River Holme Connections

England & Wales · Charity number 1163873

Details

Other names	RIVER 2015
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-10-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE RIVER HOLME CORRIDOR AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE RIVER HOLME CORRIDOR AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

Activities: River Holme Connections (RHC) aims to open up access to the River Holme from its origins to its junction with the River Colne for the benefit of local people and visitors to the Holme Valley. It also undertakes practical tasks to improve the river environment and to educate people about the river's environmental importance.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kirklees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£639,774	£582,013	£265,559	7
2024-12-31	£542,269	£578,397	£207,798	7
2023-12-31	£330,729	£333,316	-	-
2022-12-31	£263,627	£176,732	-	-
2021-12-31	£237,327	£216,481	-	-
2020-12-31	£152,021	£109,310	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter Noble	Chair	2026-03-25
Adrian Barraclough		2023-04-20
Arthur Lovitt		2026-03-25
Chris Abell		2023-04-20
Chris Green		2022-04-05
John Jolly		2025-03-26
Lynva Russell		2022-04-05
Tom Benjamin Harman		2024-03-28
Trevor Doherty		2024-03-28

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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River Holme Connections
Reference and administration information

Charity number 1163873

Registered office and operational address 13-15 Westgate, Honley, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, HD9 6AA

Trustees

Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Lynva Russell	
Susan Lee-Richards	(resigned March 2026)
Chris Abell	
Adrian Barraclough	
Chris Green	
Pamela King	(resigned March 2026)
Trevor Doherty	
Tom Harman	
John Jolly	(appointed March 2025)
Peter Noble	(Chair, appointed March 2026)
Arthur Lovitt	(appointed March 2026)

Key management personnel

Rosslyn Colderley	Chief Executive Officer (appointed January 2025)
Simon Hirst	River Interventions Manager
Susan Mitzi	Finance Manager

Bankers

Santander UK plc, Sunderland, SR43 4FW.

Independent Examiner

Kate Adderley CA, Third Sector Accountancy Limited, Holyoake House, Hanover Street, Manchester M60 0AS.

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objects and Activities

The objects of River Holme Connections (RHC) are:

1. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the River Holme corridor and surrounding area.
2. To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the River Holme corridor and surrounding area.

The principal activities undertaken by RHC were:

1. Practical environmental improvements
2. Educational activities concerning the environment
3. Contract work with local businesses to improve the riverside environment.

The trustees consider these are for public benefit.

The trustees confirm they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

Achievements and performance

RHC's charitable activities focus on improving the environment of the River Holme Catchment and are undertaken to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

<u>Nature's Holme – Landscape Recovery</u>

During the first half of 2025, RHC continued its work developing Nature's Holme, one of 22 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)–funded pilot Landscape Recovery projects. RHC worked collaboratively with multiple landowners to design and develop a range of conservation and land management actions across the catchment, in line with agreed objectives.

In June 2025, RHC was notified that its application to Defra to progress to the Implementation Phase of the project was unsuccessful. During the remainder of the year, significant time was dedicated to reviewing how the charity could continue to advance the programme. This included exploring and pursuing alternative funding sources to enable the delivery of projects developed in partnership with landowners, farmers and other stakeholders.

<u>Improving Biodiversity</u>

Improving biodiversity and strengthening habitat connectivity to support viable populations of key species, including water voles and white-clawed crayfish, is a core focus of RHC's work. RHC is involved in and promotes a wide range of opportunities across the catchment to enhance habitats, including tree planting, new hedgerow creation, meadow

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establishment and enhancement, protection of key species and control of invasive plants such as Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam.

Main activities:

- Created 8.3 kilometres of new hedgerow and established 7.8 hectares of new native woodland and wood pasture with 41,788 trees planted (2024: 25,570 trees).
- Undertook Japanese knotweed control along 21 kilometres of river.
- Carried out Himalayan balsam control along 6.7 kilometres of river.
- Created 3 hectares of species-rich wildflower meadow.

In 2025 RHC met the targets set in 2024 by:

- Developing plans to enhance water vole habitat within the upper catchment.
- Progressing practical habitat improvements identified through the Nature's Holme project.
- Continuing to expand and enhance habitat networks across the Holme Valley through new hedgerow, woodland and meadow creation.
- Preparing technical habitat enhancement plans to support the conservation of white-clawed crayfish within the River Holme catchment.

Improving Water Quality

Improving and maintaining high water quality so that the river is cleaner and suitable for recreational use remains central to RHC's work. We deliver this through citizen science projects, volunteer river clean-ups and education sessions that promote understanding of what a healthy river system should look like. Control of invasive species such as Japanese knotweed, montbretia and Himalayan balsam also contributes to restoring biodiversity along the riparian corridor. Together, these activities support healthier rivers for wildlife and local communities.

Main activities:

- Undertook monthly Riverfly monitoring at 14 sites along the River Holme, Meltham Dike and New Mill Dike.
- Removed 106 bags of rubbish from the river through organised clean-up activities.
- Collected and analysed monthly chemical water quality samples alongside Riverfly monitoring, using HANNA testing equipment provided by Yorkshire Water.

In 2025 RHC met the targets set in 2024 by:

- Locating, approving and allocating new Riverfly monitoring sites to volunteers.
- Introducing a structured volunteer cover arrangement to maintain consistent Riverfly surveying.
- Equipping volunteer monitoring pairs with chemical water quality testing kits to strengthen data collection.

Accessible Riversides

Developing an increasingly off-road and accessible Riverside Way is an important part of RHC's work. Improving access throughout the Holme catchment helps connect people with the river and its wildlife, supporting inclusive opportunities for recreation and wellbeing and encouraging greater appreciation of the river and its surrounding wild spaces.

Riverside Way activities:

- Maintained access along key sections of the Riverside Way, focusing on Spa Wood, Sands Recreation Ground and Crown Bottom.
- Delivered seven practical volunteer task days during the year.
- Recorded 140 volunteer hours spent cutting back vegetation and clearing over 2km of footpath and bridleway – nearly 100 more hours than in 2024.
- Removed 54 bags of rubbish from riverside routes, compared to 6 bags the previous year.

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We also partnered with Meltham Pleasure Grounds to carry out pathway clearance work at their site.

In 2025 RHC met the targets set in 2024 by:
- Continuing regular maintenance of key sections of the Riverside Way, cutting back encroaching vegetation to keep routes safe, open and accessible.
- Releasing drone flyover footage of the River Holme and publishing it online, enabling more people to experience the river remotely.

Community Engagement

Encouraging more people to love and care for the river and to support RHC in making positive changes to our local environment remains integral to the charity's work. Raising awareness and strengthening local community partnerships through education sessions with young people, practical volunteering with community groups, attending events and hosting nature walks and talks are just some of the ways the charity inspires people to contribute to positive environmental change.

Main activities:
- Delivered 23 primary school sessions across 18 schools, engaging 1,021 primary school children through River Explorer and Mayfly in the Classroom lessons.
- Engaged 107 students aged 16–18 through 7 college events, introducing environmental careers and conservation pathways.
- Supported 7 Beaver and Cub group sessions, enabling 163 young children to learn about trees, bats, invasive species and river habitats.
- Expanded community engagement by attending 13 local events, hosting 7 nature-themed guided walks and facilitating 4 landowner engagement events.
- Worked with Thornton Lodge Action Group to deliver 3 guided walks for women, 3 nature-based crafts sessions and 3 outdoor activity days for children attending their school holiday programme.
- Celebrated the charity's 10th Anniversary with a community event recognising those who have supported RHC over the past decade.

In 2025 RHC met the targets set in 2024 by:
- Increasing the number of primary schools involved in our education programme from 12 in 2024 to 18 in 2025.
- Delivering 3 Guided Walks for Women, building on the 2 delivered in 2024.
- Extending our engagement with young people through additional college events and education sessions.

Volunteers

Providing wider volunteer opportunities so that more people can join in and contribute to RHC's work remains an important focus for the charity. We have a dedicated and hardworking team of volunteers who continue to support our work across the Holme Valley. Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do, contributing their time, skills and enthusiasm to the wide range of projects we deliver. Their involvement enables the charity to deliver environmental improvements across the catchment and to grow its impact year on year.

Main activities:
- Recorded 6123 hours of volunteer time contributed across administration, events, education, conservation projects and citizen science.
- Welcomed participation from 12 local businesses across 19 corporate volunteer sessions, the highest level of corporate involvement to date.
- Continued to upskill our volunteers in brushcutting, eco-plugging, Riverfly monitoring, hedge laying and first aid.
- Engaged volunteers in a range of practical tasks including tree guard removal, balsam clearance, meadow creation, path maintenance, river surveying and tree planting.

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In 2025 RHC met the targets set in 2024 by:

- Maintaining strong volunteer participation across a wide range of conservation activities throughout the year.
- Supporting grassland management work, including meadow creation and maintenance.
- Continuing to manage woodland and hedgerow sites through activities such as tree guard removal and vegetation management.
- Providing training opportunities to develop volunteer skills and confidence.

Partnerships

Strategic partnerships with organisations and communities that are vital to our work remain a priority for RHC. During the year we continued to develop these relationships. This joined up and coordinated approach enables us to work effectively with others across the Holme Valley, supporting delivery of shared environmental goals.

- Played an active role as a member of the Calder Catchment Partnership, contributing to collaborative work to improve local water environments.
- Worked collaboratively with more than 30 local community organisations and schools to deliver shared environmental and educational projects.
- Partnered with more than 100 landowners and over 20 local businesses to support habitat creation and conservation activity across the catchment.
- Strengthened strategic partnerships with Yorkshire Water and White Rose Forest.

In 2025 RHC met the targets set in 2024 by:

- Maintaining and developing relationships with new and existing partners across the catchment.
- Expanding engagement with landowners and local businesses to support delivery of conservation and habitat projects.
- Continuing collaborative work with Yorkshire Water to improve river health and biodiversity.
- Working with the Environment Agency and Defra on the Nature's Holme project until the conclusion of the Defra-funded phase.

Beneficiaries of our services

Beneficiaries include local people and visitors to the River Holme Catchment who have access to nature and wildlife. The river and its environs are being improved so that all visitors can spend time in nature, supporting their health and wellbeing. These improvements also enhance biodiversity in an increasingly nature-depleted landscape.

The trustees are satisfied that RHC's activities directly further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Lessons Learned

The appointment of a Chief Executive Officer has provided additional leadership capacity as the charity enters its second decade. Changes in staffing during the year highlighted the importance of continuity and succession planning for organisational stability, led by the CEO.

The conclusion of the Defra-funded Landscape Recovery pilot programme has provided valuable insight into the scale and complexity of restoring nature across the catchment. The work undertaken over the past two years has strengthened relationships with local landowners and improved our understanding of local environmental priorities, although funding did not progress to the implementation phase.

School engagement has shown the value of practical outdoor learning and has helped build our local reputation for excellence in education. There is a strong demand for our services, but they must remain free of charge for schools for every pupil to be able to benefit from our environmental education.

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Volunteer commitment has again proven to be one of the charity's greatest strengths. Their continued involvement provides stability through periods of change and enables delivery across all areas of our work. We are seeing a year-on-year increase in both volunteer numbers and hours contributed. There is also unmet demand for programmes for young people 18-25.

Our work this year has also reinforced the importance of partnership. Collaboration with landowners, businesses, schools and other organisations remains essential to achieving long-term improvements for the River Holme and its communities.

These lessons will guide the implementation of our 2026-2030 strategy to ensure RHC delivers both environmental outcomes and community capacity for long-term stewardship of the catchment.

Financial review

Principal sources of income in 2025 were Defra funding for the Landscape Recovery project, White Rose Forest (WRF) for the development of new woodland and hedgerow, Yorkshire Water, charitable trusts, corporate donors and individual supporters.

