

ANCOATS CANAL PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1163243

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-08-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO ENCOURAGE THE PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE ASHTON AND ROCHDALE CANALS. (B) TO ENCOURAGE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE CANALS' HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT.(C) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF MANCHESTER CITY REGION AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: Encourage residents and visitors to the Rochdale and Ashton canals for social benefit and exercise

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Manchester City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£75	£120	-	-
2024-12-31	£0	£104	-	-
2023-12-31	£0	£104	-	-
2022-12-31	£0	£187	-	-
2021-12-31	£0	£89	-	-
2020-12-31	£1,000	£147	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHRISTOPHER HAWKE	Chair	2017-01-26
Brian Barton		2025-01-26
Marta Tibiletti		2025-01-26
PAUL ENGLAND		2017-01-20

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Trustees Annual Report : 01/01/25 – 31/12/25

Charity Name : Ancoats Canal Project (ACP)

Charity Number : 1163243

Address (c/o) : Appt 27, Junction Works, 40 Ducie St, Manchester M1 2DF

Trustees and officers :

Marta Tibiletti	Secretary
Paul England	Treasurer
Chris Hawke	Chair
Brian Barton	Trustee

Bankers: Co-operative Bank PLC, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

08-92-99 65841628

Signatories Paul England, Chris Hawke.

Charity structure, governance and management

Ancoats Canal Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with a constitution adopted on 8th June 2015. The organisation has four trustees ratified at the 2024 AGM and is counting 17 members who attended events in 2025. Three members in addition to the four trustees attended at least three events in 2025 and have voting rights at the 2025 AGM.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in January. Chris Hawke was confirmed as chair at the 2024 AGM, Paul England was re-elected as Treasurer and Marta Tibiletti stepped forward to act as Secretary for the short term. Brian Barton stayed on the board of Trustees.

ACP works closely with the Canal and River Trust (CRT) and with Manchester City Council and its partners. In 2025 we operated without seeking any additional funding and we ran regular volunteer events throughout the year.

All trustees deliver their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and Activities

To encourage the use of the Rochdale and Ashton canals as a public and social space, primarily to the residents of local wards, residents of Manchester as a whole and visitors to the city.

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Achievements and Performance

ACP schedule regular clean-up events on the last Sunday in each month and during 2025 held events in February through to November. At the January AGM the committee agreed to use the February event to outline plans for 2025 which were largely to focus on maintenance, greening and litter picking rather than larger projects.

In 2025 we undertook litter picking at each of the ten events held where we covered both the Ashton and Rochdale canals and surrounding landscape. Closure of the Ashton towpath limited access for two months. We had the benefit of the CRT workboat on one event so we were able to clear the litter from the offside banks on the Ashton. We undertook some landscaping and greening and added more soft fruits to the fruit beds at Bridge 5 on the Ashton. Once again buddleia had taken control in some areas and hard pruning has been a regular task. After feedback from MCC waste operatives we are now using Keep Manchester Tidy pink waste bags to dispose of all waste collected.

Further organisational changes within the Canal & River Trust led to a lack of CRT support through to May 2025, since when Mark Woodcock and other CRT employees have been very supportive with time and tools.

Financial Review

On 31/12/2025 ACP holds £1,289.17 in the current account, all of which is unrestricted funds available to finance projects in 2026. We also hold £13.87 in petty cash.

In December we were contacted by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) asking for ACP bank details. After investigation we decided this was not a scam and on 12th December an amount of £74.77 was received from the CAF. Although we have not been provided with any information regarding the benefactor we really appreciate the donation and have reported this as income on the accounts.

Declaration

The trustees have approved the annual report and financial statement that follows.

Treasurer	Paul England	Chair	Chris Hawke
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Signatures

Date	25/01/2026	25/01/2026
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Ancoats Canal Project; receipts and payments for the period 01/01/25 – 31/12/25

Receipts	31/12/25	31/12/24
Manchester City Council Grant	£ 0	£ 0
Donation	£ 74.77	£ 0
Total income	£ 74.77	£ 0
Expenditure		
Community Engagement (festival etc.)	£ 0	£ 0
Insurance	£ 80.00	£ 80.00
Tools and Equipment	£ 0	£ 0
Catering	£ 14.00	£ 24.05
Planting Projects	£ 24.50	£ 0
Sundries (refuse sacks)	£ 1.59	£ 0
Total Expenditure	£ 120.09	£ 104.05
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	£ 1,289.17	£ 1,332.90
Petty Cash	£ 13.87	£ 15.46
Total	£ 1,303.04	£ 1,348.36
Current Liabilities	£ 0	£ 0
Net Assets	£ 1,303.04	£ 1,348.36

The accounts show the financial status of ACP compared to 2024, the net current account balance of £1,303.04 reflects small reduction in capital of 45.32 due to expenditure in 2025 as listed above offset against the donation of £74.77.

