

Leaves and Goldfinch photos: by Lewis Outing



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Bullfinch by Lewis Outing

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Message from the Chair



For St Nicks, as across society, 2021-22 was a year where pandemic routines became either embedded or discarded. Our understanding of 'normal' evolved and was re-shaped often. Circumstances required us to adapt in line with the expectations of all those affiliated with us and be malleable in our delivery approach. Fundamentally however our strategic priorities – urban green space regeneration, nature-based wellbeing, and sustainable living - remained consistent.

Against this backdrop we are proud to have delivered a record year of strong growth. In fulfilling this latest phase of our aspirations, we broadened our reach and elevated our impact within the communities we serve. Our Green Corridors work has expanded further beyond the confines of the Nature Reserve and we have collected more recycling tonnage than ever before.

The support of our partners and grant providers has enabled many of the positive outcomes documented throughout this report but we know that the funding landscape is now more competitive than ever. We cherish our existing relationships and welcome new collaborative opportunities.

It has nonetheless been a year of transition, as we said a fond farewell to Tom Waring after 16 years with us, the last nine as CEO. Tom's unwavering passion for the charity over this time has been instrumental in establishing much of what we are now tasked with building for the future. On behalf of everyone at St Nicks I'd like to express our thanks for his dedication and vision. During the latter part of the year Sam Taylor stepped up admirably on an interim basis alongside her primary role leading the Recycling Team and similarly is deserving of an expression of our gratitude.

Looking forward, we are delighted to welcome our new CEO, Ellie Stead, who joins us in April 2022. Ellie brings extensive commercial, community and fundraising experience across a diverse career including a more recent interim leadership role at the Yorkshire Air Museum. As Ellie joins us, our accomplishments in recent years have inevitably created some requirement for change whilst we continue to evolve. Our revised management structure will reflect this. We intend to devolve more operational leadership responsibilities across our wider management team to set ourselves up for future success.

More broadly, it is heartening to see environmental issues continue to be thrust into the limelight. Amongst all the fanfare of COP26 and the ballooning relevance of ESG strategies to UK businesses and those who invest in them, grass roots movements are finding an increasingly attentive and receptive public audience too. As part of this transition, it is incumbent on us to embrace and engage our volunteers and supporters in new ways, whilst remaining true to our core values.

To conclude, we have good cause to be excited about our next chapter but for now I'd like to close 2021-22 with a simple thank you – to all who play their part in keeping this green heart of York beating.

Stuart Leslie, Chair of Trustees
March 2022



CEO's report

I'm delighted to be writing this report as the new CEO of St Nicks, having joined just a few weeks after the year end. I've been blessed to have inherited a strong legacy and even stronger community of staff, volunteers and participants with a vast wealth of knowledge across the different areas of our operation. I have grown to appreciate very rapidly the absolute magic that happens across so much of what St Nicks does every single day and the deep expertise of those who work with and for us. It is truly quite incredible how such a small team can make such a HUGE difference to the lives of so many!

Although some of the most challenging elements of the pandemic are now thankfully behind us, the legacy of impact it has left behind remains significant, particularly for those whose mental health was or is still affected or for those impacted by loneliness and isolation. Combined with cost of living and energy bills, there are still battles our communities are facing on a daily basis, with difficult choices and decisions to make. At St Nicks, whether it is to provide a moment of escape, clarity or connection or to provide a supportive and judgement free space to breathe and just "be", we continue to be a beacon of light in the midst of some dark days.

We have been working hard to ensure we can truly articulate the value of what we bring... while there is a certain element of magic to our spaces and engagement, it's important that we demonstrate and communicate exactly how much of a difference we are making using independent and rigorous methods. All charities across the UK are struggling post-pandemic and we are no exception – with public purse strings tightened and funder's focus becoming laser sharp, we want to ensure we can show just how worthwhile our programmes are and continue providing them to those in need.

The team at St Nicks are easily the most dedicated, committed and energetic I have ever worked with – they live and breathe the ethos of what we stand for and have moved mountains to ensure that communities and our volunteer opportunities could continue, no matter what barriers or challenges had to be overcome. I am proud to lead this team and we continue to foster an approach where we learn from each other constantly and share our stories and lived experience for wider benefit.

We have developed and cemented some incredible partnerships over the course of the year and beyond, working in concert to promote and implement sustainable ways of living and how to make these tangible and achievable to everyone, every day. We are keen to foster further relationships as we go forward, particularly with corporates and organisations that truly committed to their journey of Corporate and Social Responsibility

Why we do what we do: our purpose

If you look at the Charities Commission website or our Constitution, our stated purpose is to:

- Preserve and conserve the area known as St Nicholas Fields for the benefit and education of the public
- Educate the residents of York in principles and benefits of environmental and conservation issues and sustainability including recycling and waste reduction
- Provide facilities for residents with the aim of improving their conditions of life through social welfare and leisure

We do so much more than this at St Nicks, because it's not just the "what" we do, it's the "how" we do it. We are deeply committed to creating, building and supporting communities through nature. Preserving and enhancing the habitats for over 2,000 species to ensure not only our urban nature reserve, less than a mile from the Centre of York, but that ALL green spaces that connect York and **their** associated communities can benefit as well. This is why we get out of bed, every day, come rain, shine, wind, snow and engage with the land and engage with the people – together, both can thrive.

– we are looking for partners who are willing to get their hands dirty (figuratively AND literally speaking!) and walk the talk, not just give lip service in their annual report or website but to engage and make a real difference. Greenwashing isn't for us, so it's very important that our partners align with our purpose and ethics.

As well as continuing to maintain strong ongoing execution of governance in all that we do, a key area of focus for me in my own journey with St Nicks is one of building awareness. Many people do not know we exist! We have already started to make inroads to ensure that more people, especially locally are not just aware of our name, or one of the activities we undertake, but understand and appreciate all that we offer. We have an eclectic and dynamic mix, creating positive impacts across our communities.

I have mentioned our people already, and we invest to ensure that ongoing development is part and parcel of everyone's growth and personal journey with us. I'm proud to have Sam Taylor as part of my team – Stuart has already mentioned her above, but Sam was awarded the status of Churchill Fellow and was due to travel to San Francisco and Canada on a Zero Waste Cities project in 2020. Due to the pandemic this incredible opportunity to engage with practitioners to deepen understanding, foster innovation and share learning didn't happen... until now. I'm delighted that Sam will be able to visit places and people in early 2023 to foster relationships and build knowledge that will support St Nicks remaining on the leading edge of waste minimisation practices.

Significant activities

We deliver our charitable aims in a number of ways:

Nature-based wellbeing

Ecotherapy: Positive contribution and impact to those suffering significant mental health challenges. Improving wellbeing of our participants through programmes which connect them to nature. We have courses that involve poetry and creative writing, willow weaving, Bushcraft, conservation and sustainable gardening skills and many others.

Thriving at Work: This funded scheme aims to help individuals and small to medium sized local businesses to bring nature connectedness into the workspace and equip businesses to better support their employee's mental health needs.

Outreach and education: As well as our Nature Adventurer sessions for children, we offer school trips, Green Mentoring with local schools and Holiday and Food Clubs. Our engagements focus on building children's knowledge of nature, resilience and confidence.