Income

In 2025, RHC received total income of £639,774 (2024: £542,269), of which:

- £555,624 (87%) from government funding & environmental partnerships
- £54,828 (9%) from donations and legacies
- £21,721 (3%) from charitable trusts and foundations
- £7,601 (1%) trading activities and investments

Expenditure

Total expenditure was £582,013 (2024: £578,397), broadly allocated as follows:

- Staff costs: £246,749 (42%)
- Project delivery: £228,039 (39%)
- Materials & Equipment: £56,727 (10%)
- Other Fundraising, Governance and Support: £50,498 (9%)

The charity ended the year with total funds of £265,559 (2024: £207,798) of which £189,531 (2024: £151,108) is unrestricted. The trustees consider this a good foundation to build on for the coming year.

Reserves policy

The aim of the reserves policy is to ensure that the charity's ongoing and future activities are reasonably protected from unexpected fluctuations in its income and expenditure. The board reviewed the reserves policy and agreed that a minimum level of unrestricted funds equal to or greater than three months operating expenses is appropriate given the risks faced by the charity and the sustainability of its different income streams.

Total unrestricted reserves at the yearend were £189,531 (2024: £151,108), of which £102,145 (2024: £78,747) are designated for specified purposes, leaving £87,386 (2024: £72,361) free general reserves.

Analysis of designated funds being held: - Staff Reserves £75,390, Education £13,232, Fixed Assets £9,814, Volunteer Projects £3,709.

The trustees consider the reserves sufficient to fund day-to-day operations and manage unforeseen circumstances at the current time and can confirm the designated staff reserves of £75,390 cover the minimum three months operating expenses required.

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Plans for the Future

Short-term plans include:

- Adopting a phased approach to landscape scale project delivery with landowners and farmers and other partners while proactively pursuing alternative funding opportunities to support a long-term productive partnership with these key stakeholders.
- Continuing the successful planning and delivery of tree and hedgerow planting and maintenance with White Rose Forest.
- Continuing our partnership with Kirklees Council for their Ludhill Dike Natural Flood Management project.
- Working with key local volunteer conservation groups on the 'Growing Community Connections' project.
- Assessing the next steps of activity for removal of river obstacles that prevent fish from accessing the upper reaches of the river in conjunction with the Great Yorkshire Rivers programme.
- Implementing plans to enhance the habitat of water voles and white-clawed crayfish across the River Holme catchment, in partnership with Yorkshire Water. Working with local landowners to control invasive species such as Himalayan balsam and Japanese Knotweed from our river catchment.
- In partnership with Calder Rivers Trust, we will continue to recruit and train volunteers to help with Riverfly monitoring as a marker of water quality.
- Maintain monitoring of river health by providing volunteers with chemical testing kits (in partnership with Yorkshire Water) and collect water samples for a new partnership with the University of York's AQuA project.
- Work with local community groups to maintain and improve the Riverside Way; specifically in 2026 we are looking to improve the waymarking, seeking additional funding to develop these plans.
- Continue to engage with primary schools in the Holme Valley, offering free of charge River Explorer education sessions. In 2026 we will deliver a new 'Future Water Experts' project with 5 local schools and colleges, in partnership with Cummins.

Long-term, RHC will:

- Seek alternative funding to implement a landscape scale programme in partnership with landowners and farmers.
- Increase our focus on grasslands to protect this vital habitat.
- Develop stronger plans to create extensive, interlinked, habitat networks to improve biodiversity across the river catchment.
- Strengthen volunteer training and engagement.
- Continue to offer student placements and invest in the conservationists of the future by developing a wider programme of work for young adults.
- Build partnerships with landowners, businesses, local and regional authorities as well as individuals, local community groups and other stakeholders to support our vision to transform the river catchment for the benefit of people and wildlife.

Structure, governance and management

RHC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered on 7 October 2015 and is governed by its constitution.

Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no financial benefits from the charity for their work in that capacity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are disclosed in note 12 of the accounts. Trustee recruitment is ongoing, supported by annual skill audits. Prospective trustees are invited to attend a board meeting as observers and upon election to the board receive induction and training where appropriate.

The board of trustees retains ultimate responsibility and delegates day-to-day management of the charity to the CEO. Trustee committees, chaired by trustees, make recommendations to the board.

The board meets 4 times a year.

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Related Parties

RHC works in collaboration with other organisations in pursuit of its aims and objectives. It works with the White Rose Forest (WRF) in order to plant trees and hedgerows in the catchment area to improve biodiversity. RHC also works in collaboration with the Colne and Calder Rivers Trust on Riverfly Monitoring and with Yorkshire Water to improve biodiversity and the health of the river landscape.

No related party transactions took place in the year other than those disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Remuneration Policy for Key Management Personnel

No trustees receive remuneration. The pay of key management personnel is benchmarked against similar sized environmental charities and is reviewed and approved by the board of trustees annually.

Risk Management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to manage them. They regularly review RHC's Strategic Risk Register to monitor risks to the charity's operations, projects, finances, and reputation.

Key risks include:
Financial Viability and Sustainability – mitigated through seeking funding, ensuring adequate reserves and future income generation planning.
Operational Capacity - mitigated through recruitment, training and volunteer engagement.
Data Protection – mitigated through GDPR policies, training and ongoing reviews.
Communications and Engagement – mitigated through communications strategy.
Strategic Relationships - mitigated through proactive partner engagement and trustee oversight.
Operational Activities and Project Management – mitigated through SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) planning, resourcing, and oversight.
Safe Working Environment – mitigated through Health and Safety policies and practices.
Volunteer Liability - mitigated through risk assessments, safety training, clear protocols, and supervision.

The board is confident that appropriate systems, policies, and monitoring arrangements are in place to manage these risks effectively, ensuring the charity can continue to deliver its objectives for the public benefit.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are held for specific projects in line with donor requirements. These are drawn down as projects progress. For medium and long-term projects such as woodland creation, funds may be carried forward for several years to support establishment and maintenance.

RHC does not act as custodian trustee for the assets of any other charity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

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- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 15 / 05 / 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Trevor Doherty

Trevor Doherty

Trustee

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River Holme Connections
Independent examiner's report to the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 11 to 33.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Other matters

Your attention is to drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.
We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

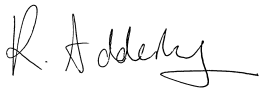
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

   have not been met; or

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



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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	*Unrestricted funds £*	*Restricted funds £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	49,578	5,250	54,828	*26,472*	*5,600*	*32,072*
Charitable activities	4	55,080	522,265	577,345	*44,935*	*458,768*	*503,703*
Other trading activities	5	4,503	-	4,503	*4,331*	-	*4,331*
Investments	6	3,098	-	3,098	*2,163*	-	*2,163*
Total income		**112,259**	**527,515**	**639,774**	***77,901***	***464,368***	***542,269***
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	25,309	-	25,309	*2,129*	-	*2,129*
Charitable activities	8	48,527	508,177	556,704	*60,835*	*515,433*	*576,268*
Total expenditure		**73,836**	**508,177**	**582,013**	***62,964***	***515,433***	***578,397***
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	10	**38,423**	**19,338**	**57,761**	***14,937***	***(51,065)***	***(36,128)***
Transfer between funds		-	-	-		-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**38,423**	**19,338**	**57,761**	***14,937***	***(51,065)***	***(36,128)***
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		151,108	56,690	207,798	*136,171*	*107,755*	*243,926*
Total funds carried forward		**189,531**	**76,028**	**265,559**	***151,108***	***56,690***	***207,798***

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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River Holme Connections

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025		*2024*	
		£	£	*£*	*£*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		6,448		*14,401*
Intangible assets	16		3,366		-
Total fixed assets			**9,814**		***14,401***
Current assets					
Debtors	17	10,416		*6,662*	
Cash at bank and in hand		369,628		*320,998*	
Total current assets		**380,044**		***327,660***	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	18	(124,299)		*(134,263)*	
Net current assets			**255,745**		***193,397***
Total assets less current liabilities			265,559		*207,798*
Net assets			**265,559**		***207,798***
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds	21		189,531		*151,108*
Restricted funds	20		76,028		*56,690*
Total charity funds			**265,559**		***207,798***

For the year in question, the charity was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission has not ordered an audit to be carried out under Section 146 of Charities Act 2011.

The notes on pages 14 to 33 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 15 / 05 / 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Trevor Doherty

Trevor Doherty(Trustee)

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River Holme Connections

Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ending 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	*2024 £*
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	23	**49,392**	***97,593***
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		3,098	*2,163*
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(317)	*(8,145)*
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		(3,543)	-
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**(762)**	***(5,982)***
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		48,630	*91,611*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		320,998	*229,387*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**369,628**	***320,998***

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1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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 (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

River Holme Connections meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £ sterling.

b Judgments and estimates

The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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d Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

e Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised; refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

f Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

g Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

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h Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of trading, and consultant's fees for fundraising support.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of staff, freelance workers and materials for undertaking activities that further the purposes of the charity, and the associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

j Tangible and Intagible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £300 or more are capitalised at cost. Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Plant and machinery	20%
Fixtures and fittings	33%
Motor vehicles	25%

Intangible fixed assets are amortised over their useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Software	20%

k Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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m Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution workplace pension scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 11. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2024 £*
Donations	47,578	5,250	52,828	*24,472*	*5,600*	*30,072*
Donated services	2,000	-	2,000	*2,000*	-	*2,000*
Total	49,578	5,250	54,828	*26,472*	*5,600*	*32,072*

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2024 £*
Contracts and grants	55,080	522,265	577,345	*44,935*	*458,768*	*503,703*
Total	55,080	522,265	577,345	*44,935*	*458,768*	*503,703*

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5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2024 £*
Calendar sales	4,503	-	4,503	*4,331*	-	*4,331*
Total	4,503	-	4,503	*4,331*	-	*4,331*

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2024 £*
Other investment income	3,098	-	3,098	*2,163*	-	*2,163*
Total	3,098	-	3,098	*2,163*	-	*2,163*

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7 Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	*Unrestricted*	*Restricted*	*2024*
	£	£	£	*£*	*£*	*£*
Staff costs	15,366	-	15,366	-	-	-
Consultancy	1,574	-	1,574	*704*	-	*704*
Cost of goods sold	1,320	-	1,320	*1,425*	-	*1,425*
Governance costs (see note 9)	6,772	-	6,772	-	-	-
Support costs (see note 9)	277	-	277	-	-	-
Total	25,309	-	25,309	2,129	-	2,129

8 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2025	*Total 2024*
	£	*£*
Staff costs	138,462	*187,500*
Subcontract payments	228,039	*274,202*
Materials, equipment and other	56,727	*37,909*
Depreciation	7,872	*7,486*
Support costs (see note 9)	107,742	*65,373*
Governance costs (see note 9)	17,861	*3,798*
	556,703	*576,268*
Restricted expenditure	508,177	*515,433*
Unrestricted expenditure	48,527	*60,835*
	556,704	*576,268*

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9 Analysis of governance and support costs

	Support	Governance	*Total 2025*	*Support*	*Governance*	*Total 2024*
	£	£	£	*£*	*£*	*£*
Staff costs	77,555	15,366	92,921	*13,898*	-	*13,898*
Premises	12,904	-	12,904	*11,074*	-	*11,074*
Administrative overheads	23,481	-	23,481	*38,078*	-	*38,078*
Professional fees	-	2,772	2,772	*1,140*	*3,798*	*4,938*
Depreciation	575	-	575	*1,183*	-	*1,183*
	114,515	18,138	132,653	*65,373*	*3,798*	*69,171*

The support and governance costs are apportioned to fundraising and charitable activities based on the relevant direct salary costs.