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Charity Name : Ancoats Canal Project (ACP)

Charity Number : 1163243

Address (c/o) : Appt 27, Junction Works, 40 Ducie St, Manchester M1 2DF

Trustees and officers : TBA Secretary

Paul England Treasurer

Chris Hawke Chair

Brian Barton, Sue Pritchard

Bankers : Co-operative Bank PLC, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

08-92-99 65841628

Signatories Paul England, Hannah Neate, Chris Hawke.

Charity structure, governance and management

Ancoats Canal Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with a constitution adopted on 8th June 2015. The organisation has five trustees (to be discussed/ratified at the 2024 AGM) and is counting 12 members who attended events in 2024. Four members attended at least three events in 2024 and have voting rights at the 2024 AGM.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in January. Chris Hawke was confirmed as chair at the 2023 AGM, Paul England was re-elected as Treasurer and Hannah Neate offered her resignation as Secretary with plans to replace her in 2024. Brian Barton and Sue Pritchard stayed on the board of Trustees having been elected in 2022.

ACP works closely with the Canal and River Trust (CRT) and with Manchester City Council and its partners. In 2024 we operated without seeking any additional funding and we ran regular volunteer events throughout the year.

All trustees deliver their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and Activities

To encourage the use of the Rochdale and Ashton canals as a public and social space, primarily to the residents of local wards, residents of Manchester as a whole and visitors to the city.

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Achievements and Performance

ACP schedule regular clean-up events on the last Sunday in each month and during 2024 held events in March through to November. At the AGM in January the committee developed outline plans for 2024 which were largely to focus on maintenance, greening and litter picking rather than larger projects.

In 2024 we undertook litter picking at each of the nine events held where we covered both the Ashton and Rochdale canals and surrounding landscape. The Rochdale canal towpath re-opened beyond New Union Street bridge facilitating better access but additional building works around Navigation Street have changed the landscape there. We had the benefit of the CRT workboat on one event so we were able to clear the litter from the offside banks on the Ashton. We undertook some landscaping and greening and re-planted the fruit beds at Bridge 5 on the Ashton. Once again buddleia had taken control in some areas and hard pruning has been a regular task.

Early in 2024 we had great CRT support from Chris Bird the regional co-ordinator but organisational changes within the Canal & River Trust led to staff changes and no support since July 2024. Leon Edmonson the CRT Area Operations Manager has apologised for the oversight and wishes to re-engage in 2025 and will be invited to the AGM. Peter Beswick and Mark Woodcock are the new CRT operational leads on the Ashton and Rochdale Canals.

Financial Review

On 31/12/2024 ACP holds £1,332.90 in the current account, all of which is unrestricted funds available to finance projects in 2024. We also hold £15.46 in petty cash.

Declaration

The trustees have approved the annual report and financial statement that follows.

Treasurer	Paul England	Chair	Chris Hawke
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Signatures

Date	26/01/2025	26/01/2025
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Ancoats Canal Project; receipts and payments for the period 01/01/24 – 31/12/24

Receipts	31/12/24	31/12/23
Manchester City Council Grant	£ 0	£ 0
Bank Interest	£ 0	£ 0
Total income	£ 0	£ 0
Expenditure		
Community Engagement (festival etc.)	£ 0	£ 0
Insurance	£ 80.00	£ 75.00
Tools and Equipment	£ 0	£ 0
Catering	£ 24.05	£ 17.00
Planting Projects	£ 0	£ 0
Sundries	£ 0	£ 11.97
Total Expenditure	£ 104.05	£ 103.97
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	£ 1,332.90	£ 1,436.95
Petty Cash	£ 15.46	£ 15.46
Total	£ 1,348.36	£ 1,452.41
Current Liabilities	£ 0	£ 0
Net Assets	£ 1,348.36	£ 1,452.41

The accounts show the financial status of ACP compared to 2023, the net current account balance of £1,348.36 reflects small reduction in capital of 104.05 due to expenditure in 2024 as listed above.