Improving greenspaces

Green Corridors: As well as managing our 24 acre urban nature reserve a mile away from York Centre we work on a number of "Green Corridor" areas across York that connect multiple Greenspaces. These corridors create and are helping to restore bigger, better and more joined up habitats across three landscape scale corridors and 21 sites across York Local Authority Area, including floodplain meadow, hedgerows, woodland and riparian habitat of the critically endangered tansy beetle.

Natural habitats: We now maintain over 2,000 species at our nature reserve which was originally a landfill site until the 1970s. We have an active volunteering programme across all age groups. We provide support to floodplain meadow areas and groups. We work closely with City of York Council and many other organisations such as The Environment Agency in close partnership to ensure we can broaden the impact and results of our activities.

Ecology: We engage with local communities in relation to citizen science projects for our ecological and monitoring activities across multiple sites in York collecting species, habitat and condition data. Building this picture over time allows us to better understand how our habitats are changing and evolving. We have additional new partners and Universities about to commence projects with us in late 2022.



Waste minimisation

Residential & commercial recycling collections:

St Nicks has provided an eco-friendly kerbside recycling scheme for York since 2001. We currently collect recyclable materials from more than 2,500 households and 300 businesses in the city centre. Our unique, low carbon emission service uses an electric vehicle and load bearing tricycles to collect and sort recycling at the kerbside. This enables us to collect high quality recyclable materials and make the recycling process as efficient as possible. All materials collected are recycled within the UK. The household collection service is funded through a service agreement with City of York Council.

Terracycle drop offs: Thanks to a partnership with Terracycle, we accept extra plastic materials which are not normally recycled in York. As well as a monthly drop off at our Environment Centre, we work with several drop off locations across York.

Sustainable living – We run a dedicated Zero Waste York Facebook group with over 3,800 active members. Through this channel we have voted for and organised group litter picks, set up working groups to address common issues and surveyed residents for projects requiring priority.



Reducing carbon emissions

Energy advice & support: From August 2021, we provide a free energy advice service for York residents who are either on a low income, or aged 65+ or experiencing a long term health condition or disability. This partnership between St Nicks and York Community Energy is funded through the Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme, and supported by Yorkshire Energy Doctor as well as other local partners.

Fuel vouchers; We can issue these on behalf of the City of York Council to qualifying York residents who need help with meeting their energy costs meeting energy costs.

Eco Homes events: Around a third of York's carbon emissions come from the way we heat and power our homes. Making them much more energy efficient brings numerous benefits so we facilitate information sharing and understanding of energy saving home upgrades via our York Open Eco Homes event series.



Strategy to meet our purpose

Our **vision** is to enable thriving and connected biodiverse communities.

Our **mission** is to build and connect flourishing communities through urban greenspace regeneration, nature-based wellbeing and sustainable living.

Our activities are underpinned by our **values**: Collaboration, Integrity, Innovation and Professionalism.

Our **strategy** to meet and deliver to our purpose comprises of three core elements:

- Urban greenspace regeneration: **Nature**
- Improve wellbeing through nature connectedness: **People**
- Empower communities to flourish sustainable: **Planet**

The key drivers for this strategic approach are embedded within and across all our activities:



Nature

Design, lead and deliver innovative projects that regenerate, transform and connect greenspaces and their support groups across the Vale of York and beyond.

People

Provide inclusive specialist nature-based support to improve mental and physical wellbeing, building individual and community resilience.

Planet

Promote carbon neutral and zero waste lifestyles and provide services that encourage and enable communities to develop sustainably and thrive.

Areas of focus for coming year & future aspirations



By Lewis Outing

In the next few years, we will be focusing on taking our proven positive models, impacts and deliverables from our Ecotherapy and Green Corridor work and seeking to secure funding post March 2023 to ensure these key activities can continue to develop. For Ecotherapy we are keen to ensure we can deliver the capacity needed to match the high level of demand still present across existing and potentially future programmes as well as exploring the potential to have these services commissioned for longer term sustainability. We also wish to explore partnerships to allow us to offer further activities to children and young people and dementia sufferers and carers.

In starting to work on a redesign of our website, to make it more user-friendly, easier to navigate and a better reflection of the “persona” of St Nicks, we will also incorporate changes to enhance accessibility for all users and will seek to develop more inclusive approaches in general. We are already developing five different GPS trails throughout the reserve (with some to be delivered remotely) to cater to different levels of physical ability, and to support mindfulness and connectedness to nature for both adults and children.

We are conscious across both our Board and teams to better understand and demonstrate our commitment to Equality, Inclusion and Diversity, across all possible dimensions and definitions.

In the slightly longer term, we will also be seeking partnerships and funding to retrofit and possibly extend our Environment Centre to ensure it both keeps pace with our evolution as a charity, remains aligned with our “Planet” strategic driver and to ensure it can provide the best possible community hub in our area of operation, one which includes some of the most deprived postcodes in York and among the 20% most deprived in England.

St Nicks: key achievements in 2021-22



Ecotherapy

3,706 participant course hours delivered

350 hours face-to-face mentoring

£9.39 of social value delivered for every £1 spent on St Nicks Ecotherapy

97% of external evaluation survey respondents notice and seek out nature more as a result of attending ecotherapy

83% say that attending Ecotherapy makes them feel less lonely.

Feedback from participants was gathered by Converge Evaluation and Research Team (CERT).

569 tonnes of business and residential recycling collected and hand sorted

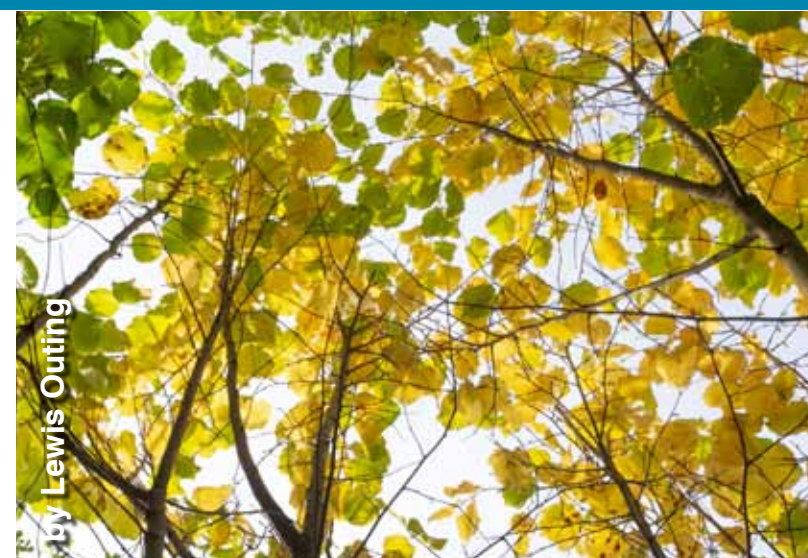
100% sent for recycling within the UK

0% contamination so no materials are rejected by reprocessors and incinerated

3.5 tonnes extra materials recycled via Terracycle

£13k crowdfunded for the Precious Plastics York project which launched public sessions on plastics reduction and recycling