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10 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2025	*2024*
	£	*£*
Depreciation	8,447	*8,669*
Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets	-	*75*
Independent examiner's fee	2,772	*2,080*

11 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2025	*2024*
	£	*£*
Wages and salaries	224,584	*184,964*
Social security costs	17,499	*12,184*
Pension costs	4,666	*4,250*
	246,749	*201,398*

Allocated as follows:

Cost of raising funds	15,366	-
Charitable activities	138,462	*187,500*
Support costs	77,555	*13,898*
Governance costs	15,366	-
	246,749	*201,398*

One employee has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2024: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 7 (2024: 7).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the CEO, the River Interventions Manager and the Finance Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £164,299 (2024: £64,736).

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12 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2024: Nil).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £27,386 (2024: £24,610).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

During the year, the charity paid AKB Environmental Limited £16,819 for project management services, on normal commercial terms (2024: £24,320). Adrian Barraclough, a trustee of the charity, is also the director of AKB Environmental Limited.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2024: Nil).

13 Government grants

The government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

	2025 £	*2024* *£*
Kirklees Council	254,566	*82,761*
DEFRA	188,190	*366,987*
The National Lottery (Awards For All)	17,644	-
	460,400	*449,748*

There were no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to the grants.

14 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

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15 Fixed assets: tangible assets

	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures & Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2025	24,309	15,553	13,556	53,418
Additions	317	-	-	317
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	24,626	15,553	13,556	53,735
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	16,680	12,170	10,167	39,017
Charge for the year	2,061	2,820	3,389	8,270
Disposals	-	-		-
At 31 December 2025	18,741	14,990	13,556	47,287
Net book value				
At 31 December 2025	5,885	563	-	6,448
At 31 December 2024	*7,629*	*3,383*	*3,389*	*14,401*

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16 Fixed assets: intangible assets

	Software	Total
Cost	£	£
At 1 January 2025	-	-
Additions	3,543	3,543
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2025	3,543	3,543
Amortisation		
At 1 January 2025	-	-
Charge for the year	177	177
Disposals	-	-
At 31 December 2025	177	177
Net book value		
At 31 December 2025	3,366	3,366
At 31 December 2024	-	-

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17 Debtors

	2025	*2024*
	£	*£*
Trade debtors	-	*1,350*
Prepayments and accrued income	10,416	*5,312*
	10,416	*6,662*

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	*2024*
	£	*£*
Trade creditors	4,909	*26,261*
Other creditors and accruals	3,654	*2,496*
Deferred income	109,680	*101,617*
Taxation and social security costs	6,056	*3,889*
	124,299	*134,263*

19 Deferred income

	2025	*2024*
	£	*£*
Deferred grant brought forward	101,617	*6,984*
Grant received	99,300	*99,997*
Released to income from charitable activities	(91,237)	*(5,364)*
Deferred grant carried forward	109,680	*101,617*

Deferred income relates to multi-period grants where obligations continue into 2028.

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20 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Awards for All 2025-2027		17,644	(3,904)	-	13,740
Bright Green Community Trust	1,000		(1,000)	-	-
Carbon Offsetting		1,570	-	-	1,570
Community Grants Program		3,100	(3,100)	-	-
Cummins ELGP 2025		3,222	(3,222)	-	-
Future Projects	50,286		(798)	-	49,488
Hirst Brierley Fund	1,341		(1,341)	-	-
Ludhill NFM	(54)	6,813	(6,759)	-	-
Natures Holme / Landscape Recovery	(7,320)	188,189	(180,869)	-	-
River Ranger / River Stewardship	10,905			-	10,905
One Community Thornton Family Funds		5,000	(5,000)	-	-
WRF		254,566	(254,566)	-	-
Water Conservators		5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Yorkshire Water		42,411	(42,086)	-	325
Zero Waste Community Grant	532		(532)	-	-
Total	56,690	527,515	(508,177)	-	76,028

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Comparative period

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers* £	*Balance at 31 December 2024* £
Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT)	-	*1,000*	-	-	*1,000*
BGCT Tree Maintenance	*2,725*	-	*(2,725)*	-	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	*2,016*	-	*(2,016)*	-	-
Future Projects	*57,912*	*5,600*	*(13,226)*	-	*50,286*
Longley Fund	*(8)*	-	*8*	-	-
Nature's Holme / Landscape Recovery	*(8,392)*	*366,987*	*(365,915)*	-	*(7,320)*
Neighbourly Fund	*5*	-	*(5)*	-	-
One Community Quarterly Fund	*(35)*	-	*35*	-	-
One Community Thornton Family Funds	*750*	-	*(750)*	-	-
Postcode Neighbour	*2,351*	-	*(2,351)*	-	-
River Ranger / River Stewardship	*10,905*	-	-	-	*10,905*
Riverside Way	*3,257*	-	*(3,257)*	-	-
Water Conservators	*5,500*	-	*(5,500)*	-	-
WRF	*30,769*	*81,761*	*(112,530)*	-	-
Yorkshire Water - Water Vole	-	*1,991*	*(1,991)*	-	-
Zero Waste	-	*1,000*	*(468)*	-	*532*
Community Grants Program	-	*500*	*(500)*	-	-
Hirst Brierley Fund	-	*1,341*	-	-	*1,341*
YWT INNS Bio-Security	-	*4,188*	*(4,188)*	-	-
Ludhill NFM	-	-	*(54)*	-	*(54)*
Total	*107,755*	*464,368*	*(515,433)*	-	*56,690*

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Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Awards for All 25-27	The Awards for All 2025-2027 reserve was created by funding from the National Lottery Community Fund. It will be utilised to to support our Growing Community Connections project, delivering volunteer conservation tasks. Working with local community groups, tasks will include invasive species control, habitat management, meadow management, litter picking, and cutbacks to improve sight lines on walkways. Our project will benefit people and the environment, maintaining greenspaces that people rely on and can enjoy.
Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT)	The Bright Green Community Trust reserve was created by a donation from One Community Foundation and will be utilised for staff time to run community tree/hedge scheme maintenance days, to purchase native trees/hedge plants and tree protection materials (tree guards and stakes) as well as volunteer PPE and tools.
Carbon Offsetting	The Carbon Offsetting reserve was created by a number of private donations, specifically for the purpose of funding tree planting where available land has been identified to offset their carbon footprint.
Community Grants Program	The Community Grants Program reserve was created by two donations from the One Community Foundation and will be used to a) contribute to the insurance costs for the charity and b) used to contribute to contractor costs associated with delivering the Magnificent Meadows project volunteer sessions.
Co-op Local Community Fund	Funding was received to enable us to carry out practical conservation task days with the local community. Training events in wildflower identification and hedge laying will be run for volunteers.
Cummins ELGP 2025	The Cummins ELGP 2025 reserve was created by funding from Blackbaud Giving Fund, upon the recommendation of The Cummins Foundation Inc. Funds will be used to support expansion of RHC's education programme enabling local children to collaborate with local water experts, understand their place in the water cycle and become empowered to create sustainable water projects that improve their communities' access to clean, reliable water.
Future Projects	The Future Projects fund was created by an individual donor, to be utilised to support environmental education, particularly young people who may be excluded due to their circumstances. It is available to support capital projects and can be used to enhance or specialise them, enabling RHC to provide a superior solution to the most cost-effective option. It could also be used for match funding, or similar, raised for meadows or wetlands.
Hirst Brierley Fund	The Hirst Brierley Fund reserve was created by a donation from the One Community Foundation and will be utilised for staff time and to run volunteer sessions removing Himalayan balsam in the Holme Valley, specifically in Meltham and Hade Edge.

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Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Ludhill NFM	The Ludhill NFM reserve was created by funding from Kirklees Council and will be utilised to engage with landowners in the Ludhill Dike sub-catchment to develop, design and deliver NFM interventions
Longley Fund	The Longley Fund reserve was created by a donation from the One Community Foundation and will be utilised to contribute to staff time carrying out tree and hedge maintenance work over 6 sites in the Holme valley.
Nature's Holme / Landscape Recovery	Nature's Holme is a project that aims to restore 2800ha of the landscape in the Holme Valley, Yorkshire. One of 22 nationally important projects funded by DEFRA, a collection of organisations and over 20 landowners have come together to plan and design interventions to improve water quality and increase biodiversity throughout the River Holme catchment. Nature's Holme intends to boost wider access opportunities for everyone, improve biodiversity and help Kirklees become net zero. It aims to achieve this by exploring river restoration opportunities, woodland creation, peatland restoration, accessible routes, wildflower meadow creation and natural flood management works such as ponds to store water.
Neighbourly Fund	Funding was received to purchase new tools and materials such as wildflower seed and root grow, to support volunteering activities and environmental improvements.
One Community - Thorton Family Funds	The One Community reserves were created by funding from the One Community Foundation and will be used to contribute to materials and staff time in supporting volunteers carry out practical conservation tasks.
Postcode Neighbour	Funding was received for the "River Guardians" project to train and equip our volunteer team and to enable the charity to carry out practical conservation days with our volunteer team and local community groups.
River Ranger / River Stewardship	The River Ranger/River Stewardship Fund was created through an individual donation to support the salary of a new staff member.
Riverside Way	The Riverside Way reserve was created by donations and will be utilised to improve the Riverside Way.
Water Conservators	The Water Conservators Trust reserve was created by funding from The Water Conservators Trust and will be utilised for the Mayfly in the Classroom education project.
WRF (The White Rose Forest)	The White Rose Forest reserve was created by funding from the White Rose Forest. It was utilised in tree planting, tree scheme maintenance and purchase of native trees/hedge plants and the installation of fences.

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Name of	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Yorkshire Water	The Yorkshire Water reserve was created by funding provided by Yorkshire Water to support and help deliver specific environmental restoration and biodiversity projects within the River Holme catchment. Activities include ecological surveys and monitoring (such as river obstacle, riverfly and crayfish surveys), development of strategic barrier removal plans, and conservation work to protect native species including white-clawed crayfish. Funding also supports practical catchment restoration work including invasive non-native species control, habitat improvements, volunteer surveys and engagement with landowners and local communities.
Yorkshire Water - Water Vole	The Yorkshire Water Water Vole project reserves was created by funding from Yorkshire Water and was utilised to carry out water vole/ American mink surveys in the catchment.
YWT INNS Bio-Security	The YWT INNS Bio-Security reserve was created by a donation from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and will be used to expand our existing Himalayan balsam control programme to three new source sites in the Holme catchment in 2024.
Zero Waste Community Grant	The Zero Waste Community Grant reserve was created by a donation from Kirklees Council and will be utilised to pay for tree guard haulage and the purchase of bulk bags for collection to help us recycle old tree guards and spirals from our hedge and tree schemes.

21 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 December 2025 £
General fund	72,361	107,480	(65,896)	(26,559)	87,386
Designated fund - education	13,232	-	-	-	13,232
Designated fund - staff reserves	44,244	-	-	31,146	75,390
Designated fund - volunteer projects	6,870	4,779	(7,940)	-	3,709
Designated fund - fixed assets	14,401	-	-	(4,587)	9,814
	151,108	112,259	(73,836)	-	189,531

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Comparative period

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers* £	*As at 31 December 2024* £
General fund	*91,754*	*56,547*	*(61,539)*	*(14,401)*	*72,361*
Designated fund - Education	*13,232*	-	-	-	*13,232*
Designated fund - Staff reserves	*31,185*	*13,059*	-	-	*44,244*
Designated fund -	-	*8,295*	*(1,425)*	-	*6,870*
Designated fund - fixed	-	-	-	*14,401*	*14,401*
	136,171	*77,901*	*(62,964)*	-	*151,108*

Name of unrestricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds
Designated fund - education	The Education Fund is a designated reserve established to provide provide financial support for the development and delivery of educational projects, resources, workshops, and community engagement activities in line with the organisation's charitable objectives.
Designated fund - staff reserves	The Staff Reserves Fund is a designated reserve established in accordance with the organisation's constitution to ensure financial stability in meeting staff-related commitments.
Designated fund - volunteer projects	The Volunteer Fund is a designated reserve derived from unrestricted income, created to support volunteer-led activities and to recognise and empower the vital contribution of volunteers within the organisation with spending decisions guided by agreed criteria and volunteer input.
Designated fund - fixed assets	The fixed assets are essential for the future operation of the charity and so are excluded from free reserves.

