barriers the young people face in engaging with the environment. We are also looking at how they would like to see the steering group shaping and developing and working to co-create the group to get the most from it. There have been some difficulties, recruiting young people but through the co-creation we are seeing an increase in interest. We now must work to utilise the group to have the biggest impact in local environment possible.

Youth Volunteering

In April, our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers helped plant over 200 trees to create songbird nesting habitat on Petersham Common. Species included hawthorn, blackthorn, spindle, hazel, dogwood, beech, oak and hornbeam. We hope that the habitat created and the wildlife supported will be enjoyed by future generations, for hundreds of years to come.

Last year our Duke of Edinburgh students spent 5 sessions helping to set up at Warren Gardens Wildlife Haven in Twickenham. In these sessions they gained landscaping experience, using tools like saws and bill hooks, creating habitats such as a dead hedge and stag beetle loggery, and planting a number of wildlife friendly evergreens, shrubs, bulbs as well as flower, pollen, nectar and berry producing plants.

We held a number of litter picking sessions for our youth volunteers, including a particularly successful day at Blenheim Park where volunteers collected 36 large bags of rubbish, preventing pollution to the park and Longford River.

We have created a youth steering group – currently 8 participants aged 16 – 25.

Green Hubs

We currently have 17 active green hubs where we are actively involved and supporting and 36 created in total to date. As we build this project we look to add a strategic element to the green hub project, supported by the connectivity strategy. Green Hubs will continue to be an active project with H&H building small space biodiversity improvements. We have seen approximately 95 volunteers involved in the project throughout the year. The hubs have included community gardens, mini orchards and 're-wilded' areas.

Rewilding Arcadia

We are coming to the end of Phase One of the Rewilding Arcadia project with Thames Landscape Strategy and have logged over 6,400 volunteer hours across our practical volunteer projects which has included willow spiling, planting, hedge laying, balsam bashing, citizen science and vegetation management. Even with this level of volunteering we would be able to deploy more volunteers on the practical nature conservation days. We have engaged 1,700 people across 20 talks, 15 walks, 7 consultations/pop-ups and 6 fair events. Throughout Phase One, our aim was to engage with local people about the use nature-

based solutions to reduce flood risk along the Arcadian Thames (between Weybridge and Kew) and to secure community buy-in for future floodplain restoration. Overall, we have been largely successful in our aim and the feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive.

Improving green spaces in Merton

Activity has included creation of a community orchard, 15 mixed fruit trees planted and increasing the communities use of park. 43 volunteers were engaged in the project through planting sessions and workshops. Workshops have included apple press, music, walk and talks, mask making and tree walks. They have targeted groups who are at risk of crime and gangs, multicultural groups, school groups and mental health groups. There is an informal 'friends group' formed of 7 people for ongoing care. The challenges have been developing new partnerships in a new borough for H&H to work with and reliability of volunteers and partners.

Corporate Volunteering

Volunteering with us is a great way for companies to promote team work and benefit the environment. We worked with several companies, for example, Be Richmond, who engaged small companies in helping to clear litter from the Thames during the annual draw-off.

Biodiversity Action Plans

We have supported the development and delivery of Biodiversity Action Plans in London Borough of Richmond and Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames.

Bat Projects

Our bat detectors were put up at 30 locations across Richmond. The detectors spent more than 1,680 hours on-site collecting data and found evidence of 8 bat species.

Smarter Water Catchment

The River Crane and associated rivers and streams and the parks alongside are being

enhanced by a project extending from the source in Harrow to the confluence at Isleworth, funded by Thames Water. In our work with Let's Go Outside and Learn we have supported community groups in developing projects and seeking funding.

Talks and presentations

Amongst our talks this year was a visit to Kensington Prep School to deliver an educational assembly about local bats to over 300 students as part of British Science Week. Money raised by the Kensington Prep Eco Warriors was kindly donated to our "Batting for Bats" campaign, which went towards the purchase of new acoustic bat detector equipment. Young students were able to see tangible impacts of their efforts in the local environment.

Heritage



Grove Gardens Chapel

Burton Mausoleum & Project

We have continued to seek funding to conserve the mausoleum of Sir Richard & Lady Burton in Mortlake. The project includes the full restoration of the structure combined with an education project focussed on the travels of Richard Burton, British imperialism and the influence the empire has had on the lives of modern day Muslims.

Grove Gardens Chapel:

The building continues to show severe signs of subsidence attributed to climate change. H&H is working closely with Historic England and contractors to resolve the issue and bring the building back into use. Funding bids have been

submitted to fund appraisals and capital works. It is hoped that stabilisation works may commence in the latter part of 2023.

St. Leonards Court Air Raid Shelter:

H&H continues to make use of the air raid shelter for educational visits by local school children. Such visits are undertaken with the assistance of the Mortlake with East Sheen Society volunteers whom H&H work closely with. The freeholder of the estate has recently transferred to new owners and a new working relationship is being developed. It is hoped that the annual licence to make use of the structure is renewed and lease is granted in due course.

Bazalgette Mausoleum

H&H recommissioned Odgers conservation to undertake a fresh condition survey in January with the financial backing of the Rochester Bridge Trust. The Rochester Bridge Trust have agreed to an in-principle grant of £25k towards to £35k restoration bill. An education and interpretation plan is now being drafted to accompany the conservation project. Vineyard Passage Burial Ground: H&H continue to support an informal volunteer group who maintain the burial ground by holding their funds and insuring their activities. H&H monitor progress and ensure all activities are conducted safely and to the correct conservation standards.

Research volunteers

H&H continues to employ the efforts of volunteers to conduct research into the projects. This had included research into the architect of the St. Leonards Court estate, the records relating to Grove Gardens Chapel and the stories of the women associated with our sites who had been largely footnoted.

Talks & Presentations

H&H continues to give talks to interested groups upon request. Two talks have recently been given to the Richmond Good Neighbours Group and the FISH Neighbourhood Group about Sir Joseph Bazalgette and the Great Stink of London. Two more talks are in the

pipeline including one to the Mortlake with East Sheen Society and the Richmond Society.

Heritage Events

H&H has laid on several heritage events over the course of the year including several cinema nights at the Grove Gardens Chapel. These events have opened the building up to a new audience and given the site a meanwhile use. A night at the mausoleum event was held at the Kilmorey Mausoleum which allowed visitors to experience the site after dark. This event attracted a large audience from across London. A bus tour of all the H&H heritage sites was conducted using a classic Routemaster bus with the assistance of Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill. This enabled trustees, stakeholders and funders to explore all the sites in one day for the first time.

Climate



*South West
London
Energy
Advice
Partnership*

Our partnership with CREW Energy, South West London Energy Advice Partnership (www.swleap.org.uk), was very busy over the year giving advice to households in fuel poverty many of whom were severely affected by the huge price rises seen over the winter of 2022-23. We promote the service mainly via other charities, community centres, local council officers, housing associations and local councillors and we gave introductory talks explaining the service to 120 people. We are lucky to be assisted by a team of 6-8 volunteers who receive training, help at events and accompany staff on home visits. We carried out 320 home visits across the London Boroughs of Richmond, Wandsworth and Merton, conducted 140 detailed advice sessions by telephone, attended 65 events at which we talked to and advised an additional

1200 people, and gave 11 online talks reaching 205 people. We estimate that this work will save our clients at least £110,000 per year as well as avoiding considerable carbon dioxide emissions. We are very grateful to the Energy Saving Trust's Energy Industry Redress Scheme and the London Boroughs of Richmond and Wandsworth for funding this work during the year.

Community



Planting an orchard with local residents in Merton

Friends of Parks Groups

We helped two new Friends' Groups established in Richmond Borough as well as two in Hounslow Borough. We supported many others with advice, marketing, advertising and practical work on site with Duke of Edinburgh and corporate volunteers. We facilitated four Friends Forum events.

Crane Valley Smarter Water Catchment

We have supported voluntary groups along the the River Crane and other rivers in the catchment, bringing people together in common purpose to protect the environment. We have worked with Let's Go Outside and Learn and other partners to develop a Public Engagement Strategy. This work is part of the Crane Valley Partnership's programme to improve water courses throughout the catchment, from Harrow to the Thames.

Litter Picking

Over the past year, several local groups and individuals have set up or continued regular litter picking events thanks to our support in loaning equipment and giving advice on safety

guidelines and risk assessment around Richmond Borough.

In the financial year of 2022 - 2023, around 210 people borrowed our litter pickers. Some groups such as Hampton Heath Friends, have kept the pickers to run weekly events year round. These were used by local friends of parks groups like Barnes Common Limited for their annual Barnes Big Clean Up, Friends of Palewell Common and new groups that recently formed like Friends of Nursery Green. Individuals and local schools also borrowed our equipment.

We continue lending our litter picking equipment to local groups while providing support in best practices such as risk assessment templates and advice.

IT Support for Groups

This year, we have facilitated website creation to the newly formed Friend of Nursery Green and Grove Gardens Teddington groups.

MailChimp continues to be a preferred tool for groups to communicate with their members and stake holders. We helped friends groups such as Friend of Northcote Nature Reserve to desing and send out their newsletters through MailChimp while helping new groups such as Grove Gardens Teddington with training sessions to learn the basics of MailChimp

Groups such as Friends of Ham Lands have also approach us requesting help to design visual material including posters, brochures and business cards

Communication

Our newsletter Habitats & Heritage News Events and Opportunities for Individuals has now 2,493 active subscriptions. There was a decrease compared to last year's 3,314 subscribers- This is because we performed a cleanup and removed those who haven't shown an interest in our newsletter in the past year. We have an opening rate of 52%, meaning around 1,200 people are reading our news. We also send news and events to our 70 individual financial supporters.

Our newsletter for Environmental groups in Richmond and Hounslow goes bimonthly to 258 active subscribers.

Social Media

We continue to steadily grow our audience. By May 5th 2023, we had 3,705 Twitter followers (compared to 3,562 in 2022) , 1,693 Instagram followers (1,484 in 2022) and 1,952 followers on Facebook (1,860 in 2022).

Our Nature in Richmond Borough Facebook group is our most popular group with 6.9K members.

We also reach audiences on LinkedIn and Nextdoor.

Events

Events to raise funds are also opportunities to engage people in the aims and work of the charity. We ran a popular Plant Sale at Kilmorey Mausoleum and our Secret Art Sale brought in more than four hundred entries including many by established artists and members of the Royal Academy, as well as, providing an opportunity for artists of all ages and abilities to celebrate and reflect on the challenges to our environment.

Artist and illustrator Axel Scheffler put on a wonderful show for our benefit, bringing delight to young children and families and helping to raise £7,000 for the charity.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022 - 2023



680 VOLUNTEERS!

We worked with **680 volunteers** across all of our projects including nature conservation, biodiversity and heritage. A huge thank you to all of them, without whom our work would not be possible.



