



Trustees Annual Report : 01/01/22 – 31/12/22

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 :

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

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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 22 members who attended events in 2022. Fourteen members attended at least three events in 2022 and have voting rights at the 2022 AGM.

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.

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.

All of our activities focus on the public benefits of the work undertaken, these include improvements to the visual aspect of the Rochdale & Ashton Canals, creation of extra amenities, encouragement of wildlife diversity and organisation of social events to bring different parts of the community together.

Achievements and Performance

ACP schedule regular clean-up events on the last Sunday in each month and during 2022 held events in February through to November. At the AGM in January the committee developed outline plans for 2022 which were largely to focus on maintenance, greening and litter picking rather than larger projects.

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.