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22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	9,814	-	9,814
Net current assets/(liabilities)	87,386	92,331	76,028	255,745
Total	87,386	102,145	76,028	265,559

Comparative period

	General fund £	*Designated funds £*	*Restricted funds £*	*Total 2024 £*
Tangible fixed assets	*-*	*14,401*	*-*	*14,401*
Net current assets/(liabilities)	*72,361*	*64,346*	*56,690*	*193,397*
Total	*72,361*	*78,747*	*56,690*	*207,798*

23 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	57,761	(36,128)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	8,447	8,669
Loss/(profit) on sale of fixed assets	-	75
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(3,098)	(2,163)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(3,754)	1,297
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(9,964)	125,843
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	49,392	97,593

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River Holme Connections

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Accounts

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River Holme Connections

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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River Holme Connections
Reference and administration information

Charity number 1163873

Registered office and operational address 13-15 Westgate, Honley, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, HD9 6AA

Trustees

Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Lynva Russell	Chair
Susan Lee-Richards	Treasurer and Secretary
Chris Abell	
Adrian Barraclough	
Paul Coleman	(resigned September 2024)
Chris Green	
Clare Hallas	(resigned March 2024)
Pamela King	
Trevor Doherty	(appointed March 2024)
Tom Harman	(appointed March 2024)
Andrew Oddie	(appointed March 2024, resigned December 2024)
John Jolly	(appointed March 2025)

Key management personnel

Rosslyn Colderley	Chief Executive Officer (appointed January 2025)
Simon Hirst	River Interventions Manager
Susan Mitzi	Finance Manager

Bankers

Santander UK plc, Sunderland, SR43 4FW.

Independent Examiner

Kate Adderley CA, Third Sector Accountancy Limited, Holyoake House, Hanover Street, Manchester M60 0AS.

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River Holme Connections
Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of River Holme Connections (RHC) are to open up access to the river throughout the catchment from its origins to its junction with the River Colne for the benefit of local people and visitors to the River Holme Catchment. RHC also undertakes practical tasks to improve the river environment and to educate people about the river's environmental importance.

The principal activities undertaken by RHC were:

1. Practical environmental improvements
2. Educational activities concerning the environment
3. Contract work with local businesses to improve the riverside environment.

The trustees consider these are for public benefit.

The trustees confirm they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

Achievements and performance

RHC's charitable activities all focus on improving the environment of the River Holme Catchment and are undertaken to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Nature's Holme – Landscape Recovery

In 2024 RHC continued its work developing Nature's Holme, one of 22 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)-funded pilot Landscape Recovery projects, working with multiple landowners to develop a range of conservation actions across the catchment.

Accessible Riversides

Improving access throughout the Holme catchment is an important part of our work at RHC. Connecting people with the river and the wildlife along it is key to improving and conserving our watercourses and promoting inclusive access to nature and wild spaces.

Riverside Way activities:

- Cutting back sections of the Riverside Way to ensure that they are as accessible as possible, focusing on Bottoms Mill and Spa Wood.
- 20 volunteers gave 44.5 hours of their time to clear over 1.6 km of footpath and bridleway, removing 6 bags of rubbish
- Spa Wood Walk map installed at Lockwood station in collaboration with Penistone Line Partnership

In 2024 RHC met the targets set in 2023 by:

- Clearing up sections of the Riverside Way and cutting back encroaching vegetation
- Working with Experience Community to identify routes in the Holme catchment that can be made fully accessible
- Developing Riverside Way Phase II to deliver further improvement work

Improving Biodiversity

RHC are involved and promote many opportunities across our catchment to improve biodiversity and increase habitat connectivity.

Main activities:

- 4.8km of new hedgerows created and 1ha of new native woodland (total of 25,570 trees planted)
- Japanese knotweed control work carried out along 21km of river
- Himalayan balsam control work was carried out along 6.2km of river
- 2.5 ha of wildflower meadows created and enhanced

In 2024 RHC met the targets set in 2023 by:

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- Developing plans for the reintroduction of water voles in the upper catchment
- Beginning to implement the plans developed for the Nature's Holme project
- Continuing planting trees and hedges to reach the milestone of planting 100,000 trees since RHC was established

Improving Water Quality

Improving and monitoring water quality in the catchment is central to our work. We deliver this through citizen science projects, volunteer river clean-ups, and education sessions that teach what a healthy river looks like. Removal of invasives such as Japanese knotweed, montbretia and Himalayan balsam further helps to restore natural biodiversity of the riparian landscape. When all these riverside projects come together, supporting healthy rivers will benefit wildlife whilst providing an outdoor environment we can all enjoy.

Main activities:
- Riverfly monitoring extended to 17 sites – an increase of 5 sites from 2023
- New chemical analysis testing for water quality set up at 10 sites of interest
- 72 bags of rubbish removed from the river
- 3 new riverfly volunteers trained
- Further plant and botanical surveys and eDNA analysis across the catchment

In 2024 RHC met the targets set in 2023 by:
- Training more riverfly volunteers and adding new monitoring sites
- Setting up a new chemical water quality monitoring programme in the catchment & continuing our river clean-up work
- Working with the Environment Agency to improve water quality in the catchment

Community Engagement

Community engagement is an integral aspect of our Charity. Raising awareness and strengthening local community partnerships through education sessions with young people, practical volunteering with community groups, attending events and hosting nature walks and talks are just some of the ways we strive to inspire our community to make positive change to our local environment.

Main activities:
- 12 primary schools (9 in 2023) took part in our River Explorer Sessions or Mayfly in the Classroom sessions, delivering education around the river and its biodiversity to 1,123 pupils.
- Nine scout groups (7 in 2023) participated in River Explorer sessions, tree planting and Himalayan balsam bashing sessions.
- Delivered nature based educational sessions at Café 100, Team Wilder youth event and Thornton Lodge Community Centre & Holiday Club.
- Hosted 10 Nature's Holme Stakeholder events, 8 Walk & Talk events, and attended 12 local community events including the Honley Show and Holmfirth Arts Festival.

In 2024 RHC met the targets set in 2023 by:
- Increasing engagement with landowners and businesses in the Holme Valley to achieve our aims
- Working with the Integrated Catchment Solutions Programme (iCASP) to promote natural flood management techniques
- Expanded engagement to 12 primary schools and 9 scout groups
- Drafted plans to host a Nature's Holme Conference to be held in early 2025

Volunteers

We have a dedicated and hardworking team of volunteers at RHC, who continue to amaze us with their support and enthusiasm for creating a better River Holme and a better Holme Valley. Their involvement allows RHC's ability to deliver environmental improvements across the catchment to expand year on year.

Main activities
- 6690 hours of volunteer time contributed across administration, events, education, conservation projects, and citizen science.
- Corporate support from local employers including Yorkshire Water, Cummins, Lloyds, and Coop Volunteers had the opportunity to get training in scything, riverfly monitoring, first aid, and wildflower identification.
- Volunteer balsam bashing expanded to five new sites along 5.8km of river.

In 2024 RHC met the targets set in 2023 by:
- Creating new meadows to enhance local biodiversity
- Expanding our invasive non-native species (INNS) work into the Meltham area
- Providing training courses to upskill our volunteers
- Engaging more corporate groups in our projects
- Welcoming new volunteers who are enthusiastic about improving their local wildlife areas

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Partnerships

We have continued to strengthen our strategic partnerships with organisations and communities that are vital to our work. This joined up and co-ordinated approach makes a real difference to the rivers in our catchment and beyond.

- Active member of the Calder Catchment Partnership
- Collaborated with more than 20 local community organisations and more than 100 landowners
- Strengthened strategic partnerships with Yorkshire Water and White Rose Forest

Beneficiaries of our services

Beneficiaries include local people and visitors to the River Holme Catchment who have access to nature and wildlife. The river and its environs are being improved so that all visitors may have the benefit of spending time in nature for the benefit of their health and wellbeing. The improvements being undertaken are also beneficial to nature increasing biodiversity in our nature depleted landscape.

The trustees are satisfied that RHC's activities directly further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Lessons Learned

The pilot programme for the Landscape Recovery 'Nature's Holme' has provided the opportunity to work with landowners to develop a deeper understanding of the state of nature in the River Holme Catchment. This has allowed the charity to continue to develop its' medium-term plan of restoring nature. The rest of the decade to 2030 is pivotal in reversing the damage.

School engagement has shown the value of practical outdoor learning and help build our local reputation for excellence in education.

All our Year in Industry (YII) students have progressed into environmental sector careers, underlining the importance of structured placements.

Creating varied opportunities for volunteers who help deliver the projects to: improve access to nature, improve biodiversity and reverse some of the damage that climate change and nature loss are having in the UK. We are seeing a year-on-year increase in the number of volunteers we support and the hours they commit to RHC.

These lessons will guide our 2025-2030 strategy to ensure RHC delivers both environmental outcomes and community capacity for long-term stewardship of the catchment.

Financial review

Principal sources of income in 2024 were Defra funding for the Landscape Recovery project, White Rose Forest (WRF) for the development of new woodland and hedgerow, charitable trusts, corporate donors and individual supporters.

Income
In 2024, RHC received total income of £542,269 (2023: £330,729), of which:
- £478,748 (88%) from government funding (Defra) & environmental partnerships
- £32,072 (6%) from donations and legacies
- £24,955 (5%) from charitable trusts and foundations
- £6,494 (1%) trading activities and investments

Expenditure
Total expenditure was £578,397 (2023: £333,316), broadly allocated as follows:
- Project delivery: £274,202 (47%)
- Staff cost: £201,398 (35%)
- Fundraising, Governance and Support: £64,888 (11%)
- Materials & Equipment: £37,909 (7%)

RHC invested in new accounting software in 2024, improving systems and reporting. Some 2023 figures have been re-analysed for consistency with SORP categories, but overall figures remain the same as published in 2023.

The charity ended the year with total funds of £207,798 (2023: £243,926) of which £151,108 (2023: £136,172) is unrestricted. The trustees are content that this is a good position to build on for the coming year.

After the end of the reporting period but before the accounts were authorised for issue, RHC was notified that it was not successful in its submission to DEFRA to move to the Implementation Phase of the project. The charity is now actively seeking funding from other sources to facilitate the phased delivery of aspects of the plans already developed for the River Holme Catchment.

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Reserves policy

The aim of the reserves policy is to ensure that the charity's ongoing and future activities are reasonably protected from unexpected fluctuations in its income and expenditure. The board reviewed the reserves policy and agreed that a minimum level of unrestricted funds equal to or greater than three months operating expenses is appropriate given the risks faced by the charity and the sustainability of its different income streams.

Total unrestricted reserves at the year end were £151,108 (2023: £136,171), of which £78,747 (2023: £44,417) are designated for specified purposes, leaving £72,361 (2023: £91,754) free general reserves.

Analysis of designated funds being held: Fixed Assets £14,401, Volunteer Projects £6,870, Education £13,232, Staff Reserves £44,244.

The trustees consider the reserves sufficient to fund day to day operations and manage unforeseen circumstances at the current time and can confirm the designated staff reserves of £44,244 cover the minimum three months operating expenses required.

Plans for the Future

The charity has grown in size and complexity over recent years and with this in mind the trustees made the decision to recruit a Chief Executive Officer to strengthen leadership capacity. Early 2025 will welcome the arrival of Rosslyn Colderley as CEO to this post.