1880+ VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Our practical nature volunteers have racked up an incredible 1880 hours to create habitats, remove invasive species and support biodiversity across south & west London.



1,000 VISITORS TO OUR HERITAGE SITES!

We have welcomed **1,000 people across our 6 heritage sites!** Visitors enjoyed events such as cinema at the chapel and spooky nights at the mausoleum. We also welcomed group visits from students and are looking forward to welcoming even more next year!



FAMILY EVENTS

173 families have joined our activities and events which included nature-related activities and workshops such as learning how to build bee hotels and bird boxes.



WE ARE SAVING LOCAL BATS!

Our bat detectors were put up at 30 locations across Richmond - The detectors spent more than 1,680 hours on-site collecting data! [We are crowdfunding](#) to buy a second Anabat detector to expand our reach and protect more



15 NEW GREEN HUBS CREATED!

We have created 15 new Green Hubs this year, which has included the planting of Thousands of bulbs, 20 fruit trees and countless pollinator-friendly plants. Offering habitats and reconnecting wildlife corridors across south and west London.



460 ENERGY HOME VISITS & CONSULTATIONS!

We have conducted 320 home visits and 140 detailed telephone advice consultations in properties across Richmond, Wandsworth and Merton as part of our SWLeap project in partnership with Crew Energy.



HELPING PEOPLE SAVE ON ENERGY BILLS!

Through our energy visits, the estimated financial savings for vulnerable people so far are £110,000 per year and we also have given "light touch" advice to 1400 other people at events and talks.



160 COMMUNITY GROUPS SUPPORTED!

Habitats & Heritage have supported 160 Friends of Park groups throughout 2022 and have set up 4 new groups. These groups communicatively have resulted in thousands of volunteer hours to improve and maintain our local green spaces.



330 PEOPLE WENT ON LITTER PICKING!

140 volunteers turned out to help at our litter-picking event during the annual Thames Draw Off. Throughout the year, more than 10 community groups involving at least 190 people, borrowed our litter-picking equipment to conduct their own clean-ups across the borough.

THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS:

Achieving for Children (AfC)
Arnold Clark Charity
Axel Scheffler
Be Richmond
Cantor Hindson
Chapman Charitable Trust
Cisco
Coca Cola
Crane Valley Community Interest Company
Crane Valley Partnership
CREW Energy
D S Smith Charitable Trust
Dose of Nature
Ealing Parks Foundation
Ecclesiastical Insurance Charitable Fund
Edward Stannard
Energy Saving Trust
English Heritage (Marble Hill)
ETNA Community Centre
Father Thames Trust
Feel Good and Grow
Active Richmond
Friends of Kneller Gardens
Friends of the River Crane Environment
Geoff Acton and Eileen McManus, The Mayor
and Mayor Consort (2020-2022), London
Borough of Richmond upon Thames
Hayburn Trust
Heathrow Community Trust
Historic England
Hubbub, with Starbucks
Independent Merton Green Spaces Forum
DWP Kickstart Scheme

Kingston Environment Forum
Kingston Technology
Kingston Voluntary Action
Let's Go Outside & Learn
London Borough of Hounslow
London Borough of Merton
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
London Friends of Green Spaces Network
Merton Climate Action Group
Mortlake and East Sheen Society (MESS)
Multicultural Richmond
National Lottery Community Fund
Pamela Fleming
Parks for London
People's Postcode Lottery
Redington Ltd
Richmond Biodiversity Partnership
Richmond Council for Voluntary Service
(Richmond CVS)
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
St Margaret's Fair Charity
Stefania Horne
Thames Landscape Strategy
Thames Water
The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)
Wild Minds Project

Thanks also to many individual sponsors and donors to our projects and general work.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding during the year 2022-23 were: (1) grants awarded to Habitats & Heritage to carry out work which is in accordance with its objects and (2) donations from members of the public through subscription and fund-raising events.

In 2022-23 grants were given by Historic England, the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, the Energy Saving Trust and many other donors listed in the Annual Report in this document. The Trustees are very grateful to these organisations and individuals for their support.

Reserves Policy

H&H aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure that Habitats & Heritage can meet its obligations. We aim to build reserves of unrestricted funds sufficient for at least three months of core costs (i.e. other than specific projects) in addition to closing down costs. In 2022/23 the target was £60,000.

Funds in deficit

There were no funds in deficit at the end of the accounting year.

Investment policy and objectives

Habitats & Heritage does not have significant funds to invest and funds above those needed to deal with day to day transactions are kept on bank deposit.

Funds held as custodian for others

Habitats & Heritage did not hold any funds as custodian for others during 2022/23.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Habitats & Heritage is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

History of Habitats & Heritage

Habitats & Heritage was set up to promote sustainable development mainly in South West London and to foster partnership working. The name *Habitats & Heritage* was adopted by South West London Environment Network (SWLEN), retaining the company and charity numbers and registering changes to the Articles of Association. SWLEN became a registered Company and Charity in 2010-11. The Articles of Association were amended by special resolution on 25th November 2020. In 2020-21 Habitats & Heritage assumed responsibility for all assets and liabilities of Environment Trust, which deregistered as a Company and Charity during 2021-22.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustee Board of Habitats & Heritage is made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen Trustees. As at 31st March 2023 there were eight Trustees.

New Trustees undergo an induction programme to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the contents of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Annual Review and Business plans, Habitats & Heritage's decision-making process, and its financial performance including the most recent financial statements. During this induction new Trustees meet staff, volunteers and existing Trustees of Habitats & Heritage.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. The Board meets a minimum every two months and has several sub-committees overseeing aspects of the work in more detail. Day to day running of Habitats & Heritage is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer. A number of projects carry out specific activities under the management of a project leader who reports to the Chief Executive Officer.

Related Parties

The Trustees confirm that there were no transactions with related parties during the period.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which Habitats & Heritage is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

The Trustees' strategy is to review the risks that Habitats & Heritage faces on a regular basis and to integrate risk into the strategic and business planning process. It has a risk register which is regularly reviewed by the Board.

DECLARATION

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- For the year ending 31st March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Hagell', is shown within a light grey rectangular box.

Ann Hagell, Chair and Trustee

Dated: 31 July 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Habitats & Heritage Charitable Company ('the Company').

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of International Accountants which is one of the listed bodies. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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:



Name: R Athauda, Fellow of the Association of International Accountants

Address: R Athauda & Co., 306 Staines Road, Twickenham, Middx, TW2 5AS

Date: 15th September 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31st March 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022/23 Total funds	2021/22 Total funds
	Notes	£	£		£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investment income	3	153		153	17
				0	
Incoming resources from charitable activities				0	
Activities for generating funds				0	
Grants and contracts	4	4,891	328,588	333,479	366,400
Donations and legacies		19,292	5,820	25,112	13,501
Gift aid		260	508	768	1,433
Fund-raising events		25,555	4,634	30,189	17,681
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		50,151	339,550	389,701	399,032
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities					
Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public principally in South West London	5	65,219	301,419	366,638	300,804
Cost of generating funds		6,584		6,584	4,152
Support costs		22,149	8,617	30,766	27,050
Governance costs		1,250		1,250	950
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		95,202	310,036	405,238	332,956
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE					
Before transfer		-45,051	29,514	-15,537	66,076
Gross transfer between funds	6	43,612	-43,612		
Net incoming/outgoing resources		-1,439	-14,098	-15,537	66,076
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		28,634	127,221	155,855	89,779
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		27,195	113,123	140,318	155,855

Balance sheet at 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/3/2023 Total funds	31/3/2022 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	7	801		801	801
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investment and leases	8	10		10	10
Debtors and prepayments	9	618	2,065	2,683	4654
Cash at bank		29,054	116,371	145,425	158,171
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		29,682	118,436	148,118	162,835
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	3,288	5,313	8,601	7,781
NET CURRENT ASSETS		26,394	113,123	139,517	155,054
NET TOTAL ASSETS		27,195	113,123	140,318	155,855
FUNDS					
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		27,195		27,195	28,634
RESTRICTED FUNDS			113,123	113,123	127,221
TOTAL FUNDS		27,195	113,123	140,318	155,855

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The Trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with the Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102). The company therefore claims exemption from preparing a cash flow statement.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 31 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ann Hagell
Chair & Trustee



Saima Habib
Treasurer & Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2019).

Incoming resources

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

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis 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.

Tangible fixed assets

One work of art valued at £800 is capitalised and expected not to depreciate. Other assets valued at less than £2,000 are not capitalised. Assets worth £2,000 or more are depreciated over the useful lifetime of the asset.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds may be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds may 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 a particular restricted purpose. Restricted funds were transferred from Environment Trust with the consent of funders and with the obligation to use the funds for the specified purpose.

Funds are detailed by name in the notes to the Financial Statements. See 'Movement in Funds' on page 23

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' Expenses

No Trustees were paid expenses during the year.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022/23	2021/22
Bank account interest	£ 153	£ 17

4. INCOMING FUNDS

Grants and Contracts	2022/23	2021/22
Total grants	£ 333,479	£ 366,400

The two largest grants in 2022/23 were:

- £71,100 from the Energy Saving Trust, which was fully used on the SWLEAP project for its purpose to provide energy saving advice to households in south west London.
- £57,600 from the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames which was fully used for its purpose to support and represent the environment sector working in Richmond upon Thames.

5. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Staff numbers	2022/23	2021/22
Average headcount	13	12
Full time equivalent	9.3	8.4

Consultancy and payments to other organisations		2022/23	2021/22
CREW Energy	SWLEAP project and L B Richmond Energy 2023	£ 45,013	£ 18,041
Friends of Kneller Gardens	Crowd-funding campaign	£ -	£ 5,587
Grove Gardens Chapel	Building inspection	£ 600	£ 2,025
Merton May project	Merton May	£ 8,800	£ -
Other		£ -	£ 4,022
TOTAL		£ 54,413	£ 29,675

6. TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

Net transfers from Restricted to Unrestricted Funds were £43,612, as detailed in Movement of Funds table p 24. Reasons for transfers were: agreed Full Cost Recovery with funders; supporting deficit of Restricted Fund; and surplus funds from projects completed to satisfaction of funders.

7. FIXED ASSETS

One work of art valued at £800 is capitalised and is expected not to depreciate.

8. INVESTMENT AND LEASES

The long term lease of Grove Gardens Chapel is valued at £10.

9. DEBTORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022/23	2021/22
Prepayments	£ 2,683	£ 2,399
Sundry debtors	£ -	£ 2,254
Total	£ 2,683	£ 4,653

10. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022/23	2021/22
Independent Examination Fee	£ 1,250	£ 950
Deferred Income	£ 0	£ -
Other creditors	£ 7,352	£ 6,831
Total	£ 8,602	£ 7,781

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

£	OPENING BALANCE 1/4/2022	INCOMING RESOURCES	RESOURCES EXPENDED	TRANSFER OF FUNDS	MOVEMENT IN YEAR	CLOSING BALANCE 31/3/2023
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
FIXED ASSETS	801					801
LEASE	10					10
GENERAL FUNDS	13,323	45,260	-94,478	43,612	-5,606	7,717
CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING	14,500	4,891	-724		4,167	18,667
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS TOTAL	28,634	50,151	-95,202	43,612	-1,439	27,195
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
RICHMOND PARKS	1,754	58,242	-40,727	-17,280	235	1,989
L B RICHMOND COVID FUND	2,518	0	0	-2,518	-2,518	0
HOUNSLOW PARKS	304	5,750	0	-1,150	4,600	4,904
DONKEY WOOD AND BRAZIL MILL	3,153	0	0	0	0	3,153
BURTON'S TOMB	13,074	376	0	0	376	13,450
HISTORIC ENGLAND: CAPACITY	13,709	58,389	-57,815	-1,000	-426	13,283
GREEN HUBS POSTCODE LOTTERY	9,541	0	0	0	0	9,541
BE RICHMOND	6,267	0	-5,832	0	-5,832	435
BIODIVERSITY SURVEY	2,390	0	-808	-1,582	-2,390	0
VINEYARD PASSAGE BURIAL GROUND	4,322	0	-23	0	-23	4,299
GROVE GARDENS CHAPEL RESTORATION	7,493	350	-4,189	0	-3,839	3,654
MARLOW CRESCENT	9,500	0	0	0	0	9,500
MOATED MANOR CO-OP FUNDS	1,667	0	0	0	0	1,667
KINGSTON GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	500	0	0	0	0	500
SURBITON STREAM THAMES WATER	2,500	0	0	0	0	2,500
ST LEONARDS COURT AIR RAID SHELTER	579	675	0	0	675	1,254
GREEN HUBS: L B RICHMOND upon THAMES	17,221	4,634	-13,144	0	-8,510	8,711
D S SMITH	3,000	0	0	0	0	3,000
EST / SWLEAP ENERGY	1,383	71,300	-64,827	-3,301	3,172	4,555
2021 CLIMATE WEEK	2,592	0	-495	-2,097	-2,592	0
GRIMWOOD ROAD	1,975	0	0	-1,975	-1,975	0
KICKSTART	526	4,459	0	-4,985	-526	0
TLS REWILDING ARCADIA	2,219	55,059	-53,170	-2,800	-911	1,308
FEEL GOOD & GROW ACTIVE RICHMOND	2,458	0	-2,458	0	-2,458	0
SWC CRANE	484	13,850	-13,918	0	-68	416
KINGSTON BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN (KBAP)	0	17,740	-13,027	0	4,713	4,713
L B MERTON	16,092	0	-13,979	-1,230	-15,209	883
ECO FESTIVAL	0	5,000	-4,806	-194	0	0
BATTING FOR BATS	0	1,150	0	0	1,150	1,150
WARREN GARDENS	0	7,952	-4,874	0	3,078	3,078
AWARDS FOR ALL YOUTH VOLUNTEERING	0	12,850	-2,464	-500	9,886	9,886
L B RICHMOND ENERGY 2023	0	21,774	-13,480	-3,000	5,294	5,294
RESTRICTED FUNDS TOTAL	127,221	339,550	-310,036	-43,612	-14,098	113,123
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	155,855	389,701	-405,238	0	-15,537	140,318

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Detailed statement of financial activities 2022/23 £	2022/23 Unrestricted Funds	2022/23 Restricted Funds	2022/23 Total	2021/22 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Investment Income				
Bank interest	153		153	17
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>				
Grants and contracts	4,891	328,588	333,479	366,400
Donations and legacies	19,292	5,820	25,112	13,501
Gift Aid	260	508	768	1,433
Fundraising events	25,555	4,634	30,189	17,681
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	50,151	339,550	389,701	399,032
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
<i>Charitable Activities</i>				
Salaries and NI Costs	63,660	227,133	290,793	248,248
Consultancy and grants given		54,413	54,413	29,675
Project purchases and miscellaneous costs		17,612	17,612	15,697
Subscriptions	1,559	490	2,049	1,706
Travel, subsistence and training		1,771	1,771	3,614
Sundry project costs				979
Depreciation				885
Total Charitable Activities	65,219	301,419	366,638	300,804
<i>Support Costs</i>				
Salaries allocated to support costs	9,094		9,094	5,766
Office Costs	4,178	3,532	7,710	3,916
Insurance	1,729	2,595	4,324	3,747
Rent	4,202	2,444	6,646	6,929
Telephone and internet	932	46	978	1,141
Travel, subsistence and training	968		968	574
Website and IT	1,046		1,046	4,977
Total Support Costs	22,149	8,617	30,766	27,050
<i>Cost of Generating Funds</i>				
Fund raising costs	6,584		6,584	4,152
Total Cost of Generating Funds	6,584	0	6,584	4,152
<i>Governance Costs</i>				
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,250		1,250	950
Total Governance Costs	1,250	0	1,250	950
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	95,202	310,036	405,238	332,956
Net Income before Fund Transfers	-45,051	29,514	-15,537	66,076
Fund Transfers	43,612	-43,612		
Net Income / Expenditure after Fund Transfers	-1,439	-14,098	-15,537	66,076

Accounts



Habitats & Heritage

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historic
environment
and climate in
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The Trustees, who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2022. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS102')

Habitats & Heritage

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number

07469024

Registered Charity Number

1140872

Registered Office

ETNA Community Centre,
13 Rosslyn Road,
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Trustees

Ann Hagell	Chair
Saima Habib	Treasurer
Gary Butler	
Rachel Owen	
Adam Tyson	
Sharon Willoughby	Appointed 26 th January 2022
Charles Thomson	Resigned 26 th January 2022
Henry Unwin	Resigned 28 th July 2021
Lainya Offside-Keivani	Resigned 28 th April 2021

Company Secretary

Victoria Phillips

Independent Examiner

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I am very pleased to introduce Habitat & Heritage's annual report for 2021-2022.

This has been a year of consolidation for us. After the formation of Habitats & Heritage from the merger of the Environment Trust (ET) and South West London Environment Network (SWLEN) in November 2020, and the challenge of the pandemic, we have spent time this year reviewing how we work and making sure H&H is resilient and clear in its purpose. These have not been easy times for small charities, and I am very grateful to my colleagues on the Board, the excellent staff, our generous funders and collaborators and our many supporters for their belief in H&H and their commitment to our vision. I would particularly like to thank Cllr Geoff Acton, Mayor of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames 2020-21 and 2021-22 as the charity has greatly benefitted from being one of his mayoral charities, increasing our profile post-merger and the funds raised will ensure we can scale our impact. As a result, this has been a successful year for us.

The merger has resulted in a larger organisation, with a vibrant set of projects reflecting our mission to support the extensive natural and historical heritage and climate in South and West London and to connect and enrich fragmented, degraded and isolated historic and green spaces for everyone to enjoy. The synergy between habitats and heritage goals lies at the heart of our business plan.

Some key activities this year have included with in our 'Habitats' programme the creation of more Green Hubs bringing the total to 21, supporting 110 young volunteers who contributed 925 hours of practical nature conservation. Within our 'Heritage' programme we welcomed over 250 people Grade II* Kilmorey Mausoleum and 470 pupils came to St Leonard's Air Raid Shelter to learn more about local WW2 history. In our 'Climate' programme we have helped more than 350 people save an estimated £30,000 per year on their energy bills (and a lot of CO2 from being

emitted) through advice and home visits, 1,000 people participated in our co-designed and co-produced Richmond Climate Week with Richmond Council and through our 'Community' programme, facilitated the set up of 2 friends of parks groups, held 6 forums to share good practice between groups and lent litter picking equipment to volunteers who ran over 15 sessions removing litter from our environment.

We have also taken the opportunity to review and strengthen our governance and organisational procedures. We began a programme of recruitment of new Trustees to join those of us who came from either ET or SWLEN, and we undertook a review of our staff structure and the policies guiding our work. We said goodbye to my co-chair, Koy (Charles) Thomson, as he moved away from the area, and thank him very much for his invaluable support for the charity through the last few years. Ed Stannard, our Community Development Manager, also moved on to a new role. As well as goodbyes there have been hellos – with thanks to Historic England's additional funding, we recruited Stephen Fielding as our Heritage Projects Officer and Daija Angeli as our new Community Development Manager. We have particularly enjoyed working this year with our four Kickstarters, who brought such energy and enthusiasm to the task.

The wonderful natural assets and rich heritage of South West London continue to be under threat. Our rivers, green spaces, parks, and the historic fabric of our built environment are suffering from the impact of climate change, habitat destruction and fragmentation, forgetting and neglect and commercial development. But on the positive side the pandemic led to lasting interest in discovering and exploring local places. H&H is uniquely situated to respond to this, as well as, reducing emissions, and we look forward to another year of working with you all to invest in, enjoy and conserve our local environment.

Ann Hagell, Chair of Trustees

ABOUT HABITATS & HERITAGE

Habitats & Heritage is the local charity that acts for the natural and historic environment and climate in south and west London. Our mission is to protect and restore our threatened rivers, green spaces, parks and historic built environment for the benefit of the whole community, for this and future generations.

We are based in Twickenham and work across the London Boroughs of Richmond, Hounslow, Kingston, Wandsworth, Ealing and Merton.

Vision and values

Our vision is a restored and extensive natural and historical heritage for south and west London. We want to enrich and connect degraded and isolated green spaces across our urban landscape and to restore neglected historical structures and landscapes that would otherwise fall to ruin or disappear. We want to make those special local places accessible and inviting to all to explore, enjoy and feel part of.

We promote an accessible and inclusive approach to our environmental and historical heritage and seek to deepen people's sense of wellbeing, belonging and pride in place through learning and appreciation of the local environment. We promote sustainable lifestyles and recognise the inter-connectedness of all aspects of human activity.

Our values:

- Foster partnership.
- Recognise the value of natural and built environment both for people's well-being and for its own sake.
- Celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- Enable involvement through volunteering.
- Be locally relevant to global concerns.

History and governance

Habitats & Heritage is a registered charity (no 1140872) and a company limited by guarantee (no. 7469024) established in 2011 under the name South West London Environment Network (SWLEN). The charity was renamed and rebranded Habitats & Heritage in November 2020 following merger with Environment Trust, a sister charity established in 1984.

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. Operational management is delegated to the executive led by Chief Executive Colin Cooper. There are a number of committees and subgroups reporting to the board.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and that the activities carried out by Habitats & Heritage (formerly South West London Environment Network) during the year were all undertaken in order to further its objects. A detailed explanation is shown under activities and performance.