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Trustees and officers :

Hannah Neate	Secretary
Paul England	Treasurer
Chris Hawke	Chair
Michelle Wren, Brian Barton, Sue Pritchard	

Bankers : Co-operative Bank PLC, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

08-92-99 65841628

Signatories Paul England, Hannah Neate, Chris Hawke.

Charity structure, governance and management

Ancoats Canal Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with a constitution adopted on 8th June 2015. The organisation has six trustees and is counting 23 members who attended events in 2023. Fourteen members attended at least three events in 2023 and have voting rights at the 2023 AGM.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in January. Chris Hawke was confirmed as chair at the 2022 AGM, Paul England was re-elected as Treasurer and Hannah Neate as Secretary. Brian Barton and Sue Pritchard volunteered to join the board of Trustees and both were elected unanimously. Michelle Wren is the only trustee not to attend any events in 2023.

ACP works closely with the Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) and with Manchester City Council and its partners. In 2023 we operated without seeking any additional funding and we ran regular volunteer events throughout the year.

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Achievements and Performance

ACP schedule regular clean-up events on the last Sunday in each month and during 2023 held events in March through to November (nine in total). At the AGM in January 2023 the committee developed outline plans for the year which were largely to focus on maintenance, greening and litter picking rather than large projects.

In 2023 we undertook litter picking at each of the nine events held where we covered both the Ashton and Rochdale canals and surrounding landscape. As with 2022 some activities on the Rochdale have been limited by a closed section of the towpath which re-opened in December 2023 so we can resume work there in 2024. We had the benefit of the CRT workboat on two events so we were able to clear the litter from the offside banks on the Ashton and move some larger items. We re-built the fruit bed boxes by Bridge 5 on the Ashton. We also moved fallen trees and started a log garden to encourage wildlife in an otherwise barren patch of ground. Once again buddleia has taken control in some areas and hard pruning has been a regular task.

Financial Review

On 31/12/2023 ACP holds £1,436.95 in the current account, all of which is unrestricted funds available to finance projects in 2024. We also hold £15.46 in petty cash.

Declaration

The trustees have approved the annual report and financial statement that follows.

Treasurer	Paul England	Chair	Chris Hawke
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Signatures

Date	28/01/2023	28/01/2023
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Ancoats Canal Project; receipts and payments for the period 01/01/23 – 31/12/23

Receipts	31/12/23	31/12/22
Manchester City Council Grant	£ 0	£ 0
Bank Interest	£ 0	£ 0
Total income	£ 0	£ 0
Expenditure		
Community Engagement (festival etc.)	£ 0	£ 0
Insurance	£ 75.00	£ 75.00
Tools and Equipment	£ 0	£ 0
Catering	£ 17.00	£ 13.40
Planting Projects	£ 0	£ 76.93
Sundries	£ 11.97	£ 21.71
Total Expenditure	£ 103.97	£ 187.04
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	£ 1,436.95	£ 1,540.92
Petty Cash	£ 15.46	£ 15.46
Total	£ 1,452.41	£ 1,556.38
Current Liabilities	£ 0	£ 0
Net Assets	£ 1,452.41	£ 1,556.38

The accounts show the financial status of ACP compared to 2022, the net current account balance of £1,452.41 reflects reduction in capital of £103.97 due to expenditure in 2023 as listed above.

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Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in January. Chris Hawke was confirmed as chair at the 2021 AGM, Paul England was re-elected as Treasurer and Hannah Neate as Secretary. Brian Barton and Sue Pritchard volunteered to join the board of Trustees and both were elected unanimously.

ACP works closely with the Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) and with Manchester City Council and its partners. In 2022 we operated without seeking any additional funding and aside from provision of catering as a legacy of the pandemic we ran regular volunteer events throughout the year.

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Achievements and Performance

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In 2022 we undertook litter picking at each of the ten events held where we covered both the Ashton and Rochdale canals and surrounding landscape. As with 2021 some activities on the Rochdale have been limited by building developments and by a closed section of the towpath. We had the benefit of the CRT workboat on one of our summer events so we were able to clear the litter from the offside banks on the Ashton. We undertook some landscaping and greening and planted a range of native species on the Rochdale. We also planted a large number of native hedge saplings on the Ashton but unfortunate actions by a contractor decimated this effort. Once again buddleia had taken control in some areas and hard pruning has been a regular task.

Financial Review

On 31/12/2022 ACP holds £1,540.92 in the current account, all of which is unrestricted funds available to finance projects in 2023.

Declaration

The trustees have approved the annual report and financial statement that follows.