Short-term plans include:
- Adopting a phased approach to project delivery with landowners while proactively pursuing alternative funding opportunities to support the long-term sustainability of the project and minimise the impact of the DEFRA funding shortfall.
- Continuing to maintain and improve the Riverside Way.
- Preparing detailed plans for the re-introduction of water voles and enhancing habitat for the white-clawed crayfish in the River Holme.
- Increase the number of primary schools involved in our education programme from 12 in 2024 to 15 in 2025.
- Continue to monitor water quality & provide volunteers access to water quality chemical analysis test kits.

Long-term, RHC will:
- Create extensive habitat networks and improve grasslands across the Holme Valley.
- Strengthen volunteer training and engagement.
- Build partnerships with landowners, businesses, Yorkshire Water, Defra and other stakeholders to support the catchment vision.

Structure, governance and management

RHC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered on 7 October 2015 and is governed by its constitution.

Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no financial benefits from the charity for their work in that capacity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are disclosed in note 12 of the accounts. Trustee recruitment is ongoing, supported by annual skill audits. Prospective trustees are invited to attend a board meeting as observers and upon election to the board receive induction and training where appropriate.

The board of trustees retains ultimate responsibility and delegates day-to-day management of the charity to the River Interventions Manager, Office Manager and Project Manager for Nature's Holme. Working groups chaired by trustees make recommendations to the board.

The board meets 4 times a year.

Related Parties

RHC work in collaboration with other organisations in pursuit of its aims and objectives. It works with the White Rose Forest (WRF) in order to plants trees and hedgerows in the catchment area to improve biodiversity. RHC also works in collaboration with the Colne and Calder River Trust on Riverfly Monitoring and with Yorkshire Water to improve biodiversity and the health of the river landscape.

No related party transactions took place in the year other than those disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

Remuneration Policy for Key Management Personnel

No trustees receive remuneration. The pay of key management personnel, including that proposed for the CEO, is benchmarked against similar sized environmental charities, and is reviewed and approved by the board of trustees annually.

Risk Management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to manage them. They regularly review RHC's Strategic Risk Register to monitor risks to the charity's operations, projects, finances, and reputation.

Key risks include:
Financial sustainability – mitigated through funding, reserves and income generation planning.

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Operational capacity - mitigated through recruitment, training and volunteer engagement.
Project delivery – mitigated through SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) planning, resourcing, and oversight.
Data protection – mitigated through GDPR policies, training and ongoing reviews.
Strategic partnerships - mitigated through proactive partner engagement and trustee oversight.
Volunteer safety - mitigated through risk assessments, safety training, clear protocols, and supervision.

The board is confident that appropriate systems, policies, and monitoring arrangements are in place to manage these risks effectively, ensuring the charity can continue to deliver its objectives for the public benefit.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are held for specific projects in line with donor requirements. These are drawn down as projects progress. For medium and long-term projects such as woodland creation, funds may be carried forward for several years to support establishment and maintenance.

RHC does not act as custodian trustee for the assets of any other charity

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 10 / 10 / 2025 and signed on their behalf by

SJ Lee-Richards

Susan Lee-Richards

Trustee

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River Holme Connections
Independent examiner's report to the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 8 to 28.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Other matters
Your attention is to drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.
We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

    have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



10 / 10 / 2025

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River Holme Connections
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	*Unrestricted funds £*	*Restricted funds £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	26,472	5,600	32,072	*25,167*	*37,129*	*62,296*
Charitable activities	4	44,935	458,768	503,703	*34,694*	*229,004*	*263,698*
Other trading activities	5	4,331	-	4,331	*3,432*	-	*3,432*
Investments	6	2,163	-	2,163	*1,303*	-	*1,303*
Total income		**77,901**	**464,368**	**542,269**	***64,596***	***266,133***	***330,729***
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	2,129	-	2,129	*2,243*	-	*2,243*
Charitable activities	8	60,835	515,433	576,268	*164,818*	*166,255*	*331,073*
Total expenditure		**62,964**	**515,433**	**578,397**	***167,061***	***166,255***	***333,316***
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	10	**14,937**	**(51,065)**	**(36,128)**	***(102,465)***	***99,878***	***(2,587)***
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	*103,694*	*(103,694)*	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**14,937**	**(51,065)**	**(36,128)**	***1,229***	***(3,816)***	***(2,587)***
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		136,171	107,755	243,926	*134,943*	*111,570*	*246,513*
Total funds carried forward		**151,108**	**56,690**	**207,798**	***136,172***	***107,754***	***243,926***

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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River Holme Connections

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024		*2023*	
		£	£	*£*	*£*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	15		14,401		*15,000*
Total fixed assets			**14,401**		***15,000***
Current assets					
Debtors	16	6,662		*7,959*	
Cash at bank and in hand		320,998		*229,387*	
Total current assets		**327,660**		***237,346***	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	17	(134,263)		*(8,420)*	
Net current assets			**193,397**		***228,926***
Total assets less current liabilities			207,798		*243,926*
Net assets			**207,798**		***243,926***
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds	20		151,108		*136,171*
Restricted funds	19		56,690		*107,755*
Total charity funds			**207,798**		***243,926***

For the year in question, the charity was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011. The Charity Commission has not ordered an audit to be carried out under Section 146 of Charities Act 2011.

The notes on pages 11 to 28 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 10 / 10 / 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

SJ Lee-Richards

Susan Lee-Richards (Trustee)

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ending 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	22	**97,593**
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		2,163
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(8,145)
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**(5,982)**
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		91,611
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		229,387
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**320,998**

A cashflow statement was not required last year as they were a small charity.

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1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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 (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1

River Holme Connections meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £ sterling.

b Judgments and estimates

The trustees have made no key judgments which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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d Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

e Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised; refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

f Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

g Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

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h Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of trading, and consultant's fees for fundraising support.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of staff, freelance workers and materials for undertaking activities that further the purposes of the charity, and the associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities.

j Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £300 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Plant and machinery	20%
Fixtures and fittings	33%
Motor vehicles	25%

k Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

l Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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m Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution workplace pension scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 11. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end.

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2023 £*
Donations	24,472	5,600	30,072	*25,167*	*37,129*	*62,296*
Donated services	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
Total	26,472	5,600	32,072	*25,167*	*37,129*	*62,296*

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2023 £*
Contracts and grants	44,935	458,768	503,703	*34,694*	*229,004*	*263,698*
Total	44,935	458,768	503,703	*34,694*	*229,004*	*263,698*

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5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2023 £*
Calendar sales	4,331	-	4,331	*3,432*	-	*3,432*
Total	4,331	-	4,331	*3,432*	-	*3,432*

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*Total 2023 £*
Other investment income	2,163	-	2,163	*1,303*	-	*1,303*
Total	2,163	-	2,163	*1,303*	-	*1,303*

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7 Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	*Unrestricted £*	*Restricted £*	*2023 £*
Consultancy	704	-	704	*891*	-	*891*
Cost of goods sold	1,425	-	1,425	*1,352*	-	*1,352*
Total	2,129	-	2,129	*2,243*	-	*2,243*

8 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2024 £	*Total 2023 £*
Staff costs	187,500	*118,229*
Subcontract payments	274,202	*139,630*
Materials and equipment	37,909	*20,995*
Depreciation	7,486	*6,102*
Support costs (see note 9)	65,373	*45,037*
Governance costs (see note 9)	3,798	*1,080*
	576,268	*331,073*
Restricted expenditure	515,433	*166,255*
Unrestricted expenditure	60,835	*164,818*
	576,268	*331,073*

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9 Analysis of governance and support costs

	Support £	Governance £	*Total 2024* £	*Support* £	*Governance* £	*Total 2023* £
Staff costs	13,898	-	13,898	*15,459*	-	*15,459*
Premises	11,074	-	11,074	*7,423*	-	*7,423*
Administrative overheads	38,078	-	38,078	*15,954*	-	*15,954*
Professional fees	1,140	3,798	4,938	*766*	*1,080*	*1,846*
Depreciation	1,183	-	1,183	*5,435*	-	*5,435*
	65,373	3,798	69,171	*45,037*	*1,080*	*46,117*

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10 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Depreciation	8,669	*11,537*
Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets	75	-
Independent examiner's fee	2,080	*2,294*

11 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Wages and salaries	184,964	*125,307*
Social security costs	12,184	*5,628*
Pension costs	4,250	*2,753*
	201,398	*133,688*
Allocated as follows:		
Charitable activities	187,500	*118,229*
Support costs	13,898	*15,459*
	201,398	*133,688*

No employees has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 7 (2023: 6).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the River Interventions Manager and the Finance Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £64,736.

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12 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: Nil).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £24,610 (2023: £49,250).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

During the year, the charity paid AKB Environmental Limited £24,320 for project management services, on normal commercial terms (2023: £Nil). Adrian Barraclough, a trustee of the charity, is also the director of AKB Environmental Limited.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2023: Nil).

13 Government grants

The government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

	2024 £	*2023* *£*
Kirklees Council	82,761	*100,443*
	82,761	*100,443*

There were no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to the grants.

14 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

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15 Fixed assets: tangible assets

	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures & Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	18,780	18,172	13,556	50,508
Additions	7,080	1,065	-	8,145
Disposals	(1,551)	(3,684)	-	(5,235)
At 31 December 2024	24,309	15,553	13,556	53,418
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	16,723	12,007	6,778	35,508
Charge for the year	1,433	3,847	3,389	8,669
Disposals	(1,476)	(3,684)	-	(5,160)
At 31 December 2024	16,680	12,170	10,167	39,017
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	7,629	3,383	3,389	14,401
At 31 December 2023	*2,057*	*6,165*	*6,778*	*15,000*

16 Debtors

	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Trade debtors	1,350	*2,572*
Prepayments and accrued income	5,312	*5,387*
	6,662	*7,959*

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17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Trade creditors	26,261	*356*
Other creditors and accruals	2,496	*1,080*
Deferred income	101,617	*6,984*
Taxation and social security costs	3,889	-
	134,263	*8,420*

18 Deferred income

	2024	*2023*
	£	*£*
Deferred grant brought forward	6,984	*7,645*
Grant received	99,997	*6,360*
Released to income from charitable activities	(5,364)	*(7,021)*
Deferred grant carried forward	101,617	*6,984*

Deferred income relates to multi-period grants where obligations continue into 2027.