Minimising waste



by Lewis Outing

Improving greenspaces

58 hectares

of habitat restored and/or improved across 21 sites around York

180 volunteers participating in conservation sessions

5,020 hours of volunteer time dedicated to restoring nature in York

320 volunteer sessions run by staff or park rangers

2,000 species identified and confirmed to date at St Nicks Nature Reserve

90+ live visits made to York Open Eco Homes showcasing low carbon, cosy homes

York Energy Advice

launched with York Community Energy to provide free support on energy issues to residents on a low income, 65+ or with a chronic condition

300 households advised and supported over 7 months

24 homes had simple energy saving measures installed

5,300 kWh - estimated amount of energy saved per year thanks to the installed energy efficiency measures

Reducing carbon emissions



Achievements: Nature and wellbeing



“**St Nicks has given me more than I can probably put into words. It’s encouraged me to meet and engage with others.**”

Ecotherapy: improving wellbeing through nature connectedness

The Ecotherapy programme, funded primarily by the National Lottery Community Fund, continues to be in high demand with a steady stream of referrals and many groups being full and holding a waiting list. Participants in the groups have come to see these sessions and the accompanying mentoring as essential to their mental wellbeing. In addition, the groups are counteracting loneliness, positively impacting physical health and providing routine and resilience.

“St Nicks is safe. It’s a place I can come to on rubbishy days where everything feels bleak and I’m physically unable to settle, and it’s a place I can come to when I’m doing a bit better. However I am, I can engage as much as I want, or am able to, and that’s okay.”

In addition to the group sessions, we offer 1:1 mentoring on a drop in and appointment basis. The total number of quality mentoring hours delivered across the year is 350. This is high and is a reflection of the return to face-to-face meetings and possibly an indicator of how much the mental health of some individuals has worsened during the pandemic.

Thriving at Work

This Department of Work and Pensions-funded scheme aims to positively impact a minimum of 20 individuals with mental ill health and 16 small-to-medium enterprises. The Nature Based Wellbeing Team help bring the ethos of nature connectedness into the workplace. The outcomes are designed to help individuals thrive at work and for workplaces to become safer and better equipped to support their employees’ mental health.

Education and Outreach: improving access and interaction with nature and St Nicks

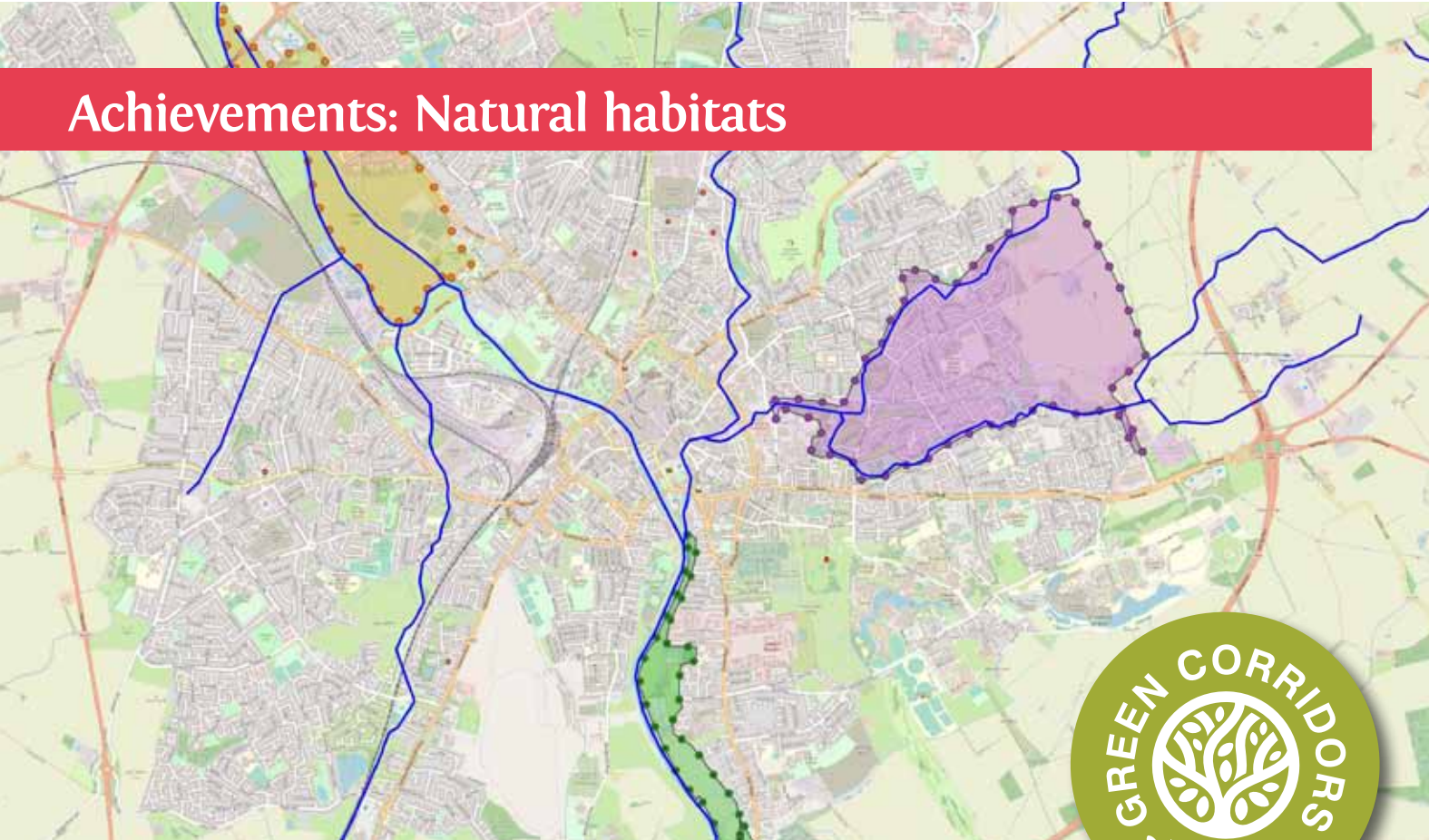
Education and Outreach has sustained a high level of activity both through term time and school holidays. The Green Influencer scheme has been the mainstay of year-round activity. This scheme is funded through the #iwill fund, National Lottery Community Fund and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and is delivered by the Ernest Cook Trust. It has involved our Green Mentor drawing together young people (10-14) in activity focused groups to deliver green and sustainable projects across York. So far our Green Mentor has drawn together 10 groups totalling 172 children, already exceeding our target of reaching 120. The scheme has received extension funding to June 2023. Meanwhile, our holiday and food clubs funded by City of York Council focus on building children's resilience and confidence with nature connectedness.



“I wanted to reach out to you to say a huge thank you for your support, guidance, kindness and nurture to all our pupils (and staff) this year through the Green Mentors project. It has been hugely rewarding for all our pupils who have found a sense of belonging, purpose and sense of achievement... The impact on pupil's mental health has been considerable! This facilitation has developed confidence and trust in some of our most vulnerable pupils... Setting up the community garden... has drawn plenty of admirers and has led to a real community spirit with neighbours and friends offering plants and further advice. It was so great to celebrate this at our community summer festival. The whole project has proven to be a springboard to further success and we would love to work with you next year and beyond.”