Objectives

Habitats & Heritage was set up with the following objects:

1. To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, principally, but not exclusively, in South West London and surrounding areas by:
 - Building the capacity of third sector organisations which are working on projects which aim to achieve sustainable development for the benefit of the public by providing them with support, information and services;
 - Promoting the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, the prudent use of resources, and sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;
 - Advancing the education and awareness of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and the prudent use of resources, and promoting and conducting study and research in such subjects, provided that the useful results of such study and research are disseminated to the public at large.
2. To promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

The themes of our work are Habitats, Heritage, Climate and Community. Collaboration is an over-arching theme.

Habitats



*Clearing litter
with
Be Richmond*

Duke of Edinburgh and Youth Volunteering

We engage young people through volunteering to preserve and celebrate local parks and green spaces and to learn about wildlife and the environment. The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is a popular programme and our monthly practical sessions help young people gain new skills and knowledge.

Green Hubs

Small street-side green spaces and shared gardens are vital connected corridors for wildlife, but they tend to suffer from neglect and unrealised potential. We have worked with neighbours across Richmond and Kingston to bring 21 green hubs to new life with mini-meadows and orchards. At Warren Gardens in Richmond neighbours have joined forces to create a wildlife-friendly garden with our support. Green Hubs provide stepping stones for nature between larger fragmented landscapes

Rewilding Arcadia

This major initiative by Father Thames Trust and the Thames Landscape Strategy following securing Green Recovery Challenge Funding, aims to create a series of rewilding demonstrations, to improve the natural environment. As part of the partnership we have seconded 1.5 posts to the project promoting awareness and engaging local

communities and organised volunteers to strengthen the river bank and clear invasive species.

Corporate Volunteering

Volunteering with us is a great way for companies to promote team work and benefit the environment. This year we worked with several local and national organisations and business agencies such as Be Richmond, Cisco and Kingston Technology. The 'thanks' page below lists all the companies who supported our work.

Marble Hill Park

Working with English Heritage on the Marble Hill Revived programme, we encouraged new visitors to the park by running events on themes such as building a stag-beetle loggery, bird nesting boxes and solitary bee hotels. It is especially relevant for us to support projects that have a combined focus on heritage and habitats. Our work with Marble Hill was led by our Kickstart colleagues and following this one of them has been recruited by English Heritage.

Smarter Water Catchment

The River Crane and the parks alongside are being enhanced by a project extending from the source in Harrow to the mouth at Isleworth, funded by Thames Water. In our initial work with Let's Go Outside and Learn we have helped to raise public awareness and map potential for community involvement. In following years our work will centre around building voluntary sector capacity.

Heritage



*Kilmorey Mausoleum
at Night*

Open House

Open House London is a key annual activity for Habitats & Heritage. It provides a valuable opportunity to share our local heritage with a wider audience and to showcase the work of the organisation, in turn raising our profile. In September 2021 the charity allowed access to three sites, including St Leonards Air Raid Shelter, Kilmorey Mausoleum and Burton's Mausoleum. All three were well attended and received over 150 visitors.

Burton's Mausoleum

The charity continues to raise funds for the conservation of the Grade II* mausoleum of Sir Richard and Lady Isabel Burton, and engage people with the story of Burton. In October, we hosted a free online talk with a curator from the South Asian department at the British Museum. The talk was entitled *Erotic Aesthetics: Demystifying Tantra and the Kama Sutra in South Asian Art*, and attracted an international audience. In November Habitats & Heritage took part in Richmond Literature Festival with the travel author Tharik Hussain, who discussed his new book *'Minarets from the Mountains'*, providing a contemporary view on travelling and travel writing. Other activities included a site visit with members of Multicultural Richmond and the Burton Explorer Scouts, who take their name and logo from the explorer.

St Leonards Air Raid Shelter

Despite the ongoing challenges of Covid-19, and thanks to the support of the Mortlake with East Sheen Society, Habitats & Heritage was able to provide access for 400 pupils at St

Leonards Air Raid Shelter. The tours support primary school pupils learning about World War Two and have become an established part of the educational programme. The charity also hosted members of Subterranea Britannica at the shelter in September. It has been wonderful to share this important cultural asset with the public again, as we continue to work with the freeholders to find a long-term solution for the building.

Grove Gardens Chapel

The Victorian chapel in Richmond Old Cemetery is currently closed due to structural problems. We made the building safe and are investigating ways to bring it back into use.

Research and public awareness

Habitats & Heritage hosted heritage conservation students from Kingston University at Grove Gardens Chapel, allowing them the opportunity to complete a conditions survey of a complex historical building that has suffered from subsidence in recent years.

The Heritage Project Manager and Project Officer led a heritage focused litter pick around Richmond town centre for members of the Business Improvement District. As well as helping to keep the town centre tidy, we were able to share our knowledge and enthusiasm for the local area with a new audience.

As part of Richmond Climate Week 2021, Habitats & Heritage arranged for Douglas Kent from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings to talk about the how to sensitively adapt historic houses to reduce carbon. The talk is available to view on YouTube.

Talks and events

In October the charity opened Kilmorey Mausoleum for members of the Avenue Club, Kew to explore; and to mark Halloween the charity hosted Kilmorey Mausoleum to the public for after dark tours. The after-dark event proved popular and Habitats & Heritage hopes to replicate it in the future, as it provides a novel opportunity for people to experience the historic structure.

Climate



*South West
London
Energy
Advice
Partnership*

In August 2021 we formed a new partnership with CREW Energy of Wandsworth called South West London Energy Advice Partnership (see www.swleap.org.uk). This is funded by the Energy Saving Trust and delivers energy advice to households in fuel poverty across the London Boroughs of Richmond, Wandsworth and Merton. We held energy advice sessions at venues such as day centres and food banks and received referrals from a variety of public sector bodies and community organisations. Our energy advisors and volunteers have completed over 100 home visits and detailed telephone energy advice sessions and spoken to over 400 people at events, helping clients to save over £30,000 per year on bills. We think demand for this service will continue to grow, especially as fuel prices will rise yet again in October 2022.

Climate Week



*Poster for
Climate Week*

Climate Week for Richmond upon Thames aimed to raise awareness about climate change, understand what can be done to help prevent it and to inspire everyone to take action. Seven days of activity included a food, waste and recycling day; advice sessions at the Energy Café; two youth conferences for

primary and secondary school students, exploring international issues in the week of COP26; a poster competition; a Heritage and Climate lecture about sustainability and historic buildings; and discussion on transport and air quality. The weekend began with an Open Forum for residents to have their say about local action and changes. After a mass litter-pick and conservation day around the Thames and Ham Lands, the week rounded up with a Net Zero discussion led by a panel of experts. The week was a springboard for local concern and action on an issue affecting all of us.

Community



*Consulting
with
neighbours*

Friends' Groups

We helped two new Friends' Groups established in Richmond Borough and supported many others with advice, marketing, advertising and practical work on site with Duke of Edinburgh Award and corporate volunteers. We ran six Friends Forum events across Richmond and Hounslow Boroughs.

Litter Picking

Since 2021, local groups and individuals have set up regular litter picking events thanks to our support in loaning equipment and giving advice on safety guidelines and risk assessment around Richmond Borough.

More than ten different groups have come forward to borrow our litter pickers since April 2021, running a total of 15 litter picking events. Some of these groups such as Hampton Heath Friends, have kept the pickers to run weekly events in the autumn of 2021 and Spring 2022. Thanks to a grant from the St Margaret's Fair, we have been able to significantly increase the

number of litter pickers and equipment we can loan.

We also actively took part in the 2022 Great British Spring Clean and we ran four different litter picking events in Hampton Hill, Old Deer Park, Queen's Road Estate and Broom Road Recreation Ground in Teddington. We also used these events as an engagement tool to garner interest in friends' groups whose set-up we were facilitating.

IT Support for Groups

Our offer to groups to provide training in improving digital skills continues to be open to all. Fortunately, there has been a noticeable improvement in the groups' communications; groups are more comfortable using social media and emailing software (MailChimp) to communicate their news, events and success stories, as well as becoming more comfortable looking after their own websites. Friends of Carlisle Park, Petersham Common Woods Conservators, Friends of Richmond Green and Friends of Feltham Green are some examples of groups that we have heavily supported with training, website assistance, email marketing, social media and more.

We deployed our crowdfunding tool on our Habitats & Heritage website to run a campaign for the Kneller Gardens Pavilion. The campaign was successful and the Friends of Kneller Gardens raised £5,586, beating their £5,000 target.

Communication

We have successfully relaunched our What's On page keeping it up to date to include events from local groups as well as our own Habitats & Heritage events. The calendar includes events from initiatives such as Friendly Parks for all, green Gym by TCV and Richmond's major fundraising events.

Our Habitats & Heritage, News Events and Opportunities for individuals newsletter has 3,294 active subscriptions and has sustained an opening rate of 40%, meaning around 1,000 people are reading our news. We also send news and events to our 108 supporters.

Our newsletter for environmental groups in Richmond and Hounslow goes bimonthly to 231 active subscribers.

Social Media

We continue to steadily grow our audience. By the end of 2021-22 we had 3,567 Twitter followers (compared to 3,186 in 2021), 1,493 Instagram followers (1,259 in 2021) and 1812 followers on Facebook (1,554 in 2021). We also reach audiences on LinkedIn and Nextdoor.

Events

Events to raise funds are also opportunities to engage people in the aims and work of the charity. We ran a popular Plant Sale in the grounds of Grove Gardens Chapel and our Secret Art Sale brought in more than five hundred entries, providing an opportunity for artists of all ages and abilities to celebrate and reflect on the challenges to our environment.

The charity has been privileged to be one of two Richmond Mayoral charities over the mayoral years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Awareness and fundraising events are organised by the Mayor's support team, these including; talks by Prof Alexandre Antonelli, Director of Science at Kew Gardens, garden parties at local stately homes, quiz nights, orchestra nights and Thames boat trips. Funds raised will be awarded in the fiscal year 2022-2023. These events were extremely beneficial in raising the profile of the recently merged charity in 2020-2021, for which we are hugely grateful.

Green Drinks

We continue to hold this monthly local social for people involved or interested in the environment as a way of networking, sharing knowledge and good practice as well as galvanising ideas for future collaborations.

Talks

We have presented to The Richmond Society and the Mortlake with East Sheen Society

Collaborations



*Sarah Olney,
MP for
Richmond Park*

The charity seeks to collaborate with a variety of other organisations, businesses, public sector bodies and local people to achieve its aims.

Grimwood Road Garden Site

We worked with the London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames, local organisations and neighbours to help find a new use for a disused community garden in Twickenham. Groups have begun to form partnerships to create a sustainable future for this valuable resource.