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19 Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT)	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
BGCT Tree Maintenance	2,725	-	(2,725)	-	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	2,016	-	(2,016)		-
Future Projects	57,912	5,600	(13,226)		50,286
Longley Fund	(8)	-	8		-
Nature's Holme / Landscape Recovery	(8,392)	366,987	(365,915)	-	(7,320)
Neighbourly Fund	5	-	(5)	-	-
One Community Quarterly Fund	(35)	-	35	-	-
One Community Thornton Family Funds	750	-	(750)	-	-
Postcode Neighbour	2,351	-	(2,351)	-	-
River Ranger / River Stewardship	10,905	-	-	-	10,905
Riverside Way	3,257	-	(3,257)	-	-
Water Conservators	5,500	-	(5,500)	-	-
WRF	30,769	81,761	(112,530)	-	-
Yorkshire Water - Water Vole	-	1,991	(1,991)	-	-
Zero Waste Community Grant	-	1,000	(468)	-	532
Community Grants Program	-	500	(500)	-	-
Hirst Brierley Fund	-	1,341	-	-	1,341
YWT INNS Bio-Security	-	4,188	(4,188)	-	-
Ludhill NFM	-	-	(54)	-	(54)
Total	107,755	464,368	(515,433)	-	56,690

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Comparative period

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*Balance at 31 December 2023 £*
Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT)	*2,000*	*-*	*(608)*	*(1,392)*	*-*
BGCT Tree Maintenance	*-*	*2,975*	*-*	*(250)*	*2,725*
Co-op Local Community Fund	*-*	*3,397*	*(181)*	*(1,200)*	*2,016*
Future Projects	*20,783*	*37,129*	*-*		*57,912*
Longley Fund	*998*	*-*	*-*	*(1,006)*	*(8)*
Nature's Holme / Landscape Recovery	*(20)*	*82,283*	*(33,234)*	*(57,421)*	*(8,392)*
Neighbourly Fund One Community	*-*	*400*	*(395)*	*-*	*5*
Quarterly Fund One Community	*714*	*1,000*	*(1,138)*	*(611)*	*(35)*
Thornton Family Funds	*-*	*-*	*-*	*750*	*750*
Postcode Neighbour	*-*	*18,397*	*(5,796)*	*(10,250)*	*2,351*
River Ranger / River Stewardship	*19,155*	*-*	*-*	*(8,250)*	*10,905*
Riverside Way	*22,236*	*10,359*	*(25,095)*	*(4,243)*	*3,257*
Water Conservators	*750*	*5,750*	*-*	*(1,000)*	*5,500*
WRF Yorkshire Water	*45,254*	*100,443*	*(99,809)*	*(15,119)*	*30,769*
Community Fund Yorkshire Water -	*-*	*4,000*	*-*	*(4,000)*	*-*
Water Vole	*(488)*	*-*	*-*	*488*	*-*
Sundry	*189*	*-*	*-*	*(189)*	*-*
Total	*111,571*	*266,133*	*(166,256)*	*(103,693)*	*107,755*

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Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT)	The Bright Green Community Trust reserve was created by a donation from One Community Foundation and will be utilised for staff time to run community tree/hedge scheme maintenance days, to purchase native trees/hedge plants and tree protection materials (tree guards and stakes) as well as volunteer PPE and tools.
Co-op Local Community Fund	Funding was received to enable us to carry out practical conservation task days with the local community. Training events in wildflower identification and hedge laying will be run for volunteers.
Future Projects	The Future Projects Fund was created by an individual donor to support staff time and capital needs for agreed core objectives, enable initiatives without other funding, and cover shortfalls in existing projects where incomplete delivery could result in negative environmental impacts.
Longley Fund	The Longley Fund reserve was created by a donation from the One Community Foundation and will be utilised to contribute to staff time carrying out tree and hedge maintenance work over 6 sites in the Holme valley.
Nature's Holme / Landscape Recovery	Nature's Holme is a project that aims to restore 2800ha of the landscape in the Holme Valley, Yorkshire. One of 22 nationally important projects funded by DEFRA, a collection of organisations and over 20 landowners have come together to plan and design interventions to improve water quality and increase biodiversity throughout the River Holme catchment. Nature's Holme intends to boost wider access opportunities for everyone, improve biodiversity and help Kirklees become net zero. It aims to achieve this by exploring river restoration opportunities, woodland creation, peatland restoration, accessible routes, wildflower meadow creation and natural flood management works such as
Neighbourly Fund	Funding was received to purchase new tools and materials such as wildflower seed and root grow, to support volunteering activities and environmental improvements.
One Community	The One Community reserves were created by funding from the One Community Foundation and will be used to contribute to materials and staff time in supporting volunteers carry out practical conservation tasks.
Postcode Neighbour	Funding was received for the "River Guardians" project to train and equip our volunteer team and to enable the charity to carry out practical conservation days with our volunteer team and local community groups.
River Ranger / River Stewardship	The River Ranger/River Stewardship Fund was created through an individual donation to support the salary of a new staff member.
Riverside Way	The Riverside Way reserve was created by donations and will be utilised to improve the Riverside Way.
Water Conservators	The Water Conservators Trust reserve was created by funding from The Water Conservators Trust and will be utilised for the Mayfly in the Classroom education project.
WRF (The White Rose Forest)	The White Rose Forest reserve was created by funding from the White Rose Forest. It was utilised in tree planting, tree scheme maintenance and purchase of native trees/hedge plants and the installation of fences.

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Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Yorkshire Water - Water Vole	The Yorkshire Water Water Vole project reserves was created by funding from Yorkshire Water and was utilised to carry out water vole/ American mink surveys in the catchment.
Zero Waste Community Grant	The Zero Waste Community Grant reserve was created by a donation from Kirklees Council and will be utilised to pay for tree guard haulage and the purchase of bulk bags for collection to help us recycle old tree guards and spirals from our hedge and tree schemes.
Community Grants Program	The Community Grants Program reserve was created by a donation from the One Community Foundation and will be used to contribute to insurance costs for the charity.
Hirst Brierley Fund	The Hirst Brierley Fund reserve was created by a donation from the One Community Foundation and will be utilised for staff time and to run volunteer sessions removing Himalayan balsam in the Holme Valley, specifically in Meltham and Hade Edge.
YWT INNS Bio-Security	The YWT INNS Bio-Security reserve was created by a donation from Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and will be used to expand our existing Himalayan balsam control programme to three new source sites in the Holme catchment in 2024.
Ludhill NFM	The Ludhill NFM reserve was created in anticipation of a donation from Kirklees Council and will be utilised to engage with landowners in the Ludhill Dike sub-catchment to develop, design and deliver NFM interventions.

20 Analysis of movement in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 December 2024 £
General fund	91,754	56,547	(61,539)	(14,401)	72,361
Designated fund - education	13,232	-	-	-	13,232
Designated fund - staff reserves	31,185	13,059	-	-	44,244
Designated fund - volunteer projects	-	8,295	(1,425)	-	6,870
Designated fund - fixed assets	-	-	-	14,401	14,401
	136,171	77,901	(62,964)	-	151,108

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Comparative period

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers £*	*As at 31 December 2023 £*
General fund	*134,657*	*64,495*	*(166,624)*	*59,226*	*91,754*
Designated fund - Education	*286*	*100*	*(437)*	*13,283*	*13,232*
Designated fund - Staff reserves	*-*	*-*	*-*	*31,185*	*31,185*
	134,943	*64,595*	*(167,061)*	*103,694*	*136,171*

Name of unrestricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
General fund	The free reserves after allowing for all designated funds
Designated fund - education	The Education Fund is a designated reserve established to provide provide financial support for the development and delivery of educational projects, resources, workshops, and community engagement activities in line with the organisation's charitable objectives.
Designated fund - staff reserves	The Staff Reserves Fund is a designated reserve established in accordance with the organisation's constitution to ensure financial stability in meeting staff-related commitments.
Designated fund - volunteer projects	The Volunteer Fund is a designated reserve derived from unrestricted income, created to support volunteer-led activities and to recognise and empower the vital contribution of volunteers within the organisation with spending decisions guided by agreed criteria and volunteer input.
Designated fund - fixed assets	The fixed assets are essential for the future operation of the charity and so are excluded from free reserves.

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21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	14,401	-	14,401
Net current assets/(liabilities)	72,361	64,346	56,690	193,397
Total	72,361	78,747	56,690	207,798

Comparative period

	General fund £	*Designated funds £*	*Restricted funds £*	*Total 2023 £*
Tangible fixed assets	*15,000*	*-*	*-*	*15,000*
Net current assets/(liabilities)	*76,754*	*44,417*	*107,755*	*228,926*
Total	*91,754*	*44,417*	*107,755*	*243,926*

22 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(36,128)
Adjustments for:	
Depreciation charge	8,669
Loss/(profit) on sale of fixed assets	75
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(2,163)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	1,297
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	125,843
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	97,593

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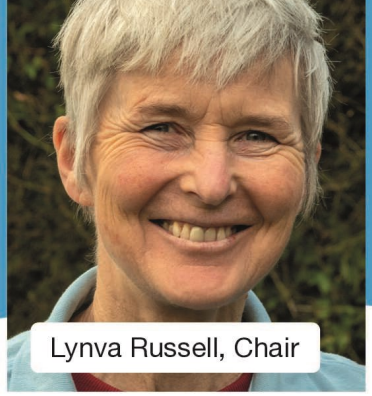


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Chair's Report



Lynva Russell, Chair

Water quality has been at the heart of our work since we were founded in 2015. A healthy river should be clean of physical and chemical pollutants, well oxygenated and free-flowing to give a variety of physical features including meanders, quiet pools and shallow rapids. We are trying to restore our rivers and streams to this natural state. This is good for wildlife and good for us. Most of the rivers in the UK are not in a good state at all, and no rivers in the country were classed as in good health in the last Environment Agency survey (2020). (***www.wcl.org.uk/not-one-river-in-england-in-good-health.asp***).

We work with a variety of partners to monitor and ultimately improve the water quality in the Holme catchment. We have a team of volunteers who collect samples of river invertebrates once a month (from spring through to autumn) from various places in the catchment and record what they find. The types and numbers of invertebrates such as caddisflies and freshwater shrimps tell an important story, and these records add to a bigger picture. The records which have been collected since 2010 are stored on the Calder Rivers Trust database, which in turn is part of the national Riverfly Partnership. We'll be expanding our monitoring work going forward to include chemical tests, including nitrates and phosphates.

We are also working with the University of York on their Ecomix research. This scheme is introducing a testing programme for new and different chemicals. For example, it has been found that a chemical called fipronil is widespread in our rivers. Fipronil is a commonly used flea product for pets but it degrades into compounds that are more persistent and more toxic to insects, seriously damaging our waterways.

With the wetter winters we have experienced recently and which are likely to increase in the future there has been a significant increase in surface water runoff into drains and rivers. This will include rubber from tyres, heavy metals from catalytic convertors, mud and other pollutants. Less than 30% of pipes that empty in to the rivers belong to Yorkshire Water. Other trends are also increasing this runoff including the many new houses that need to be built on previously green spaces and an increase in tarmacked gardens to help with off road parking.

As well as our monitoring and educational work, we are engaging with more businesses and continuing to carry out physical improvements to help nature help us. Over the next few years this will include creating eight new meadows, 22km of new hedges, a number of woodlands and four new wetlands. Stopping green waste being dumped, stopping litter being dropped and thinking about our own garden management – we can all do a bit. Nature is important to us all, let's help it out.

Lynva Russell, Chair

Supporting Healthy Rivers


Riverfly Sampling

Clean water is a vital resource for all living things. A clean and healthy river supports a wide range of species and it provides us with clean water to drink and bathe in. Clean rivers help boost mental and physical health and they provide an amazing space to enjoy the outdoors.
We carry out a wide range of work to help improve water quality in the Holme catchment.


Process Packaging Volunteers

Our volunteers regularly monitor river invertebrates. These invertebrates are very good indicators of the water quality in the river.

- Recorded eight groups of invertebrates across 12 sites – 9,953 invertebrates were recorded and 58 reports submitted
- Trained seven new volunteers
- Added four new monitoring sites

Other water quality work:

- Carried out 24 river clean-ups in 2023 and collected over 80 bags of litter
- Our Green waste and Yellow fish projects helped raise awareness of pollution issues
- We regularly report environmental incidents (pollution issues) to the local Environment Agency team

Please call the Environment Agency incident hotline to report Environmental incidents such as pollution events and fish kills.