Ebor Academy

Achievements: Natural habitats



This year has been about growth. Growth in our reach and impact across the city and beyond, growth financially through grant funding and increased contract work, and subsequently growth in our Natural Habitats Team to deliver our vision. We have successfully made the jump from talking about the need for habitat connectivity and landscape scale management, to truly starting to deliver this as part of our Green Corridors York work. This has been a strategy we have been pursuing for the past three years to ensure our work can have a greater and more sustained impact.

To achieve this we are taking the successful model from the nature reserve and across Tang Hall and Osbaldwick Becks, to the Fulford Ings and Clifton Ings green corridors. This approach includes a range of accessible ways for people to get involved and have an impact on their local environment, such as supported practical nature conservation volunteering, a range of citizen science surveying and monitoring and other community engagement activities. It is also key that we work closely with those already working across these corridors, to ensure we can both support and complement existing work, as well as developing new projects to create new and restore existing habitats.

Our dedicated team and close to 100 amazing regular and group volunteers have helped improve and restore 58 ha of habitat for nature conservation, including improving habitat connectivity for tansy beetle along the Ouse. This work has taken place across a wide range of habitats including floodplain meadows, rivers, woodlands, as well as transforming several areas of amenity grassland for nature.

Case study – Hull Road Park river restoration

City of York Council (CYC), the Environment Agency (EA) and St Nicks have been working to take Osbaldwick Beck back to a more natural state from its original artificial construct, to create a more attractive and enjoyable park with better water quality and better habitat for plants and wildlife. The first phase of this work took place in autumn 2020 to partially remove the three weirs, reducing water levels allowing the beck to find a natural meandering course.

Within weeks the water was moving faster, carrying silt away downstream. The lower levels caused some areas of the wider pond section to dry out, creating ideal habitat for birds, invertebrates and plants, and maybe one day water voles too. St Nicks were contracted to deliver the second phase of the restoration works due to our experience delivering habitat improvement and restoration projects in urban areas. During 2021 the following was achieved:

Practical Restoration

- Creating new meanders and river banks
- Improving habitat quality with management, plus planting and seed sowing
- Managing invasive species
- Cleaning out historic fly tipping and rubbish from the water
- Improving connected habitat up and down stream through Green Corridors York

Ecological Monitoring

- Surveying for freshwater invertebrates to understand how the river is recovering
- Surveying for water vole and American mink to monitor spread of species

Community engagement

- Holding regular events to build interest and understanding in the project
- 3 engagement events attended by 59 people
- 3 beck walks attended by 34 people
- 26 volunteer sessions attended by 34 different people from the local community
- Young Rangers group established by St Nicks and TCV attended by 13 local 9-12 year olds



Green corridors (GC) are pockets of land that act as connectors to larger green spaces. The GC project aims to join, connect and improve habitats across the York area. It brings together conservation groups, land owners and communities to generate greater positive impact on wildlife and habitats.

Achievements: Waste minimisation



“
I keep on learning through [Zero Waste York] Facebook group. I am so grateful for this free information!
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Business and residential recycling

Due to various lockdowns business recycling saw a dip in the total volume of recycling collected in the previous financial year. However 2021-22 well surpassed our highest figures collected to date! Our previous record for business recycling was in 2018-19 when our intrepid team collected 117 tonnes of business waste by hand on our people powered, load bearing tricycles and fully electric vehicles. We are very proud that in 2021-22 we collected 142.5 tonnes of business recycling as well as 426.41 tonnes of residential recycling.

To help us meet increasing demand we were very lucky to work with i-Travel York to get funding to purchase two new electric assist tricycles. Whilst their capacity is the same as our previous tricycles, the boost means the team can get to and from the collection areas faster improving efficiency and number of loads we can complete every day. Our people powered trikes are still in use, with one donated to the Green Spaces team to help move tools and equipment to different Green Corridor sites when they are needed.

This year's higher than ever volume means each team member sorted over 80 tonnes each of recycling by hand over the course of the year. No wonder we get through so many pairs of gloves!

Precious Plastic York

In December 2019 we launched our Crowdfunder to enable us to match fund a grant from the University of Hull's SparkFund. We raised over £13,000 to purchase machinery to upcycle what would be waste plastics into new products. Due to continued Covid and Brexit related issues the machinery finally started arriving in the winter of 2021 and now the team have been busy getting to grips with it ahead of launching workshops and education events in the coming year.



We received some great accolades from the people of York, via the Big Thanks campaign, recognising those who came together to get through tough times:

“The St Nicks Recycling Team worked non stop during the pandemic, for many people they were the only people you were guaranteed to see and be able to talk to every single week. They kept an eye on my neighbours who were vulnerable and very anxious and clearly care about the people they came into contact with. They were always happy to chat and were still smiling even when people put disgusting things out for collection - even during a world wide health scare! Their service has always been consistent and they are always happy to answer questions and help anyone that needs it.”

“THANKS to St Nicks for carrying out Terracycle drop ins sessions during the pandemic. You helped my mental and physical health as I had to cycle 30 minutes to get to you and collect Terracycle waste before from the office and friends. I felt that this simple activity allowed me to have some control and positive impact in the unusual life during the pandemic. A BIG THANKS to Sam Taylor from St Nicks for running the Zero Waste at York Facebook Group. I learnt so much about specific recycling locations, zero waste refill shops and other tips and tricks. I particularly enjoy your Wanted Wednesday and Free Friday threads allowing me to declutter and to share items with locals, meeting new people and neighbours and sharing with them other ideas about reducing waste. I feel empowered to make a difference, every day, and to reduce my waste too.”

Achievements: Reducing carbon emissions



“Thank you for organising such an **inspiring event...** I found seeing some of the work done by people **made it feel more possible for me.**”

York Open Eco Homes

One of the highlights of the year was the return of a live Eco Homes event, which attracted over 90 visits to four local homes. In conjunction with York Community Energy (as part of York Environment Week and the national Great Big Green Week), we also organised or contributed to two other events showcasing eco retrofitting (energy saving home upgrades). We put on a special visiting event for City of York Councillors and officers to help encourage a city-wide discussion on the challenges and opportunities in scaling up eco retrofitting so that it becomes the norm rather than a niche interest. We contributed to architect Phil Bixby's "For the Future – what to know before you buy a new home" (which you can watch on YouTube).

Despite many individual differences there was a recurring theme for all the homes – increased home comfort. Eliminating issues with heat leaks, damp and cold clearly makes for much better homes; it benefits both people and the planet if done well. Given that one third of York's carbon emissions arises from homes, home upgrades such as those shown in Open Eco Homes could help make the difference between York meeting its zero carbon targets or not. They would also massively improve lives through better health and reduced bills.

York Energy Advice

The human cost of energy inefficient homes is fuel poverty – a daily struggle to stay warm and keep the lights on. There are many reasons why increasing numbers of people can't afford to heat and power their homes but the energy performance of a home is often a big factor. Those who can least afford it often live in leaky homes which cost more to heat, both in monetary and carbon terms. This year St Nicks teamed with York Community Energy to form York Energy Advice, thanks to funding from the Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme.