Treasurer	Paul England	Chair	Chris Hawke
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Signatures

Date	30/01/2023	30/01/2023
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The logo for the Ancoats Canal Project, featuring a stylized blue line graphic to the left of the text "ANCOATS CANAL PROJECT" in a sans-serif font.

Ancoats Canal Project; receipts and payments for the period 01/01/22 – 31/12/22

Receipts	31/12/22	31/12/21
Manchester City Council Grant	£ 0	£ 0
Bank Interest	£ 0	£ 0
Total income	£ 0	£ 0
Expenditure		
Community Engagement (festival etc.)	£ 0	£ 0
Insurance	£ 75.00	£ 75.00
Tools and Equipment	£ 0	£ 0
Catering	£ 13.40	£ 0
Planting Projects	£ 76.93	£ 0
Postage, Stationery, Advertising	£ 21.71	£ 14.39
Total Expenditure	£ 187.04	£ 89.39
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	£ 1,540.92	£ 1,727.96
Petty Cash	£ 15.46	£ 15.46
Total	£ 1,556.38	£ 1,743.42
Current Liabilities	£ 0	£ 0
Net Assets	£ 1,556.38	£ 1,743.42

The accounts show the financial status of ACP compared to 2021, the net current account balance of £1,556.38 reflects small reduction in capital of £187.04 due to expenditure in 2022 as listed above.

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Michelle Wren	
Scott Grant	

Bankers : Co-operative Bank PLC, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

08-92-99 65841628

Signatories Paul England, Hannah Neate, Chris Hawke.

Charity structure, governance and management

Ancoats Canal Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with a revised constitution adopted on 8th June 2015. The organisation has five trustees and is counting the 28 members (who attended events in 2021) and the 7 of which who attended at least three events in 2021 have voting rights at the 2021 AGM.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in January. Chris Hawke was confirmed as chair at the 2020 AGM, and all five trustees were re-elected. Scott Grant has moved away from the area and offered his resignation in advance of the AGM.

ACP works closely with the Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) and with Manchester City Council and its partners. In 2021 we re-focused activities following the pandemic to work directly with a number of CRT reps.

The 2021 financial year has been affected by the pandemic such that we left plans open when we held the virtual 2020 AGM. We engaged with CRT throughout spring 2021 and produced a document highlighting seventeen 'greening' opportunities in anticipation of a return to volunteer activities. We also agreed at the 2020 AGM to extend our adopted area to the aqueduct before the Etihad Stadium on the Ashton Canal. After revised Risk Assessments we returned to volunteer days in July 2021.

All trustees deliver their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

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Achievements and Performance

ACP planned to hold monthly clean-up events on the last Sunday in each month and during 2021 held events in July (17 attendees), August (14 attendees), September (12 attendees), October (11 attendees) and November (11 attendees). At the January AGM the committee agreed the 2020 accounts but left plans open for 2021 pending the pandemic, much of the work undertaken in 2021 arises from discussions with CRT during lockdown.

This year we undertook litter picking at each of the five events held; four on the Ashton and one on the Rochdale. Activities on the Rochdale have been limited by building developments and by a closed section of the towpath. We also experienced a section of the Ashton towpath being closed early in 2021 before volunteer activities started. We also had the benefit of CRT tools and volunteer support at each event so we were able to repair and replant the Bridge 5 beds, clear the litter from the offside banks on the Ashton, clear and plant spring bulbs on the Rochdale, prepare the Ashton wildflower meadow, mount bird boxes and a bug hotel on the Ashton and clear significant buddleia growth.

Financial Review

On 31/12/2021 ACP holds £1,727.96 in the current account, all of which is unrestricted funds available to finance projects in 2022.

Declaration

The trustees have approved the annual report and financial statement that follows.

Treasurer	Paul England	Chair	Chris Hawke
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Signatures

Date	30/01/2022	30/01/2022
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Ancoats Canal Project; receipts and payments for the period 01/01/21 – 31/12/21

Receipts	31/12/21	31/12/20
Manchester City Council Grant	£ 0	£ 1,000.00
Bank Interest	£ 0	£ 0
Total income	£ 0	£ 1,000.00
Expenditure		
Community Engagement (festival etc.)	£ 0	£ 0
Insurance	£ 75.00	£ 75.00
Tools and Equipment	£ 0	£ 60.00
Catering	£ 0	£ 12.75
Planting Projects	£ 0	£ 76.69
Postage, Stationery, Advertising	£ 14.39	£ 0
Total Expenditure	£ 89.39	£ 147.75
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	£ 1,727.96	£ 1,817.35
Petty Cash	£ 15.46	£ 15.46
Total	£ 1,743.42	£ 1,832.81
Current Liabilities	£ 0	£ 0
Net Assets	£ 1,743.42	£ 1,832.81

The accounts show the financial status of ACP compared to 2020, the net current account balance of £1,743.42 reflects small reduction in capital of £89.39 due to public liability insurance and the Zoom account for the virtual AGM.