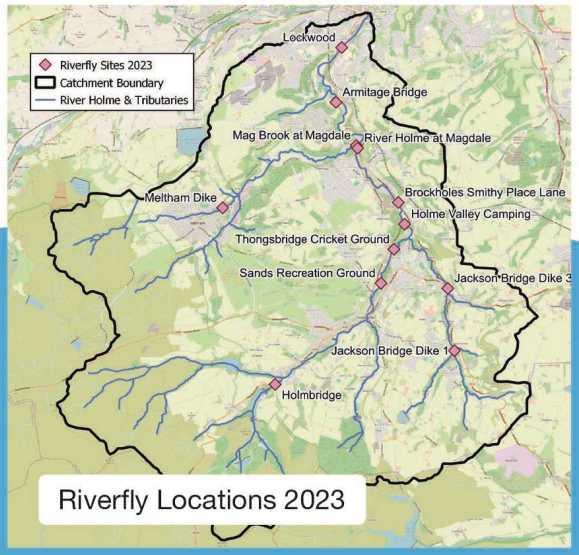
Telephone: 0800 80 70 60 (24-hour service)

Looking forward

- Train more riverfly volunteers and add new monitoring sites
- Set up a new chemical water quality monitoring programme in the catchment
- Continue with our river clean-up work
- Continue to work with the Environment Agency to improve water quality in the catchment


Riverfly Training

"I enjoy having an active part in monitoring the river quality and helping to improve the local river and environment. Riverfly volunteering allows adults to re-find their inner child. It is a scientific version of pond dipping, and there is always a sense of excitement to see what you've collected in a kick sample."
- Helen S, Riverfly volunteer



Riverfly Locations 2023

Improving Biodiversity


Six-spot Burnet, Pye Flatts

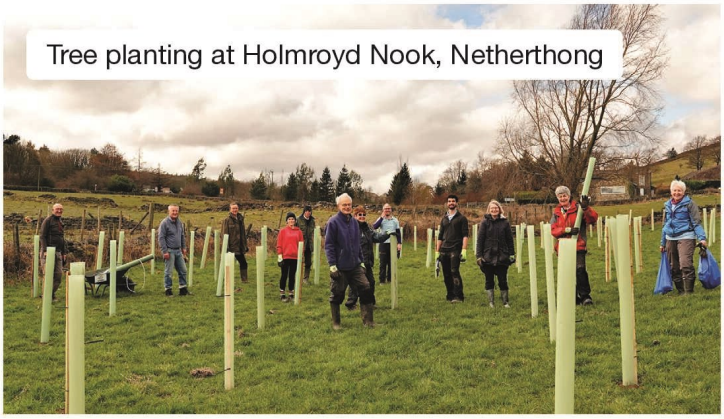
There are many opportunities across our catchment to improve biodiversity. For example, RHC is leading Nature's Holme, one of 22 pilot projects funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), to develop a range of conservation actions across multiple landowners.

Progress this year

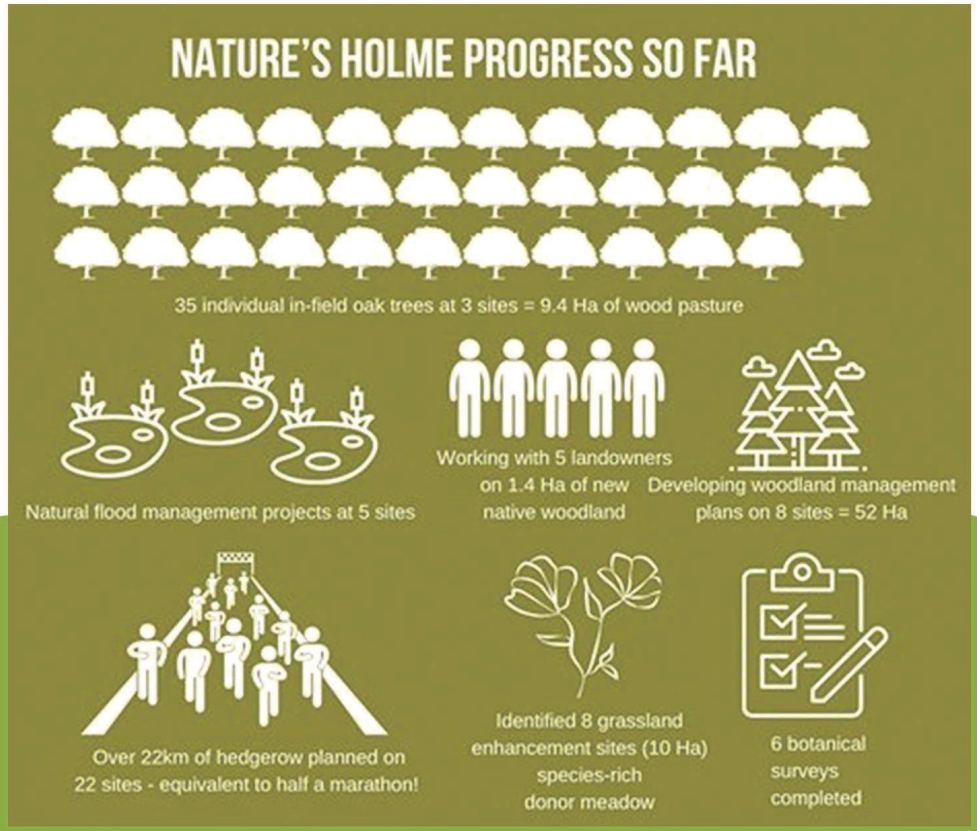
- Created 3.6km of hedgerows and planted 24,929 trees
- Carried out Japanese Knotweed control work along 21km of river
- Himalayan balsam control work was caried out along more than 4km of river
- Thirty people attended our family nature walk at Magdale, Honley and a kingfisher was spotted flying down the river corridor, a fantastic treat for families to see
- Completed water vole signs and habitat suitability survey

Looking forward

- Develop plans for the reintroduction of water voles in the upper catchment
- Create or enhance 2.5 ha of wildflower hay meadows
- Begin to implement the plans developed for the Nature's Holme project (see infographic)
- Continue planting trees and hedges – the aim is to reach 100,000 trees planted in total since RHC was established, we're close!


Tree planting at Holmroyd Nook, Netherthong


Water vole



"The UK is now one of the most nature-depleted countries on Earth. But the reasons for the decline are clear and we know conservation actions deliver results for nature."
State of Nature Report 2023

Accessible Riversides



Finger Post Installation in Honley

Improving access throughout the Holme catchment is an important part of our work. Connecting people with the river and the wildlife along it is key to improving and conserving our watercourses. Our biggest project to make the riverside more accessible is the Riverside Way – a 15.5km footpath stretching from Digley Reservoir near Holme village downstream to Snow Island in Huddersfield.

Achievements in 2023

- Ten new waymarker posts installed along the Riverside Way
- Improved 3.7km of paths including resurfacing a section along the Spa Wood, resurfacing behind the Cattle Market in Holmfirth and replacing the boardwalk in the woodland above Thongsbridge Recreation Ground
- Gathered stakeholder feedback on potential routes which could be made fully accessible
- Forty people joined our walks and talks along the Riverside Way

Looking forward to 2024

- Clear up sections of the Riverside Way and cut back encroaching vegetation
- Work with Experience Community to identify routes in the Holme catchment that can be made fully accessible
- Develop Riverside Way Phase II to deliver further improvement work

Cattle Market – revetment boards and resurfacing

"Great job! This is my walk to work. It was getting a little treacherous there so was delighted to see the embankment shored up and the new surfacing. Love it."


Resurfacing behind Holmfirth Cattle Market

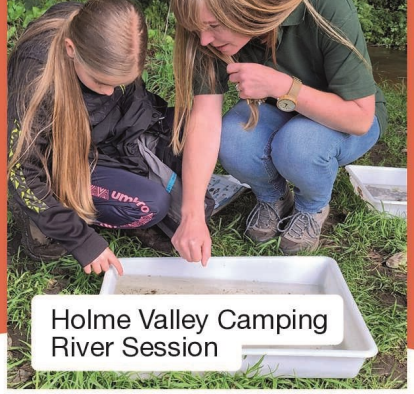
Flexipave at Spa Wood

"I walked on this yesterday it's a great improvement on the muddy puddles! Thank you for the great work."


Flexipave at Spa Wood


Digley to Magdale Walk

Engagement and Education


Holme Valley Camping River Session

Engaging with young people is vital for us as it involves young people in conservation and nature, helping them to find out what is on their doorstep and how they can help to support their local environment.

Achievements in 2023

- Visited nine primary schools and 1,014 pupils took part in our sessions
- At River Explorer sessions children learnt about river bugs, their importance in the river and took part in fun educational river and nature activities
- In our Mayfly in the Classroom sessions, pupils learnt about the mayfly lifecycle, the food chain and river quality
- Seven scout groups participated in River Explorer sessions, tree planting and Himalayan balsam bashing
- Greenhead College, Kirklees College and Honley Cubs helped to plant trees
- Attended six local community events
- Held four Nature's Holme events for stakeholders and landowners to inform our future work


Brockfest

Looking forward to 2024

- Increase the number of primary schools involved in our education programme (from 9 in 2023 to 12 in 2024)


Nature's Holme Landowner Event

- Increase the number of Scout groups involved in educational activities
- Nature's Holme Landowner Events to discuss surveys and an update on the achievements and plans for the remainder of the development phase
- Consultation work to develop a plan for a river festival promoting Nature's Holme
- Develop a Nature's Holme Conference



Sangam Mela

"A big thank you for coming to cubs last week with the river bugs and activities. It was very good, and the cubs were really engaged with the activities. Thank you for all your hard work."
– Carolyn, Holmfirth Cubs





Our Volunteers


Bottoms Mill to Holmbridge volunteers

We have a dedicated and hardworking bunch of volunteers at River Holme Connections, who continue to amaze us with their support and enthusiasm for creating a better River Holme and a better Holme Valley. Their work contributes to a variety of projects every year.


Sands Balsam Bashing


Pontey Farm-Miry Lane hedge planting

Achievements in 2023

- Volunteers contributed an additional 5,412 hours of work
- Volunteers from industry contributed 316 hours of our total volunteer time, allowing us to expand our Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) control to new sites, and get even more trees in the ground
- Volunteers help with administration, to run events and deliver education programmes
- Volunteers spent 179 hours being trained in areas such as riverfly monitoring, brushcutting, safe application of pesticides, habitat surveying, and first aid

Looking forward

In 2024 we hope to continue working with our volunteers so we can:

- Deliver more conservation projects, including the creation of new meadows
- Expand our INNS work to the Meltham area
- Upskill our volunteers with training courses e.g. hedgelaying
- Involve more corporate groups in our projects
- Attract more volunteers who are enthusiastic about improving their local wildlife areas

"I love doing volunteering work with River Holme Connections as it gives me a sense of purpose and achievement, physical exercise and connection with like-minded people."
- Sue H, volunteer

"What's not to like about being a small cog in the River Holme Connections machine, helping in the physical and visual improvements in the area I love to walk and cycle in, whilst working with a great group of like-minded volunteers."
- Dennis S, volunteer

"Volunteering with RHC gives me a great opportunity to really improve the valley environment, and to meet up with a diverse and entertaining team - it doesn't rain every time!"
- Ian I, volunteer

Volunteer questionnaire in Jan 2024

Most important to volunteers when they are involved with RHC	
To improve the local environment	84.85%
To make a difference in your local community	69.70%
Increases my sense of being able to make positive change	84.85%
Increases my feeling of being part of the community	78.79%

Our Partners


In river litter pick with Central Co-op Food

We have continued to strengthen our strategic partnerships with organisations and communities that are vital to our work. This joined up and co-ordinated approach makes a real difference to the rivers in our catchment and beyond.