This free service provides support on energy issues to local vulnerable households including those on a low income, older residents or those with long term health issues. Between September 2021 and March 2022, we advised or helped almost 300 such households. We also installed some simple energy saving measures – from LED bulbs to draught-proofing – which are estimated to save over 5,300kWh per year. This will help reduce carbon emissions as well as save money and increase comfort. Working closely with a number of local partners, including City of York Council, Age UK and Older Citizens Advocacy York, we've also been able to help people access financial and other types of support in times of sharply rising cost of living.

For more information or referral, see yorkenergyadvice.org.uk or call 01904 922249.



Ms G got in touch because her council house was cold and only partly insulated, which was impacting on her health. She was worried about turning on the heating due to the energy price rises. During a home visit we issued fuel vouchers, provided advice and referred Ms G to the council for improvements to her home insulation.

"Thank you very much for all the work you are doing, you've been amazing. The little smart metre display is so helpful and I would never have thought of using it if you hadn't come round. It's the kind of thing I would never have sorted out on my own but when someone's helping it's surprising what things you find out. I was shocked at the difference in prices, depending on whether the heating and other things are switched on. I thought it was not going to be a lot more but if I put the heating on plus shower or bath I'm looking at nearer £3 a day. The energy company forecast my usage at £80 a month so now I can budget for it and I'm glad I've got some credit with the fuel voucher. Once again thank you so much."

Financial activities 2021-22

In 2021-22 St Nicks generated income of £577,865 against £350,287 in the previous year. Total expenditure for the year amounted to £509,376 (2020/21: £349,859), an increase of £159,517 compared with the previous year. The net result of the charity for the year is a surplus of £68,489 (2020/21: £428). This profit will be taken into reserves, though we have already earmarked a significant proportion of this to support a series of activities and continuation of support in the year 2022-23.

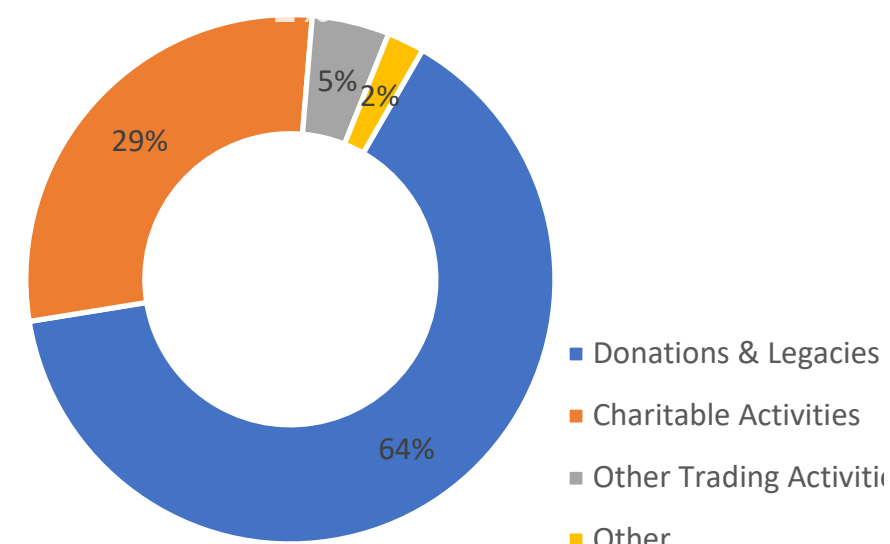
The team at St Nicks have worked incredibly hard in the last year following the challenges of the pandemic to further expand our reach across York via our Green Corridors initiative and in the provision of Habitat Services. Similarly, our Waste Minimisation activities have continued to grow, receiving great feedback for our support during periods of lockdown. Our Ecotherapy teams have continued to meet high demand levels as well as evolving our approach and activities during the fourth successful year of the programme.

We know that the coming year will be challenging as two significant programmes of funding are coming to a close – we are hopeful that our proven methodologies and strong, externally assessed results and testimonials enable us to provide a compelling narrative to future funding partners. We are extremely grateful to our staff, volunteers, supporters and funding partners for our results in this financial year.

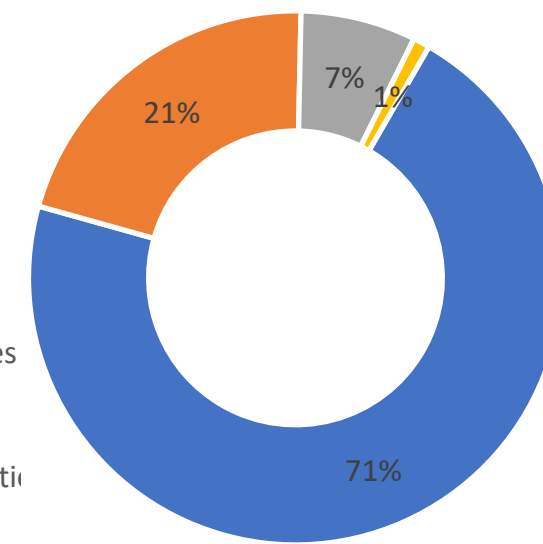
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended: 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3.1	134,313	278,634	412,947	224,603
Charitable activities	3.2	119,212	-	119,212	101,131
Other trading activities	3.3	45,175	-	45,175	16,611
Investments	3.4	24	-	24	30
Other	3.5	507	-	507	7,912
Total income	3	299,231	278,634	577,865	350,287
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4.1	415	-	415	-
Charitable activities	4.2	228,551	280,410	508,961	349,859
Total expenditure	4	228,966	280,410	509,376	349,859
Net income/(expenditure)		70,265	(1,776)	68,489	428
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		70,265	(1,776)	68,489	428
Total funds brought forward		85,461	311,437	396,898	396,470
Total funds carried forward		155,726	309,661	465,387	396,898

2020-21



2021-22



Thank you to our key supporters

Better Connect
 Brelms Trust
 City of York Council
 Cobb Foundation
 Department of Work and Pensions
 Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme
 Environment Agency
 Ernest Cook Trust
 Fishergate Ward Committee
 Garfield Weston Foundation
 Green Recovery Fund
 Growing Green Spaces (CYC)
 Guildhall Ward Committee
 Heworth Ward Committee
 Joseph Rowntree Foundation
 Kickstarter Programme
 Natural England Seed Corn Fund
 Neighbourly
 Persimmon Homes
 Postcode Local Trust

Tang Hall Big Local
 The National Lottery Community Fund
 The National Lottery Heritage Fund
 The Patricia and Donald Shepherd Charitable Trust
 Two Ridings Community Foundation
 Wates Foundation via TEWW
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Special thanks go to Lewis Outing who took most of our great pictures.

Who we are



Management team at St Nicks (pictured from left to right): Jonathan Dent, Ellie Stead, Eliza Fergusson, Sam Taylor and Jo Young

Many people come together to make St Nicks work. During this last year we have trained two further Youth Park Rangers, our six month intensive volunteering programme available to all ages, which in recent years has provided a foundational basis for careers in habitat management and conservation. We have also successfully completed two Kickstarter programme appointments, one of which has moved onto a role at Natural England and another who is still with us!