Feel Good & Grow

We worked with this new organisation to help them secure and hold funding so they could set up a group for people with dementia and their carers, delivering activities at the ETNA Community Centre (where Habitats & Heritage is also based).

Let's Go Outside and Learn (LGOAL)

We have continued to work closely and collaboratively with our long standing partners at LGOAL. The range of projects has included the Smarter Water Catchment for the Crane catchment corridor and widening participation in parks and friends' groups from more diverse audiences.

Crane Valley CIC

This new community interest company was established to take over the hosting of the Crane Valley Partnership in 2021 and also be a key player in the Smarter Water Catchment project. The charity has supported their set up

and our Chief Executive is part of their Advisory Group.

Kickstart

The charity participated in the Government's Kickstart scheme securing funding for four Kickstart staff. With the support from regular staff, the Kickstart team organised and ran five nature themed events in Marble Hill Park as well as supporting colleagues with corporate volunteering days and other events. During the scheme James Beagley secured work following his passion to get into making nature documentaries and following the end of the Kickstart scheme, we kept on Lucy Smale as Conservation Assistant and Alfi Allman was recruited as a Ranger at Marble Hill by English Heritage.

2021-22 Highlights



We welcomed over 150 visitors to our heritage sites for Open House London



Over 250 people visited Grade II* Kilmorey Mausoleum



We engaged 110 young volunteers who contributed 925 hours of practical nature conservation



Working with the Mortlake with East Sheen Society we have welcomed over 470 pupils to St Leonard's Air Raid Shelter to learn more about local WW2 history



We now have 21 Green Hubs across south and west London, creating green corridors for wildlife to thrive



We have helped more than 350 people save an estimated £30,000 per year on energy bills through advice and home visits.



Over 1,000 people across the borough participated in Richmond Climate Week



332 pieces of art were sold at our Secret Art Sale, making it the most successful to date



Over 600 wildlife-friendly plants were purchased at our Plant Sale for Wildlife



We've supported the formation of Friends of Parks groups and supported existing ones with advice, fundraising and training



We lent our litter picking equipment to different volunteer groups and individuals across Richmond who organised more than 15 sessions, helping keep the borough clean and preventing harmful plastic from going into the river

THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS:

Achieving for Children (AfC)
Arnold Clark Charity
Be Richmond
Cantor Hindson
Chapman Charitable Trust
Cisco
Coca Cola
Crane Valley CIC
Crane Valley Partnership
CREW Energy
D S Smith Charitable Trust
Dose of Nature
Ealing Parks Foundation
Ecclesiastical Insurance Charitable Fund
Edward Stannard Energy Saving Trust
English Heritage (Marble Hill)
ETNA Community Centre
Father Thames Trust
Feel Good and Grow
Active Richmond
Friends of Kneller Gardens
Friends of the River Crane Environment
Geoff Acton and Eileen McManus, The Mayor
and Mayor Consort (2020-2022), London
Borough of Richmond upon Thames
Hayburn Trust
Heathrow Community Trust
Historic England
Independent Merton Green Spaces Forum
HMRC Job Retention Scheme
DWP Kickstart Scheme

Kingston Environment Forum
Kingston Technology
Kingston Voluntary Action
Let's Go Outside & Learn
London Borough of Hounslow
London Borough of Merton
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
London Friends of Green Spaces Network
Merton Climate Action Group
Mortlake and East Sheen Society (MESS)
Multicultural Richmond
Pamela Fleming
Parks for London
People's Postcode Lottery
Redington Ltd
Richmond Biodiversity Partnership
Richmond Council for Voluntary Service
(Richmond CVS)
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
St Margaret's Fair Charity
Stefania Horne
Thames Landscape Strategy
Thames Water
The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)
Wild Minds Project

Thanks also to many individual sponsors and donors to our projects and general work.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding during the year 2021-22 were: (1) grants awarded to Habitats & Heritage to carry out work which is in accordance with its objects and (2) donations from members of the public through subscription and fund-raising events.

In 2021-22 grants were given by Historic England, the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, the Energy Saving Trust and many other donors listed in the Annual Report in this document. The Trustees are very grateful to these organisations and individuals for their support.

Reserves Policy

H&H aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure that Habitats & Heritage can meet its obligations. We aim to build reserves of unrestricted funds sufficient for at least three months of core costs (i.e. other than specific projects) in addition to closing down costs. In 2021/22 the target was £60,000.

Funds in deficit

There were no funds in deficit at the end of the accounting year.

Investment policy and objectives

Habitats & Heritage does not have significant funds to invest and funds above those needed to deal with day to day transactions are kept on bank deposit.

Funds held as custodian for others

Habitats & Heritage does not hold any funds as custodian for others.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Habitats & Heritage is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

History of Habitats & Heritage

Habitats & Heritage was set up to promote sustainable development mainly in South West London and to foster partnership working. The name *Habitats & Heritage* was adopted by South West London Environment Network (SWLEN), retaining the company and charity numbers and registering changes to the Articles of Association. SWLEN became a registered Company and Charity in 2010-11. The Articles of Association were amended by special resolution on 25th November 2020. In 2020-21 Habitats & Heritage assumed responsibility for all assets and liabilities of Environment Trust, which deregistered as a Company and Charity during 2021-22.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustee Board of Habitats & Heritage is made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen Trustees. As at 31st March 2022 there were six Trustees.

New Trustees undergo an induction programme to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the contents of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Annual Review and Business plans, Habitats & Heritage's decision-making process, and its financial performance including the most recent financial statements. During this induction new Trustees meet staff, volunteers and existing Trustees of Habitats & Heritage.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. The Board meets a minimum every two months and has several sub-committees overseeing aspects of the work in more detail. Day to day running of Habitats & Heritage is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer. A number of projects carry out specific activities under the management of a project leader who reports to the Chief Executive Officer.

Related Parties

The Trustees confirm that there were no transactions with related parties during the period.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which Habitats & Heritage is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

The Trustees' strategy is to review the risks that Habitats & Heritage faces on a regular basis and to integrate risk into the strategic and business planning process. It has a risk register which is regularly reviewed by the Board.

DECLARATION

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- For the year ending 31st March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Hagell', is shown within a light grey rectangular box.

Ann Hagell, Chair and Trustee

Dated: 11th July 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Habitats & Heritage Charitable Company ('the Company').

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of International Accountants which is one of the listed bodies. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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:



Name: R Athauda, Fellow of the Association of International Accountants

Address: R Athauda & Co., 306 Staines Road, Twickenham, Middx, TW2 5AS

Date: 5 September 2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31st March 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021/22 Total funds	2020/21 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investment income	3	17		17	3
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Grants and contracts	1, 4	16,529	349,871	366,400	86,107
Grants and contracts - transfer of funds from Environment Trust					104,953
Donations and legacies		6,001	7,500	13,501	16,473
Gift aid		754	679	1,433	729
Fund-raising events		17,661	20	17,681	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		40,962	358,070	399,032	208,265
EXPENDITURE ON:					
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public principally in South West London	5	42,300	258,504	300,804	151,156
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>		4,152	0	4,152	587
<i>Support costs</i>		22,620	4,430	27,050	
Governance costs		950	-	950	1,725
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		70,022	262,934	332,956	153,468
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE					
Before transfer		-29,060	95,136	66,076	54,797
Gross transfer between funds	6	25,151	-25,151		
Net incoming/outgoing resources		-3,909	69,985	66,076	54,797
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		32,543	57,236	89,779	34,982
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		28,634	127,221	155,855	89,779

Balance sheet at 31 March 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021/22 Total funds	2020/21 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	7	801		801	1,476
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investment and leases	8	10	0	10	20
Debtors	9	493	4,161	4,654	3,057
Cash at bank		29,893	128,278	158,171	133,765
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		30,396	132,439	162,835	136,842
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	2,563	5,218	7,781	5,742
Deferred income					42,797
NET CURRENT ASSETS		27,833	127,221	155,054	88,303
NET TOTAL ASSETS		28,634	127,221	155,855	89,779
FUNDS					
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		28,634		28,634	32,543
RESTRICTED FUNDS			127,221	127,221	57,236
TOTAL FUNDS		28,634	127,221	155,855	89,779

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2022.

The Trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with the Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102). The company therefore claims exemption from preparing a cash flow statement.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 11th July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ann Hagell
Chair & Trustee



Saima Habib
Treasurer & Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2019).

Incoming resources

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

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis 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.

Tangible fixed assets

One work of art valued at £800 is capitalised and expected not to depreciate. Other assets valued at less than £2,000 are not capitalised. Assets worth £2,000 or more are depreciated over the useful lifetime of the asset.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds may be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds may 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 a particular restricted purpose. Restricted funds were transferred from Environment Trust with the consent of funders and with the obligation to use the funds for the specified purpose.

Funds are detailed by name in the notes to the Financial Statements. See 'Movement in Funds' on page 23

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' Expenses

No Trustees were paid expenses during the year.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021/22	2020/21
Bank account interest	£ 17	£ 3

4. INCOMING FUNDS

Grants and Contracts	2021/22	2020/21
Total grants	£ 366,400	£ 191,060

Grants in 2020/21 included £104,953 transfer of funds from Environment Trust. The two largest grants in 2021/22 were:

- £69,510 from Historic England, which was fully used for its purpose of building capacity of local communities and promoting best practice in conservation of the historic environment.
- £57,600 from the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames which was fully used for its purpose to support and represent the environment sector working in Richmond upon Thames.

5. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Staff numbers	2021/22	2020/21
Average headcount	12	6
Full time equivalent	8.4	3.6

Consultancy and payments to other organisations		2021/22	2020/21
CREW Energy	SWLEAP project: part costs	£ 18,041	£ 0
Friends of Kneller Gardens	Crowd-funding campaign	£ 5,587	£ 0
Re: Grove Gardens Chapel	Building inspection	£ 2,025	£ 1,080
Other		£ 4,022	£ 8,145
TOTAL		£ 29,675	£ 9,225

6. TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

Net transfers from Restricted to Unrestricted Funds were £25,151, as detailed in Movement of Funds table p 21. Reasons for transfers were: agreed Full Cost Recovery with funders; supporting deficit of Restricted Fund; surplus funds from projects completed to satisfaction of funders; and ring-fencing of general funds for restricted activities.

7. FIXED ASSETS

One work of art valued at £800 is capitalised and is expected not to depreciate.

8. INVESTMENT AND LEASES

The long term lease of Grove Gardens Chapel is valued at £10. In 2021/22 shares in South West London Environment Network Social Enterprise (SWLEN SE) valued at £10 were written off because the Company is no longer active and there was no expectation of realising the value.

9. DEBTORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021/22	2020/21
Prepayments	£ 2,399	£ 2,127
Sundry debtors	£ 2,254	£ 930
Total	£ 4,653	£ 3,057

In 2021/22 debt of £200 from SWLEN SE was written off because the Company is no longer active and there was no expectation of recovering the sum owed.

10. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021/22	2020/21
Independent Examination Fee	£ 950	£ 1,725
Deferred Income	£ 0	£ 42,797
Other creditors	£ 6,831	£ 4,017
Total	£ 7,781	£ 48,539

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

£	OPENING BALANCE 1/4/2021	INCOMING RESOURCES	RESOURCES EXPENDED	TRANSFER OF FUNDS	MOVEMENT IN YEAR	CLOSING BALANCE 31/3/2022
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
FIXED ASSETS	1,476	0	675	0	-675	801
SHARES & LEASE	20	0	10	0	-10	10
GENERAL FUNDS	11,903	32,479	65,783	33,047	-257	11,646
CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING: DESIGNATED	11,798	7,933	3,554	0	4,379	16,177
BURTON BICENTENARY: DESIGNATED	7,346	550	0	-7,896	-7,346	0
UNRESTRICTED TOTAL	32,543	40,962	70,022	25,151	-3,909	28,634
RESTRICTED						
RICHMOND PARKS	3,005	58,055	42,027	-17,280	-1,252	1,753
RICHMOND AND EALING ENERGY	2,514	401	1,155	-1,760	-2,514	0
L B RICHMOND COVID FUND	2,518	0	0	0	0	2,518
HOUNSLOW PARKS	1,330	0	1,025	0	-1,025	305
DONKEY WOOD AND BRAZIL MILL	5,003	0	1,850	0	-1,850	3,153
EALING AWARDS FOR ALL	2,467	0	2,754	287	-2,467	0
BURTON'S TOMB	3,168	1,674	0	8,232	9,906	13,074
HISTORIC ENGLAND: CAPACITY	159	76,510	61,919	-1,040	13,551	13,710
THAMES EYOT BOAT HOUSE	1,121	2,072	0	-3,193	-1,121	0
GREEN HUBS POSTCODE LOTTERY	0	15,289	5,748	0	9,541	9,541
BE RICHMOND	500	9,400	3,633	0	5,767	6,267
BIODIVERSITY SURVEY	2,390	0	0	0	0	2,390
VINEYARD PASSAGE BURIAL GROUND	4,605	100	383	0	-283	4,322
GROVE GARDENS CHAPEL RESTORATION	11,632	0	4,140	0	-4,140	7,492
MARLOW CRESCENT	9,500	0	0	0	0	9,500
SWIMATHON FOR WATER VOLES	1,762	0	0	-1,762	-1,762	0
KITCHEN GARDEN MARBLE HILL	491	0	0	-491	-491	0
MOATED MANOR CO-OP FUNDS	1,667	0	0	0	0	1,667
KINGSTON GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	500	0	0	0	0	500
SURBITON STREAM THAMES WATER	2,500	0	0	0	0	2,500
NATIONAL LOTTERY RESILIENCE	404	0	0	-404	-404	0
ST LEONARDS COURT AIR RAID SHELTER	0	579	0	0	579	579
GREEN HUBS LB RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES	0	29,940	12,719	0	17,221	17,221
D S SMITH	0	3,000	0	0	3,000	3,000
SWLEAP ENERGY	0	32,737	33,115	1,760	1,382	1,382
2021 CLIMATE WEEK	0	29,413	22,966	-3,854	2,593	2,593
KNELLER GARDENS	0	5,846	5,587	-259	0	0
GRIMWOOD ROAD	0	9,500	7,525	0	1,975	1,975
KICKSTART	0	21,727	21,201	0	526	526
TLS REWILDING ARCADIA	0	22,941	18,428	-2,294	2,219	2,219
FEEL GOOD & GROW ACTIVE RICHMOND	0	5,000	2,542	0	2,458	2,458
SWC CRANE	0	15,540	11,963	-3,093	484	484
KINGSTON BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN	0	2,254	2,254	0	0	0
L B MERTON	0	16,092	0	0	16,092	16,092
RESTRICTED TOTAL	57,236	358,070	262,934	-25,151	69,985	127,221
TOTAL FUNDS	89,779	399,032	332,956	0	66,076	155,855

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Detailed statement of financial activities 2021/22	£	2021/22 Unrestricted Funds	2021/22 Restricted Funds	2021/22 Total	2020/21 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Investment Income					
Bank interest		17		17	3
Activities for generating funds					
Grants and contracts		16,529	349,871	366,400	86,107
Grants and contracts - transfer of funds from Environment Trust		-	-	-	104,953
Donations and legacies		6,001	7,500	13,501	16,473
Gift Aid		754	679	1,433	729
Fundraising events		17,661	20	17,681	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		40,962	358,070	399,032	208,265
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable Activities					
Salaries and NI Costs		40,359	207,889	248,248	113,446
Consultancy and grants given		-	29,675	29,675	9,225
Project purchases and miscellaneous costs		274	15,423	15,697	9,926
Subscriptions		756	950	1,706	501
Travel, subsistence and training		-	3,614	3,614	175
Sundry project costs		26	953	979	1,928
Depreciation		885	-	885	675
<i>Total Charitable Activities</i>		<i>42,300</i>	<i>258,504</i>	<i>300,804</i>	<i>135,876</i>
Support Costs					
Salaries allocated to support costs		5,766	-	5,766	-
Office Costs		3,511	405	3,916	1,013
Insurance		3,112	635	3,747	874
Rent		4,447	2,482	6,929	4,181
Telephone and internet		800	341	1,141	2,223
Travel, subsistence and training		574	-	574	-
Website and IT		4,410	567	4,977	6,220
Book-keeping		-	-	-	769
<i>Total Support Costs</i>		<i>22,620</i>	<i>4,430</i>	<i>27,050</i>	<i>15,280</i>
Cost of Generating Funds					
Fund raising costs		4,152	-	4,152	587
<i>Total Cost of Generating Funds</i>		<i>4,152</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4,152</i>	<i>587</i>
Governance Costs					
Independent Examiner's Fees		950	-	950	1,725
<i>Total Governance Costs</i>		<i>950</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>950</i>	<i>1,725</i>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		70,022	262,934	332,956	153,468
Net Income before Fund Transfers		- 29,060	95,136	66,076	54,797
Fund Transfers		25,151	- 25,151	-	
Net Income after Fund Transfers		-3,909	69,985	66,076	54,797

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The Trustees, who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS102')

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number

07469024

Registered Charity Number

1140872

Registered Office

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Ann Hagell	Joint Chair
Charles Thomson	Joint Chair
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Saima Habib	Treasurer
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Amanda Crouch	Appointed 26 th August 2020, resigned 2 nd February 2021
Esther Robinson Wild	Appointed 26 th August 2020, resigned 1 st February 2021
Simon Martin	Resigned 24 th June 2020
Emma Ciechan	Resigned 24 th June 2020
John Anderson	Appointed 25 th March 2020, resigned 2 nd November 2020
Susie Aliband	Resigned 24 th June 2020
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We are pleased to share with you Habitats & Heritage's annual report and accounts for 2020-21.

This has been an extraordinary year for the charity. As well as weathering the pandemic, and all the challenges that has posed for the voluntary sector, Habitats & Heritage was launched as a merger of two long established charities, Environment Trust and South West London Environment Network. The merger happened in November 2020, so this report covers some of the activities of SWLEN before the merger and the activities of the new, larger charity after that date. We were both pre-existing Trustees of Environment Trust and we have been very pleased to be part of the process of moving to this exciting new stage of our work.

Habitat & Heritage's mission is to protect and conserve our threatened rivers, green spaces, parks, and historic built environment and to create a better and more sustainable environment for the people who live and work in the area today and for future generations too. If the pandemic has shown us one thing, it is that the local area is of paramount significance in supporting people's wellbeing. Despite the challenges of the pandemic and the merger the staff have continued to deliver a fantastic work programme, and we have been really proud of what the charity has achieved across this most tricky of years.

As this report demonstrates, Habitats & Heritage has several exciting projects underway, including 'Green Hubs', which sees us working with local residents, councils, business and community groups to create thriving habitats in small, underutilised spaces. From roadside verges to areas outside offices and schools, we are supporting local communities to improve sites such as these to provide food sources and shelter to pollinators, birds, and hedgehogs.

Another exciting Habitats & Heritage project we worked on in 2020-21 was 'Burton: Exploring

Without Boundaries' commemorating the bicentenary of Sir Richard Burton, the famous Victorian explorer buried in Mortlake. Inspired by Burton, our theme for the year has been 'exploring', and we have continued to encourage everyone to explore their local area and discover something new, be it a park that they hadn't visited before or one of the countless fantastic museums we have on our doorstep.

Habitats & Heritage builds on almost 35 years of experience caring for the local environment and ensuring the preservation of its rich heritage. In 2020-21 we worked within Covid-19 restrictions to deliver a wide range of activities including volunteering for young people, energy efficiency, supporting community groups and protection of historic buildings.

We are very grateful to many people this year. We were helped during the merger by the expertise and goodwill of Environment Trust and SWLEN's outgoing chairs, John Anderson and Simon Martin, and the Boards of both charities worked extremely hard to make a successful transition. The staff have been great, we are so lucky to work with such a hardworking, committed and passionate team. And we are very grateful to our many funders and supporters, who help us to ensure that everyone can enjoy and benefit from our built and natural heritage.

We hope you will follow Habitats & Heritage as it embarks on its exciting new chapter, and will consider supporting us at this critical time or volunteering to work with us as we strive to protect the rich and varied habitats and heritage we are so fortunate to have in south and west London.

Ann Hagell
Charles Thomson
Joint Chairs

ABOUT HABITATS & HERITAGE

Habitats & Heritage (formerly South West London Environment Network) is the local charity that acts for the natural and historic environment in south and west London. Our mission is to protect and restore our threatened rivers, green spaces, parks and historic built environment for the benefit of the whole community, for this and future generations.

We are based in Twickenham and work across the London Boroughs of Richmond, Hounslow, Kingston, Wandsworth, Ealing and Merton.

Vision and values

Our vision is a restored and extensive natural and historical heritage for south and west London. We want to enrich and connect degraded and isolated green spaces across our urban landscape and to restore neglected historical structures and landscapes that would otherwise fall to ruin or disappear. We want to make those special local places accessible and inviting to all to explore, enjoy and feel part of.

We promote an accessible and inclusive approach to our environmental and historical heritage and seek to deepen peoples' sense of wellbeing, belonging and pride in place through learning and appreciation of the local environment. We promote sustainable

lifestyles and recognise the inter-connectedness of all aspects of human activity.

Our values:

- Foster partnership.
- Recognise the value of natural and built environment both for people's well-being and for its own sake.
- Celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- Enable involvement through volunteering.
- Be locally relevant to global concerns.