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Trustees Annual Report : 01/01/20 – 31/12/20

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Address (c/o) : Appt 27, Junction Works, 40 Ducie St, Manchester M1 2DF

Trustees and office :

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Paul England	Treasurer
Chris Hawke	Chair
Michelle Wren	
Scott Grant	

Bankers : Co-operative Bank PLC, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

08-92-99 65841628

Signatories Paul England, Hannah Neate, Chris Hawke.

Charity structure, governance and management :

Ancoats Canal Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with a revised constitution adopted on 8th June 2015. The organisation has five trustees and is counting the 49 members (who attended events in 2019) and the 18 who attended at least three events in 2019 have voting rights at the 2020 AGM.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in January. Chris Hawke was confirmed as chair at the 2019 AGM, and all four trustees were re-elected. Scott Grant offered to retire at the 2019 AGM as he was expecting to move away in 2020, his membership was retained pending the date.

ACP works closely with the Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) and with Manchester City Council and its partners. One of our ACP regular event managers Jon Stopp is a representative of CRT who provide ACP with tools and materials to help deliver the charity objectives.

The 2020 financial year has been affected by the pandemic such that plans agreed at the AGM haven't been implemented and the year ahead remains unknown. The group were only able to run one formal event in February before lockdown.

All trustees deliver their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

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Achievements and Performance

ACP planned to hold monthly clean-up events on the last Sunday in each month but during 2020 only the February event was held at which twelve volunteers attended. At the January AGM the committee discussed the opportunity for purchasing two kayaks which would facilitate access to the water and to the opposite banks. The committee also saw the potential for encouraging access to the water for residents. The decision was made to approach Manchester City Council for funding of £1,000 to purchase the kayaks and to cover ongoing costs. MCC supported the bid in full and the money was received on 23rd February. The council are aware of the ACP circumstances and whilst we still have the funding the pandemic may yet impact on our plans.

This year we undertook litter picking at the February event and following lockdown several members have been out observing social distancing to perform litter picking, clearing buddleia from the brickwork and maintaining the planting beds. During the lockdown months a group of local volunteers set up an Instagram group to undertake regular litter picking. We have observed the Ashton canal in particular has become a very popular public space to exercise so the basic maintenance and tidying has had massive impact on the community.

As reported ACP received £1,000 in February and it was expected to spend all this amount in 2020. The outgoings have been limited, the financial review with details follows.

Financial Review

On 31/12/2020 ACP holds £1,817.35 in the current account, all of which is unrestricted funds available to finance projects in 2021.

Declaration

The trustees have approved the annual report and financial statement that follows.

Treasurer	Paul England	Chair	Chris Hawke
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Signatures

Date	/xx/2021	xx/xx/2021
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Ancoats Canal Project; receipts and payments for the period 01/01/20 – 31/12/20

Receipts	31/12/20	31/12/19
Manchester City Council Grant	£1,000.00	£ 0
Bank Interest	£ 0	£ 0
Total income	£1,000.00	£ 0
Expenditure		
Community Engagement (festival etc.)	£ 0	£ 0
Insurance	£ 75.00	£ 168.00
Tools and Equipment	£ 60.00	£ 24.99
Catering	£ 12.75	£ 113.49
Planting Projects	£ 0	£ 76.69
Postage, Stationery, Advertising	£ 0	£ 1.16
Total Expenditure	£ 147.75	£ 291.33
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	£ 1,817.35	£ 965.10
Petty Cash	£ 15.46	£ 15.46
Total	£ 1,832.81	£ 980.56
Current Liabilities	£ 0	£ 0
Net Assets	£ 1,832.81	£ 980.56

The accounts show the financial status of ACP compared to 2019, the net current account balance of £1,832.81 reflects an increase in capital of £852.25.

The plan for 2021, subject to discussions at the AGM and a review of the impact of the pandemic is to spend £500 on two kayaks, ropes, lifejackets, oars and other accessories. There is likely to be additional cost for insurance and licensing which will come from the MCC funding received February 2020. The RHS annual insurance premium is due for payment in Feb 2021, a renewal notice has already been received for the same premium.