We receive repeated and multiple comments about how inclusive our approach is at St Nicks, and how welcome people feel who spend time here. We remain mindful that our efforts for equality and inclusion can improve further and we welcome opportunities to ensure our team, Board and volunteers are truly representative of the communities we serve. We are currently seeking a Youth Trustee for our Board, to ensure future strategy and decision making reflects all generations who will enjoy St Nicks in years to come.

“There’s a real community. It’s the first place in a really long time where I realised that people notice if I’m there or not. Not only do they notice, but they care. They’re pleased to see you - and that’s a very strange thing to get used to when not used to it.”

Trustees

Stuart Leslie (Chair)
Sarah Middleton (Vice Chair)
Judith Rigg (Secretary)
Jonathan Exon (Treasurer, from May '21)
Emma Beddington (from Jan '22)
Nick Coad
Lars Kramm
Adrian Lovett
Jane Thurlow
Sebastian O'Connor

Patrons

Kate Pickett
Anneliese Emmans Dean

Chief Officer

Ellie Stead (from April '22)
Tom Waring (until Jan '22)

Other staff

Mark Claridge, Caretaker
Jonathan Dent, Natural Habitats Manager
Rebecca Dunn, Recycling Officer
Eliza Fergusson, Charity Support Manager (from March '22)
Abi Gibbons, Community Engagement Officer (from Nov '21)

Maria Gill, Ecology Officer
Beki Hagger, Green Corridors Officer (from Sep '21)
Rachel Hall, Ecotherapy Assistant (from May '21)
David Hammond, Recycling Officer
Charlotte Hanson, Recycling Officer
Marc Hodgson, Recycling Officer
Ivana Jakubková, Sustainability Officer
Freya Lovett, Green Mentor
Jane Mackay, Thriving at Work Officer (from Jan '22)
Eithne Phillips, Project Officer
Esther Smith, Charity Support Manager (until Dec '21)
Kathy Sturgess, Ecotherapy Project Manager (until Jan '22)
Sam Taylor, Recycling & Waste Minimisation Manager
Eleanor Tookey, Ecotherapy Officer (from Jan '22)
Nicola Ward, Habitats Officer (from Sep '21)
Stuart Watling, Recycling Officer
Jo Young, Nature Based Wellbeing Manager (from March '22)



Anneliese Emmans Dean (1963 - 2022)

This year, we are sad to mourn the passing of one of our wonderful Patrons. Anneliese was a local poet and performer promoting sustainability through creativity and learning through laughter, rhythm and rhyme. In honour of her life and work, we have named our meadow area “The Big Buzz” Meadow. We will also add two brightly coloured benches to our reserve so that a little bit of Anneliese's vibrant personality can always be with us.

Friends of St Nicholas Fields

(Charity Registration Number 1153739)

Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the year ended

31st March 2022

outsourcing

Charity accounts preparation & independent examination
service

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report on the accounts of: Friends of St Nicholas Fields
for the year ended: 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 28-39

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Karen Wood (ACMA) (CGMA)

27/10/2022

Date:

Outsource Independent Examination Service
The Hiscox Building
Peasholme Green
York YO1 7PR

Statement of financial activities

Friends of St Nicholas Fields
(Charity Registration Number 1153739)

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended: 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3.1	134,313	278,634	412,947	224,603
Charitable activities	3.2	119,212	-	119,212	101,131
Other trading activities	3.3	45,175	-	45,175	16,611
Investments	3.4	24	-	24	30
Other	3.5	507	-	507	7,912
Total income	3	299,231	278,634	577,865	350,287
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4.1	415	-	415	-
Charitable activities	4.2	228,551	280,410	508,961	349,859
Total expenditure	4	228,966	280,410	509,376	349,859
Net income/(expenditure)		70,265	(1,776)	68,489	428
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		70,265	(1,776)	68,489	428
Total funds brought forward		85,461	311,437	396,898	396,470
Total funds carried forward		155,726	309,661	465,387	396,898

Balance sheet

Friends of St Nicholas Fields
(Charity Registration Number 1153739)

Balance Sheet as at: 31st March 2022

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	298,563	327,747
Total fixed assets		298,563	327,747
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	8	294,627	201,203
Debtors & prepayments	9	46,338	38,111
Stock		-	1,224
Total current assets		340,965	240,538
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	10	(174,141)	(171,387)
Net current assets		166,824	69,151
Net Assets		465,387	396,898
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds (General)	11	155,726	85,461
Restricted Funds		309,661	311,437
Total Funds Carried Forward	11	465,387	396,898

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on: 05/12/2022

And signed on their behalf by:



Stuart Leslie, Chair of Trustees

Statement of cash flows

Friends of St Nicholas Fields

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended: 31st March 2022

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	68,489	428
Add: Depreciation for the year	29,184	3,825
Working capital changes		
(Increase)/decrease in stock	1,224	0
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(8,227)	(1,063)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	2,754	62,764
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	93,424	65,954
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	-	-
Disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	93,424	65,954
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2020	201,203	135,249
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2021	294,627	201,203

Notes to the accounts

Friends of St Nicholas Fields (Charity Registration Number 1153739)

Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31st March 2022

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

1.2 Change of basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Change to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2 Accounting policies

Income and endowments

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- receipt of the resources is probable; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has evidence of entitlement to the resources and receipt is probable.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Expenditure

Raising funds

Cost of raising funds comprise those costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt, less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Office equipment	25%	straight line basis
Project equipment	25%	straight line basis
Computer equipment	33.33%	straight line basis
Adventure playground equipment	25%	straight line basis

Environment Centre

Depreciation is on a straight line basis in line with the lease length.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

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

Friends of St Nicholas Fields
(Charity Registration Number 1153739)

Notes to the accounts for the year ended:

31 March 2022

3 Income and endowments

	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3.1 Donations and legacies						
Donations	21,836	-	21,836	574	-	574
Gift Aid	190	-	190	160	-	160
Grants:						
CYC - Local Nature Reserve SLA	33,125	-	33,125	23,008	-	23,008
Grants - Central						
Centre	51,137	-	51,137	-		
Kickstart Tourism	-	-	-	-	1,898	1,898
CYC -Emergency	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Persimmon	-	67	67	-	514	514
Neighbourly	-	-	-	-	400	400
Patsy Wood Trust	17,500	-	17,500	-	-	-
Pilotlight	-	1,636	1,636	-	-	-
Building Capabilities	-	2,310	2,310	-	-	-
Grants - Volunteering						
Volunteering	-	-	-	-	873	873
Awards for All	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jack Brunton Trust	-	-	-	-	121	121
Bettys Trees for Life	-	2,073	2,073	-	1,500	1,500
P&D Shepherd	-	4,999	4,999	-	-	-
Two Ridings Covid	-	6,250	6,250	-	3,750	3,750
Cobb	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
Grants - Recycling						
Precious Plastic	8,134	-	8,134	-	162	162
RSA	-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-
Residential	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Projects						
Action towards inclusion	-	4,711	4,711	-	13,292	13,292
Grants - Outreach						
Education	2,290	-	2,290	-	-	-
HAF	-	1,286	1,286	-	-	-