History and governance

Habitats & Heritage is a registered charity (no 1140872) and a company limited by guarantee (no. 7469024) established in 2011 under the name South West London Environment Network (SWLEN). The charity was renamed and rebranded Habitats & Heritage in November 2020 following merger with Environment Trust, a sister charity established in 1984.

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. Operational management is delegated to the executive led by Chief Executive Colin Cooper. There are a number of committees and subgroups reporting to the board.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and that the activities carried out by Habitats & Heritage (formerly South West London Environment Network) during the year were all undertaken in order to further its objects. A detailed explanation is shown under activities and performance.

Objectives

Habitats & Heritage was set up with the following objects:

1. To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, principally, but not exclusively, in South West London and surrounding areas by:
 - Building the capacity of third sector organisations which are working on projects which aim to achieve sustainable development for the benefit of the public by providing them with support, information and services;
 - Promoting the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, the prudent use of resources, and sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;
 - Advancing the education and awareness of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and the prudent use of resources, and promoting and conducting study and research in such subjects, provided that the useful results of such study and research are disseminated to the public at large.
2. To promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

Activities and performance

As part of our new developing strategy post-merger, we are now theming our work through programmes; habitats, heritage, climate and community, the latter a being a standalone programme but also underpinning the other three.

Habitats

Nature Conservation

In December 2020 our nature conservation programme was inherited through the merger, the programme includes youth volunteering, largely young people participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, providing corporate volunteering and Green Hubs – small spaces in the streetscape with potential for improving biodiversity providing stepping stones and connecting fragmented landscapes. Restrictions on social distancing and volunteering meant that work in early months was mainly online education and encouraging maintenance of green hubs by families. A joint programme with English Heritage and their Marble Hill House and Park promotes biodiversity has been engaging local people. Through funding from the Heritage Trust Network (HTH), we undertook a mass tree planting project in Morden Park (Merton) to offset carbon emission from their 2020 conference. Over 450 trees were planted funded by HTH and Merton Friends of the Earth. We have seen a huge increase in interest for our nature conservation work even when Government guidance meant this wasn't possible, since then interest and demand has continued to grow.

Habitats & Heritage chairs and acts as the Secretariat of the Richmond Biodiversity Partnership, which aims to conserve and enhance important local species and habitats and increase public awareness of them. The Partnership of over 16 organisations and landowners, as well as knowledgeable local people sets out the framework for the protection, conservation and enhancement

of wildlife within the borough through the Richmond Biodiversity Action Plan. Through its implementation, the plan protects and manages habitats and species of national, regional or local significance, or those that are in the Red Data Books and on the Red Lists.

Due to the effects of the global pandemic, including many staff in the partner organisation being placed on furlough, it has been a difficult year to deliver the Plan. On the back of people's renewed interest in their hyper-local environment and nature, we utilised our 'Nature in Richmond Borough' Facebook group to raise awareness of habitats and species on the doorstep as its membership grew considerably throughout the year. We hope we have made enough headway to retain this interest as the Partnership's conservation work recommences.

Heritage

Historic Environment

In December 2020 our heritage programme was inherited through the merger, this includes the post of Heritage Project Manager funded by Historic England.



Explorer Levison Wood with Heritage Project Manager Emily Lunn at Sir Richard Burton's tomb

Since December 2020, Habitats & Heritage has completed a viability study of the Grade II Listed Thames Eyot boathouse in Twickenham. The report was funded by Richmond Council Civic Pride Fund, Historic England, and the Pilgrim Trust. The study, which was led by Caroe Architects, demonstrates the appetite and need for the boathouse to be

conserved and reused for the benefit of the local community. The charity is now working to develop the project.

We continued to carry out weekly inspections of Grove Gardens Chapel to monitor the structural movement. As a consequence of the report issued by specialist structural engineers Hockley and Dawson, Habitats & Heritage was able to encourage Historic England to add Grove Gardens Chapel to the at-risk register, which will aid us securing much needed funds for the repairs.

Climate

Energy Efficiency

Our energy efficiency service continued in a new form during the year. Because of Covid we were no longer able to carry out our Home Energy Visits using our team of volunteers, but we cemented our relationship with local social housing provider RHP (formerly Richmond Housing Partnership) through a programme of visits to help improve the energy efficiency of empty properties just before occupation by new tenants. We visited 18 properties and estimate that the improvements that we made will save the new tenants approximately £100 per property per year as well as saving 363kg of CO2 from being emitted. We were also able to report back on other repairs and upgrades needed to these properties when we spotted them. RHP were very pleased with the results of this service and there is scope to continue it in the future with follow-up visits once tenants have moved in. We also formed a new partnership with CREW Energy, a not-for-profit Wandsworth based co-operative, and will be working with them on a joint project across Richmond, Wandsworth and Merton for the next two years.

We remain very focused on addressing CO2 from homes in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames where these emissions account for 49.3% of the total from all activities.

Community

Supporting community environmental activities

Habitats & Heritage has provided advice and support to groups and organisations which are working on environmental activities that benefit the public in the London Borough's of Richmond upon Thames, Hounslow and Ealing. Over the year Habitats & Heritage worked with approximately 100 groups. In a year of restrictions on face to face meetings, Habitats & Heritage has found our community engagement and development work challenging but has moved to online delivery and forums. Regular Forums in London Borough of Hounslow continued to run every quarter attended by an average of 15 different Friends groups and organisations. The annual Richmond Friends Forum ran in November 2020 as usual and it was agreed to make this bi-yearly due to current circumstances and to increase sharing of good practices and networking with a further Forum in March 2021.

Habitats & Heritage continued with its regular support activities, including online one-to-one advice sessions dealing with issues such as governance and fundraising, providing tailored training and coaching, sending out regular newsletters containing information of interest to groups, assisting with developing websites, advising on events and planning issues, and helping to publicise environmental activities with a view to recruiting volunteers to work on projects. Work continued supporting the formation of the Ealing Parks Foundation as well as supporting the Gurnell-Greenford Greenwayers mobilise with tools and equipment to help maintain the River Brent through Perivale Park. We have also been able to facilitate the set up of two new friends groups in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames during the pandemic using digital means.

One of the aims of Habitats & Heritage's social media work is to encourage individuals and groups wanting to set up or become involved in environmental projects in South West London, through the merger this will include more of our own activities.

Habitats & Heritage has continued to support groups through the crowdfunding, including Friends of Barnes Common and Friends of Feltham Green who both surpassed their fundraising targets

We have also focused on litter-picking after the upsurge in the use of parks and sadly litter left in them. This is an activity which can be organised in the context of social distancing and small group size. Habitats & Heritage has invested in a large quantity of litter-pickers and other equipment and has organised sessions for small groups where Covid-19 restrictions allow and safe working is possible. However, demand is now exceeding our supply of litter picking equipment and we look to secure additional funding to enable more activity.

Education and Events

Habitats & Heritage has developed a new website as part of building our new online presence, additional functionality will be added when funds allow. Together with our social media and newsletters, these are aimed at encouraging people in South West London who are interested in the environment and heritage looking for opportunities to get involved and make a difference to where they live, work or play. In 2020 Habitats & Heritage has enjoyed approximately 15% increase in social media engagement compared with last year: 3,300 followers on Twitter, 1,600 followers on Facebook, 3,500 followers of the 'Nature in Richmond Borough' Facebook page, 660 followers on Instagram and 3,628 subscribers to the newsletter for individuals, this is in addition to 58 Supporters and 69 Life Supporters who transitioned from Environment Trust. Content is a mixture of news about our activities, funding appeals, increasing our Supporter numbers, local environmental events and projects and stories about the wider sustainable development agenda.

The events programme was also inherited from Environment Trust in December 2020 and serve as both educational and raising funds for our charitable work. Artist and Patron Axel Scheffler entertained and inspired 400 children and families at the

Christmas Tales online event. Wildlife film-maker and Patron Gordon Buchanan hosted an evening online for more than 200 participants. Great thanks are owed to the celebrated people who give their time to promote conservation and sustainable development for people of all ages.



Wildlife film-maker and Patron Gordon Buchanan hosted an online event in March.

Co-operation and partnership working

Habitats & Heritage represents the local environment and sustainability sector on various local partnerships, including the London Borough of Richmond Voluntary Sector Forum, the Richmond Compact and the London Friends Groups Network and Parks for London, where our Chief Executive is a Trustee.

Habitats & Heritage chairs and acts as the Secretariat of the Richmond Biodiversity Partnership, we have become partner in the Crane Valley Partnership, a river catchment partnership delivering activities to enhance the environment and community along the River Crane catchment, which includes Yeading Brook, the Longford River and Duke of Northumberland's Rivers. Our CEO has also become an advisor to the Crane Valley Partnership hosting organisation, Crane Valley CIC.

We continue to explore collaboration and partnership opportunities that will help us create greater impact in delivering our charitable objectives.

The merger of two charities in 2020 has created a broad scope for community engagement and inspiring commitment to conservation and sustainable development. Habitats & Heritage's knowledge of the local environmental, and heritage voluntary and public sectors enables it to make introductions between organisations and individuals who can work together.

Thanks To:

Be Richmond
CPRE London
Crane Valley CIC
Crane Valley Partnership
Dose of Nature
English Heritage
Father Thames Trust
Go Parks London
Gurnell-Greenford Greenwayers
Independent Merton Green Spaces Forum
Kingston Environment Forum
Kingston Voluntary Action
Let's Go Outside & Learn
Let's Go Outside & Learn
London Borough of Hounslow
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
London Friends of Green Spaces Network
London Museum of Water & Steam
Merton Climate Action Group
MindFood
Parks For London
Richmond CVS
RNLI Teddington
Thames Landscape Strategy

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding during the year 2020-21 were: (1) grants awarded to Habitats & Heritage to carry out work which is in accordance with its objects, (2) donations from members of the public through subscription and fund-raising events, (3) merger with Environment Trust, Registered Charity: 294869, Company 02030430 and (4) Job Retention Scheme payments to enable the charity to continue employment of staff whose jobs would have been at risk as a result of the global pandemic.

Environment Trust funds, assets and liabilities were transferred in full to Habitats & Heritage during the year. Restricted funds were transferred with the consent of funders and with the obligation to use the funds for the specified purpose. Employment of staff was also transferred.

In 2020-21 grants were given by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, the London Borough of Hounslow, the Heathrow Community Fund, Global Action Plan and Historic England. Funds inherited from Environment Trust included grants

from Postcode Lottery (see note 6), London Borough Richmond upon Thames and Historic England. The Trustees are very grateful to these organisations for their support.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees adopted a reserves policy in March 2020. It aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure that Habitats & Heritage can meet its obligations. We will build closing down costs over three years.

Funds in deficit

There were no funds in deficit at the end of the accounting year.