Postcode - Local Rivers	-	8,352	-	8,352	-	305	305
Brelms Trust	-	1,483	-	1,483	-	-	-
CYC- Fishergate Ward	-	4,950	-	4,950	-	-	-
Green recovery	-	42,561	-	42,561	-	-	-
Growing green	-	4,900	-	4,900	-	-	-
HR park	-	29,465	-	29,465	-	-	-
NRN seed	-	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	-
York urban becks	-	2,443	-	2,443	-	4,581	4,581
Kickstarter	-	5,432	-	5,432	-	-	-
Yorkshire Water	-	10,426	-	10,426	-	-	-
Bettys 2 Trees for Life	-	1,446	-	1,446	-	-	-
Grants-Ecotherapy							
CYC Nordic	-	100	-	100	-	400	400
National Lottery Community Fund	-	62,372	-	62,372	-	51,121	51,121
Tesco Covid	-	-	-	-	500	-	500
NLCF Covid	-	-	-	-	53,923	-	53,923
TRCF Covid	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-
NLCF Uplift	-	-	-	-	-	29,605	29,605
TEWV	-	4,998	-	4,998	-	-	-
Ways to wellbeing	-	4,969	-	4,969	-	-	-
JRF York committee	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-
THBL Nordic walking	-	200	-	200	-	-	-
Naturesave	-	-	-	-	-	570	570
	134,313	278,634		412,947	88,165	136,438	224,603

3.2 Charitable activities

Recycling scheme	106,850	-	-	106,850	-	101,131	101,131
Recycling credits	12,362	-	-	12,362	-	-	-
	119,212	-		119,212	-	101,131	101,131

3.3 Other trading activities

Educational, lettings & rentals	45	-	-	45	(173)	-	(173)
Membership fees	1,502	-	-	1,502	1,655	-	1,655
Educational events	1,240	-	-	1,240	(65)	-	(65)
General sales	42,388	-	-	42,388	15,194	-	15,194
	45,175	-		45,175	16,611	-	16,611

4 Expenditure

4.1 Raising funds

Marketing & publicity costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchases for resale	415	-	-	415	-	-	-
	415	-		415	-	-	-

4.2 Charitable activities

Salaries	138,086	194,197	332,283	101,580	176,637	278,217
Staff training & other costs	3,171	6,544	9,715	385	1,185	1,570
Volunteer training & other costs	448	2,830	3,278	-	144	144
Rent & rates	3,504	340	3,844	243	330	573
Utilities	1,595	206	1,801	95	1,297	1,392
Cleaning, repairs & renewals	13,590	989	14,579	584	1,684	2,268
Health and safety & security	1,941	1,246	3,187	495	1,751	2,246
Telephone	1,002	1,019	2,021	504	2,964	3,468
Postage & stationery	122	26	148	144	35	179
Insurance	9,540	2,042	11,582	810	8,622	9,432
Memberships & subscriptions	650	-	650	448	1,049	1,497
Professional fees	11,434	38,251	49,685	7,976	24,530	32,506
Resources & equipment	6,032	12,931	18,963	992	5,665	6,657
Marketing & Publicity	819	86	905	3	62	59
Other project costs	14,451	11,573	26,024	198	3,407	3,605
Independent examiner's fee	800	-	800	720	-	720
Bank charges	30	282	312	44	370	414
Other sundry costs	-	-	-	5	103	108
Bad debts provision	-	-	-	183	796	979
Depreciation	21,336	7,848	29,184	1,250	2,575	3,825
	228,551	280,410	508,961	116,653	233,206	349,859
Total expenditure	228,966	280,410	509,376	116,653	233,206	349,859

5 Expenses & fees

No trustees received a remuneration for services rendered during the year, nor were any trustees' out of pocket expenses reimbursed.

5.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	<u>800</u>	<u>720</u>

6 Staff costs and emoluments

6.1 Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Gross salaries	308,540	254,661
Employers National Insurance	18,141	18,732
Pension contributions	5,602	4,824
	<u>332,283</u>	<u>278,217</u>

6.2 Average number of full time equivalent employees by department

	2022	2021
Fundraising	1.8	1.8
Charitable activities	8.0	7.0
Governance	0.5	0.5
Other	1.7	1.4
Total	<u>12.0</u>	<u>10.7</u>

No employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000 (2021:Nil)

7 Fixed assets

2022	Leasehold Environment £	Office equipment £	General equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
7.1 Cost or valuation					
Balance b/fwd	324,111	8,863	63,820	6,823	403,617
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	(8,863)	-	(6,823)	-
Balance c/fwd	<u>324,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>403,617</u>
Depreciation					
Balance b/fwd	-	8,863	60,184	6,823	75,870
Charge for year	26,192	-	2,992	-	29,184
Disposals	-	(8,863)	-	(6,823)	-
Balance c/fwd	<u>26,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,054</u>
Net book value					
31 March 2022	<u>297,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298,563</u>

2021

Cost or valuation

	Leasehold Environment £	Office equipment £	General equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Balance b/fwd	324,111	8,863	63,820	6,823	403,617
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance c/fwd	<u>324,111</u>	<u>8,863</u>	<u>63,820</u>	<u>6,823</u>	<u>403,617</u>
Depreciation					
Balance b/fwd	-	8,863	56,359	6,823	72,045
Charge for year	-	-	3,825	-	3,825
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance c/fwd	<u>-</u>	<u>8,863</u>	<u>60,184</u>	<u>6,823</u>	<u>75,870</u>
Net book value					
31 March 2021	<u>324,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,636</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>327,747</u>

8 Cash at bank and in hand

	2022 £	2021 £
Current bank account	49,328	76,790
CAF Cash account	156,422	55,869
CAF Gold account	20,095	20,094
Triodos	67,031	47,009
Virgin money giving	103	-
Go cardless	(76)	-
Cashplus business debit card	-	631
PayPal account	1,017	637
Soldo	137	-
Other cash in hand	570	173
	<u>294,627</u>	<u>201,203</u>

9 Debtors and prepayments

	2022 £	2021 £
Debtors and prepayments		
Trade debtors	32,945	21,786
Other debtors	472	962
Recycling credits	-	5,975
Prepayments and accrued income	12,921	9,388
Total	<u>46,338</u>	<u>38,111</u>

10 Creditors and accruals

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	4,427	4,182
Accruals and deferred income	159,235	165,738

11 Movement of funds

11.1 Movement of major funds

2022 Fund name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted funds (General)					
General unrestricted funds	85,461	299,231	228,966	(1,776)	153,950
	85,461	299,231	228,966	(1,776)	153,950
Restricted funds					
Environment Centre	302,299	-	-	-	302,299
Waste minimisation	7,751	-	-	-	7,751
TEWV 2	1,387	-	-	-	1,387
Grants Central					
Persimmon	-	67	67	-	-
Pilot light	-	1,636	1,636	-	-
Building capabilities	-	2,310	2,310	-	-
Grants Volunteering					
Bettys Trees for life	-	2,073	2,073	-	-
P&D Shepherd	-	4,999	4,999	-	-
Two Ridings Covid	-	10,250	10,250	-	-
Cobb Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Grants Recycling					
RSA	-	2,500	2,500	-	-
Grants Projects					
Action towards inclusion	-	4,711	4,711	-	-
Grants Outreach					
HAF	-	1,286	1,286	-	-
Green influencers scheme	-	15,909	15,909	-	-
Energy redress	-	14,128	14,128	-	-
CYC Heworth ward	-	1,210	1,210	-	-
Thriving at work	-	16,192	16,192	-	-
Grants Green Spaces					
HLF Grassland Monitoring	-	3,266	3,266	-	-
Postcode local rivers	-	8,352	8,352	-	-
Brelms Trust	-	1,483	1,483	-	-
CYC Fishergate ward	-	4,950	4,950	-	-
Green recovery	-	42,561	42,561	-	-
Growing green spaces	-	4,900	4,900	-	-
HR Park	-	29,465	29,465	-	-
NRN seed	-	8,000	8,000	-	-
York urban becks	-	2,443	2,443	-	-
Kickstarter	-	5,432	7,208	1,776	-
Yorkshire water	-	10,426	10,426	-	-
Bettys Trees for life	-	1,446	1,446	-	-
Grants Ecotherapy					
CYC Nordic	-	100	100	-	-
National lottery community fund	-	62,372	62,372	-	-
Wates/TEWV	-	4,998	4,998	-	-
Ways to wellbeing	-	4,969	4,969	-	-
JRF York committee	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
THBL Nordic walking	-	200	200	-	-
	311,437	278,634	280,410	1,776	311,437

2021 Fund name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
Unrestricted funds (General)					
General unrestricted funds	89,396	112,718	116,653	-	85,461
	89,396	112,718	116,653	-	85,461
Restricted funds					
Environment Centre	302,299	-	-	-	302,299
Waste minimisation	6,557	101,131	99,937	-	7,751
Building Fund	(873)	873	-	-	-
Action towards inclusion	(1,829)	13,291	11,462	-	-
Awards For All	-	121	121	-	-
Jack Brunton	-	1,500	1,500	-	-
Nineveh	19	417	436	-	-
TEWV 2	1,387	-	-	-	1,387
Polinarium	84	-	84	-	-
Naturesave Trust (Goupilopolis)	(570)	570	-	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	51,121	51,121	-	-
Cultural Commission	-	1,814	1,814	-	-
CYC Nordic	-	400	400	-	-
Neighbourly	-	400	400	-	-
Precious plastic	-	162	162	-	-
Postcode - Local Rivers	-	305	305	-	-
HLF Grassland Monitoring	-	4,155	4,155	-	-
Earnest Cook/Green influence	-	4,136	4,136	-	-
Persimmon	-	514	514	-	-
York Urban Becks	-	4,581	4,581	-	-
Eco - Crafters	-	125	125	-	-
Kickstart Tourism	-	1,898	1,898	-	-
Two Ridings	-	3,750	3,750	-	-
HLF Covid	-	16,700	16,700	-	-
NLCF Uplift	-	29,605	29,605	-	-
	307,074	237,569	233,206	-	311,437
Total Funds	396,470	350,287	349,859	-	396,898

11.2 Details of Funds Held

Unrestricted Funds (General)

The General fund is unrestricted and available for the general purposes of the Organisation.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund, which are:

Environment Centre

A fund used towards building of the centre to provide environmental educational facilities.

Waste minimisation

Contracts to carry out kerbside recycling service, business waste recycling collections & events recycling

TEWV 2

To provide ecotherapy in a residential and an acute in-patient unit.

Persimmon

To support our education programme development.

Pilot light

Funded by Garfield Western Foundation to review and strategically develop our collective staff capacity and skills

Building capabilities

Supplementary to BLF2 to enable the organisation to build operational capability

Bettys Trees for life

Funded by Two Riding's Foundation to create mini nurseries for growing wildflowers and trees

P&D Shepherd

To provide funding for Volunteer Coordinator post

Two Ridings Covid

To run introductory day and separate half-day sessions engaging people with Bushcraft as a new way to connect with nature. Funding will provide tools and time to keep volunteers supported and connected to the therapeutic benefits of nature and St Nicks community during COVID.

Cobb Foundation

To sustain the recruitment, support and leadership given to volunteers

RSA

Funded by Neighbourly to encourage zero waste behaviours in a variety of organisations

Action towards inclusion

Building Better Opportunities - working with those furthest from employment to build skills and experience in the conservation sector.

HAF

Funding by CYC for food and activity clubs in the main school holidays

Energy redress

Partnership project providing quality advice directly to householders in vulnerable situations underpinned by a 'whole house' approach.

CYC Heworth ward

Green Influencer work at Heworth Holme

Thriving at work

Government funded programme which allows us to deliver mental health awareness and resilience to small/medium enterprises and individuals in work.

HLF Grassland Monitoring

National Lottery Heritage fund to create citizen science Grassland Quality Survey Pack

Postcode local rivers

Grant from Postcode Local Trust to encourage local community engagement along York becks.

Brelms Trust

Part fund salary of Natural Habitats Manager

CYC Fishergate ward

To develop habitats at Millennium Fields

Green recovery

National Lottery Heritage fund to kick start the creation and restoration of more, bigger, better and more joined up habitats across three landscape scale corridors and 22 sites across York Local Authority Area, including floodplain meadow, hedgerows, woodland and riparian habitat of the critically endangered tansy beetle

Growing green spaces

Funded by York CVS to develop community action to enhance habitats at Millennium Fields

Kickstarter

Government Initiative encouraging people back into work on 6 month contracts

Yorkshire water

Restore and enhance habitats along urban reaches of Tang Hall and Osbaldwick Becks

CYC Nordic

To provide Nordic walking sessions as part of our ecotherapy programme.

National lottery community fund

Funding over 5 years (May 2018-May 2023) to fund the Ecotherapy Programme

Wates/TEWV

Wates Foundation partnership project with TEWV - funding to provide weekly 1 hour Ecotherapy sessions for inpatients at Foss Park Hospital

Ways to wellbeing

CYC funding to facilitate network of providers across the mental health and wellbeing sector in York.

THBL Nordic walking

Funding from Tang Hall Big Local to provide Nordic walking sessions as part of our ecotherapy programme

Green influencers scheme

Two Ridings Community Foundation funding which funds our Green Mentor to run organised Green Influencer groups with schools and other youth organisations

JRF York committee

To provide green wordworking activities to reduce isolation

12 Net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
Balances at 31st March 2022	£	£	£
Fixed assets	644	297,919	298,563
Current assets	314,194	26,771	340,965
Current liabilities	(159,112)	(15,029)	(174,141)
	155,726	309,661	465,387
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
Balances at 31st March 2020	£	£	£
Fixed assets	25,448	302,299	327,747
Current assets	231,400	9,138	240,538
Current liabilities	(171,387)	-	(171,387)
	85,461	311,437	396,898



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