Investment policy and objectives

Habitats & Heritage does not have significant funds to invest and funds above those needed to deal with day to day transactions are kept on bank deposit.

Funds held as custodian for others

Habitats & Heritage does not hold any funds as custodian for others.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Habitats & Heritage is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Habitats & Heritage is a new name that was adopted by South West London Environment Network (SWLEN), retaining the company and charity numbers and registering changes to the Articles of Association. SWLEN was registered on 14th December 2010, became a registered charity on 24th March 2011 and began operating on 1st April 2011. The Articles of Association were amended by special resolution on 25th November 2020. Habitats & Heritage was set up to promote sustainable development mainly in South West London and to foster partnership working.

Relationship to Environment Trust

By 25th March 2021 Habitats & Heritage had received all assets, liabilities and contracts belonging to Environment Trust, Registered Company 02030430, Registered Charity 294869, with the exception of the lease for Grove Gardens Chapel for which the transfer is being negotiated with the Diocese of Southwark. Employee contracts were transferred to Habitats & Heritage on 1st December 2020 and TUPE arrangements were made where applicable. Funding bodies and other stakeholders were consulted throughout the process of merger. Several Environment Trust Trustees continue to serve also as Trustees of Habitats & Heritage.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustee Board of Habitats & Heritage is made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen trustees. As at 31st March 2021 there were eight trustees.

New Trustees can be appointed at a General Meeting, or up to two Trustees per annum may be co-opted by the Board to serve until the date of the next Annual General Meeting when they must stand for election.

Induction and training of new Trustees

New Trustees undergo an induction programme to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the contents of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Annual Review and Business plans, Habitats & Heritage's decision-making process, and its financial performance including the most recent financial statements. During this induction new trustees meet staff, volunteers and existing trustees of Habitats & Heritage.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. The Board meets a minimum every two months and has several sub-committees overseeing aspects of the work in more detail.

Day to day running of Habitats & Heritage is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.

A number of projects carry out specific activities under the management of a project leader who reports to the Chief Executive Officer.

Related Parties

The Trustees confirm that there were no transactions with related parties during the period.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which Habitats & Heritage is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

The Trustees' strategy is to review the risks that Habitats & Heritage faces on a regular basis and to integrate risk into the strategic and business planning process. It has a risk register which is regularly reviewed by the Board.

DECLARATION

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Hagell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'A' and 'H'.

Signed

Ann Hagell, Joint Chair and Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Thomson.". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'K' and 'T'.

Signed

Charles Thomson, Joint Chair and Trustee

Dated: 28th July 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 set out on pages 14 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

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

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the 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 charity 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 you as the trustees 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, that:

1. the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting Requirements of Section 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

R Athauda A Co.

Date: 30 September 2021

R Athauda, FAIA, R Athauda & Co, International Accountants, 306 Staines Road, TWICKENHAM, Middx, TW2 5AS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of financial activities

For the year ending 31st March 2021 (See Note 7 for breakdown)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020/21 Total funds £	2019/20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investment income	2	3		3	88
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds		0			2,439
Grants and contracts	3	44,210	41,897	86,107	147,005
Grants and contracts - transfer of funds from Environment Trust		33,531	71,422	104,953	0
Donations and legacies	4	16,473		16,473	499
Gift aid		729		729	279
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		94,946	113,319	208,265	150,310
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities					
Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public principally in South West London		63,992	87,164	151,156	140,420
Cost of generating funds		587	0	587	0
Governance costs		1,725	0	1,725	520
Finance costs					0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		66,304	87,164	153,468	141,876
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE					
Before transfer		28,642	26,155	54,797	8,434
Gross transfer between funds		1,730	-1,730	0	0
Net incoming/outgoing resources		30,372	24,425	54,797	8,434
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		2,171	32,811	34,982	26,548
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		32,543	57,236	89,779	34,982

Balance sheet

As at 31st March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020/21 Total funds £	2019/20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	5	1,476		1,476	1,351
CURRENT ASSETS					
Investment and leases	6	20		20	10
Debtors	7	3,057		3,057	3,393
Cash at bank		31,430	102,335	133,765	35,326
		34,507	102,335	136,842	38,729
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	3,440	2,302	5,742	5,098
Deferred income	7		42,797	42,797	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		31,067	57,236	88,303	33,631
NET ASSETS		32,543	57,236	89,779	34,982
FUNDS					
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				32,543	2,171
RESTRICTED FUNDS				57,236	32,811
TOTAL FUNDS				89,779	34,982

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The Trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with the Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its surplus or deficit for each 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 financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102). The company therefore claims exemption from preparing a cash flow statement.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 28th day of July 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ann Hagell
Joint Chair & Trustee



Charles Thomson
Joint Chair & Trustee



Saima Habib
Treasurer & Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ending 31st March 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

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

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis 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.

Tangible fixed assets

Art work valued at £800 was transferred from Environment Trust to Habitats & Heritage during the year.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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 a particular restricted purpose.

Restricted funds were transferred from Environment Trust with the consent of funders and with the obligation to use the funds for the specified purpose.

The largest single restricted grant of £57,600 was from the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames which was fully used for its purpose to support and represent the environment sector working in Richmond upon Thames.

Funds are detailed by name in the notes to the Financial Statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

HABITATS & HERITAGE**Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ending 31st March 2021 - continued****TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS****Trustees' Expenses**

No Trustees were paid expenses during the year.

2 INVESTMENT INCOME	2020/21	2019/20
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Bank account interest	£3	£88
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3 INCOMING FUNDS	2020/21	2019/20
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Grants/Contracts	£191,060	£147,005
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4 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES. The figure includes one Art Work valued at £800: see note 5.

5 FIXED ASSETS. One Art Work valued at £800 was transferred from Environment Trust to Habitats & Heritage as part of the transfer of all funds. The valuation was made at the same level as the asset held in Environment Trust. It was deemed not to have depreciated in value due to continuing interest in such a work.

6 INVESTMENT AND LEASES

Habitats & Heritage holds 10 Ordinary £1 shares in Community Current Limited (subsequently renamed SWLEN SE Ltd), a company limited by shares registered in England and Wales. The £10 value of the long term lease of Grove Gardens Chapel was transferred from Environment Trust..

7 DEBTORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020/21	2019/20
Prepayments	£ 2,127	£ 58
Sundry debtors	£ 930	£ 3,335
Total	£ 3,057	£ 3,393

Prepayments includes £1596.28 paid by Environment Trust for insurance of Grove Gardens Chapel valid to 31.12.21

7 CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020/21	2019/20
Independent Examination Fee	£ 1,725	£ 520
Deferred Income	£ 42,797	£ 0
Other creditors	£ 4,017	£ 4,578
Total	£ 48,539	£ 5,098

Independent Examination Fee includes the Environment Trust's liability for 2020-21.

Deferred income is:

- (a) London Borough of Richmond upon Thames 2021-22 grant received in March 2021: £28,800
- (b) Postcode Lottery Grant received in 2021-22 and allocated to activities in 2021-22 with agreement of the funder. Activities were postponed due to Covid restrictions: £13,997.

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	1.4.20 Opening balance	Resources Incoming	Resources Expended	Transfers between funds	Movement in year	31.3.21 Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	1,351	800	675		125	1,476
SHARES	10	10			10	20
GENERAL FUNDS	810	74,992	65,629	1,730	11,093	11,903
CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING		11,798			11,798	11,798
BURTON BICENTENARY		7,346			7,346	7,346
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS TOTAL	2,171	94,946	66,304	1,730	30,372	32,543
RICHMOND PARKS		36,013	33,008		3,005	3,005
RICHMOND AND EALING ENERGY	5,760	242	3,566	78	-3,246	2,514
KINGSTON ENERGY	878			-878	-878	0
MARLOW CRESCENT GRANT	9,500				0	9,500
BIODIVERSITY SURVEY	2,390				0	2,390
L B RICHMOND COVID FUND		5,000	2,482		2,518	2,518
HOUNSLOW PARKS 2020-21		6,335	5,005		1,330	1,330
BEE RICHMOND	500				0	500
DONKEY WOOD AND BRAZIL MILL	3,783	6,860	5,640		1,220	5,003
EALING AWARDS FOR ALL	10,000		7,533		-7,533	2,467
BURTON'S TOMB		3,168			3,168	3,168
CONSERVATION OFFICER		1,319	1,319		0	0
KITCHEN GARDEN MARBLE HILL		491			491	491
SURBITON STREAM PROJECT THAMES WATER		2,500			2,500	2,500
CAPACITY AND COMMISSIONING HISTORIC ENGLAND		17,309	14,100	-3,050	159	159
GREEN HUBS		3,906	4,706	800	0	0
MOATED MANOR CO-OP FUNDS		1,667			1,667	1,667
NATIONAL LOTTERY RESILIENCE		5,110	4,706		404	404
KINGSTON GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE		2,283		-1,783	500	500
SWIMATHON FOR WATER VOLES		1,762			1,762	1,762
THAMES EYOT BOAT HOUSE		3,626	2,505		1,121	1,121
VINEYARD PASSAGE BURIAL GROUND		4,605			4,605	4,605
GROVE GARDENS CHAPEL RESTORATION		11,123	2,593	3,102	11,632	11,632
RESTRICTED FUNDS TOTAL	32,811	113,319	87,163	-1,730	24,425	57,236
ALL FUNDS TOTAL	34,982	208,265	153,467	0	54,797	89,779

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31st March 2021
Income and Expenditure Account

	2020/21 Unrestricted Funds	2020/21 Restricted Funds	2020/21 Total	2019/20
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Investment Income				
Bank interest	3		3	88
Activities for generating funds				2,439
Grants and contracts	44,210	41,897	86,107	147,005
Grants and contracts - transfer of funds from Environment Trust	33,531	71,422	104,953	
Donations and legacies	16,473		16,473	499
Gift Aid	729		729	279
Total	94,946	113,319	208,265	150,310
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities				
Salaries and NI Costs	48,359	65,087	113,446	102,623
Project consultancy fees		9,225	9,225	2,063
Project purchases and Misc. Costs		9,926	9,926	21,538
Insurance	874		874	661
Rent	3,781	400	4,181	6,156
Office Costs	1,013		1,013	1,007
Office Equipment				306
Subscriptions	501		501	332
Telephone and internet	1,803	420	2,223	837
Travel	59	116	175	372
Website and IT	6,148	72	6,220	
Book keeping	769		769	4,159
Sundry costs	10	1,918	1,928	1,000
Depreciation	675		675	302
Total	63,992	87,164	151,156	141,356
Cost of generating funds				
Fund raising costs	587	0	587	0
Total	587	0	587	0
Governance Costs				
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,725	0	1,725	520
Total	1,725		1,725	520
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	66,304	87,164	153,468	141,876
NET INCOME before Fund Transfers	28,642	26,155	54,797	8,434