Shelterbelt at Longley Farm with MCC Digital, Jamf and OtterBox

Achievements in 2023

- Active member of the Calder Catchment Partnership which is a community-led approach that engages people and groups from across society to help improve our precious water environments
- Work collaboratively with more than 20 organisations - working together towards common goals enables us to play an effective role in improving the whole river system
- Work with more than 100 landowners and several local businesses

Looking forward to 2024

- Continue to foster new partnerships to achieve more for the environment
- Plan to work with more landowners and businesses in the Holme Valley to achieve our aims
- Working to promote natural flood management techniques with the Integrated Catchment Solutions Programme (iCASP)


Litter pick and Balsam bash with Central Co-op Food

"It's great to work in partnership with River Holme Connections. Year on year they do more vital work to improve the environment of the Holme valley. Calder Rivers Trust is proud to work alongside RHC"
- Dr Andy Bray, General Manager, Calder Rivers Trust


Calder Catchment Partnership Meeting

Finances

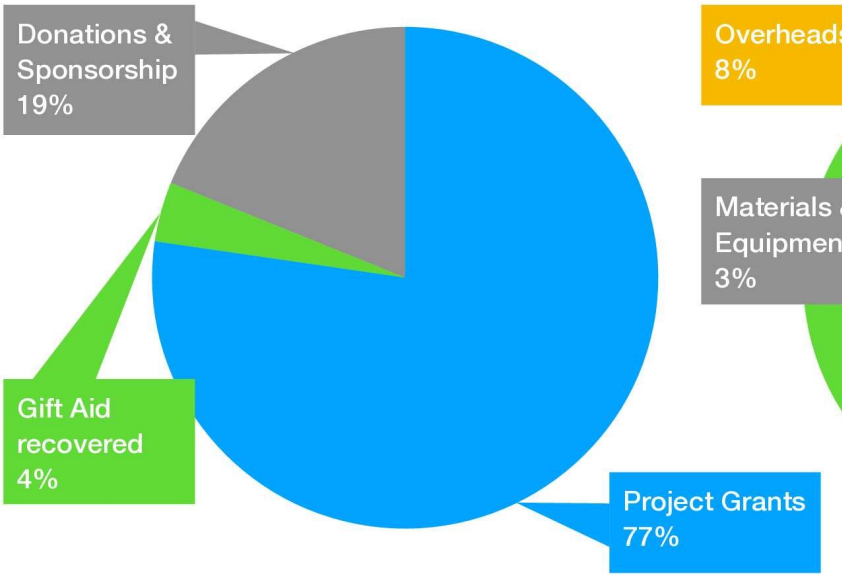
This year River Holme Connections continued to work on many projects to improve the river and its environs but it also took on a new and significant pilot project working with DEFRA on Nature's Holme - a Landscape Recovery Project. This meant significant investment from the charity to grow the staff team, invest in new equipment and more office space. As a result, the charity has had to use some of its reserves to set up Nature's Holme and progress it quickly. However, River Holme Connections remains in a strong financial position at the end of 2023.

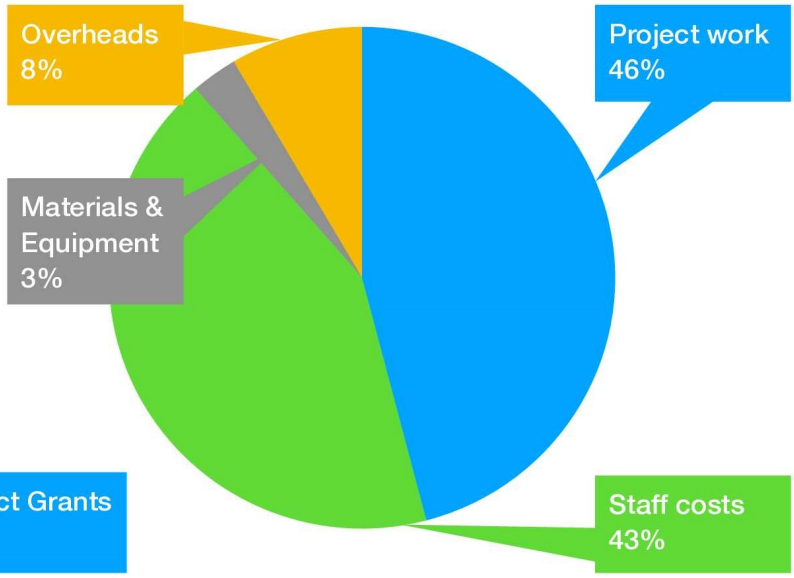
Income in 2023

Income was £330,729 (26% more than in 2022) which was mainly due to funding for Nature's Holme.

Expenditure in 2023

Expenditure was £333,316 (88% more than in 2022) and a large part of this was due to an increase in costs associated with Nature's Holme.





Income	
Project Grants	£255,707
Gift Aid recovered	£12,726
Donations & Sponsorship	£62,296
Total income	**£330,729**

Expenditure	
Project work	£153,015
Staff costs	£142,215
Materials & Equipment	£9,837
Overheads	£28,249
Total expenses	**£333,316**

A full set of accounts is available to view at the River Holme Connections office.
Please call 01484 661756 to arrange an appointment.



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River Holme Connections

Report and Accounts

31 December 2023

River Holme Connections

Company Registration Number - CE004500

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023, which also comprises the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name

The legal name of the charity is:- River Holme Connections.

The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1163873.

The charity does not operate in any overseas jurisdictions.

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Acts. The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association establishing the company under company legislation.

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

By operation of law all trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation.

The trustees are all individuals.

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The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-

Unit 4, Honley Business Hub
13/15 Westgate, Honley
West Yorkshire, HD9 6AA
Telephone 01484 661756
Email Address admin@riverholmeconnections.org
Web address www.riverholmeconnections.org

The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

C Abell
A Barraclough
P Coleman
C Green
C Hallas
P King
S Lee-Richards, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer
L Russell, Chair of Trustees

The following Trustees stepped down during the year:

M Dolton - stepped down at AGM in April 23
R Walker - stepped down in October 23

The following new Trustees were welcomed to the Board at the AGM in April 23:
C Abell
A Barraclough

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The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

River Holme Connections has two objects: (1) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the River Holme corridor and the surrounding area. (2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and nattural environment of the River Holme corridor and the surrounding area. The charity can also carry out such charitable works as are in accordance with the approved objects set out in section 33(2) of the landfill tax regulations 1996 (amended).

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes in the year

The principal activities undertaken by River Holme Connections were: (1) Practical environmental improvements. (2) Educational activities concerning the environment. (3) Contract work with local businesses to improve the riverside environment.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit

Ongoing work to control and reduce the incidence of non-native invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed (21km of river treated) and Himalayn balsam (3.7km). Over 24929 trees were planted in 2023. 4th year in the 'Year in Industry' student placement programme.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

Fundraising activities during the year

The charity raises funds through: (1) The application to charitable trusts for funding. (2) The securing of donations for the treatment of invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed. (3) Grants to plant trees and hedges. (4) Grants and donations to improve habitats and increase biodiversity.

The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity.

Funds were secured in 2021 and 2022 to carry out the Riverside Way project to remediate the path, upgrade access and raise awareness of its existence among the general public. Phase 1 Riverside Way was completed during 2023.

The degree to which the achievements and performance during the year have benefitted wider society

Japanese knotweed treatment has improved water quality and biodiversity in the catchment. Tree and hedge planting projects have contributed to natural flood management and carbon sequestration.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Contribution of volunteers

We have a dedicated and hardworking bunch of volunteers at River Holme Connections, who continue to amaze us with their support and enthusiasm for creating a better River Holme and a better Holme Valley. Their work contributes to a variety of projects every year. Volunteers contributed an additional 5,412 hours of work.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees

New trustees are recruited and co-opted on to the board by the existing trustees. The trustees have an on-going commitment to seeking out individuals who could strengthen the Board and bring complimentary skills to the team. A basic skills audit of the trustees is undertaken on an annual basis, in order to match the existing skills of trustees against the needs of the charity.

Prospective new trustees are given an introduction to the aims and objectives of the charity by the Chair of the Board and attend a Board meeting as observers before becoming trustees. After joining the Board, new trustees receive training on the role and responsibilities of trustees, delivered by members of the Board. They also meet with the Company Secretary for a detailed discussion on the charity's activities. The training needs of trustees are continually evaluated by the Board.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 December 2023

The financial position of the charity at 31 December 2023 and comparatives for the prior period can be summarised as follows:-

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income	(2,587)	87,084
Total Unrestricted Funds	136,172	134,943
Restricted Revenue Funds	107,755	111,570
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	-	-
Total Funds	243,927	246,513

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 December 2023

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory, in that: (1) Sufficient money was obtained to the obligations of the charity to its funders. (2) Adequate unrestricted funds are available to enable River Holme Connections to take advantage of new opportunities.

Policies on reserves

The level of reserves is subject to annual review. River Holme Connections ensures that it has sufficient reserves available to cover the core budget and river stewardship costs of the charity for three months. This is an event of the charity needing to cease to be a going concern.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

River Holme Connections

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Details of the Independent Examiner

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Statement of the Directors ' and Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations,the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), .

In particular, the Companies Act 2006 and charity law require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the accountant preparing the accounts has no responsibilities in relation to the Trustees' report.

The financial statements are set out on pages 10 to 29.

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 April 2024.

S LEE-RICHARDS
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 10 to 29 for the year ended 31 December 2023 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 17.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 6, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees also consider the charitable company to be exempt from the requirement to be subject to Independent Examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. 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 setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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;

have not been prepared in accordance with and with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP),

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed:-

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River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023, as required by the Companies Act 2006)

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2023	2023	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments from:					
Charitable activities	A2	63,292	266,134	**329,426**	263,627
Investments	A4	1,303	-	**1,303**	189
Total income	**A**	**64,595**	**266,134**	**330,729**	**263,816**
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	B2	167,061	166,255	**333,316**	176,732
Total expenditure	**B**	**167,061**	**166,255**	**333,316**	**176,732**
Net income for the year		**(102,466)**	**99,879**	**(2,587)**	**87,084**
Transfers between funds	**C**	103,694	(103,694)	**-**	-
Net income after transfers	**A-B-C**	**1,228**	**(3,815)**	**(2,587)**	**87,084**
Net movement in funds		**1,228**	**(3,815)**	**(2,587)**	**87,084**
Reconciliation of funds:-	**E**				
Total funds brought forward		134,943	111,570	**246,513**	159,429
Total funds carried forward		**136,172**	**107,755**	**243,927**	**246,513**

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.

All activities derive from continuing operations.

The notes attached on pages 17 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

River Holme Connections - Analysis of prior year total funds, as required by paragraph 4.2 of the SORP

	SORP Ref	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Income & Endowments from:				
Charitable activities	A2	51,875	211,752	**263,627**
Investments	A4	189	-	**189**
Total income	**A**	52,064	211,752	**263,816**
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	B2	88,346	88,386	**176,732**
Total expenditure	**B**	**88,346**	**88,386**	**176,732**
Net income for the year		(36,282)	123,366	87,084
Transfers between funds	**C**	131,343	(131,343)	-
Net income after transfers		95,061	(7,977)	87,084
Net movement in funds		**95,061**	**(7,977)**	**87,084**
Reconciliation of funds:-	**E**			
Total funds brought forward		39,882	119,547	**159,429**
Total funds carried forward		**134,943**	**111,570**	**246,513**

All activities derive from continuing operations.

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River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

River Holme Connections - Resources applied in the year ended 31 December 2023 towards fixed assets for Charity use:-

	2023 £	2022 £
Funds generated in the year as detailed in the SOFA	(2,587)	87,084
Resources applied on functional fixed assets	(7,396)	(20,564)
Net resources available to fund charitable activities	**(9,983)**	**66,520**

The resources applied on fixed assets for charity use represents the cost of additions less proceeds of any disposals.

The notes attached on pages 17 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

Movements in revenue and capital funds for the year ended 31 December 2023

Revenue accumulated funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Last year Total Funds 2022 £
Accumulated funds brought forward	134,943	111,570	246,513	**159,429**
Recognised gains and losses before transfers	(102,466)	99,879	(2,587)	87,084
	32,477	**211,449**	**243,927**	**246,513**
(From)/To unrestricted revenue fund	103,694	(103,694)	-	-
Closing revenue funds	**136,172**	**107,755**	**243,927**	**246,513**

Summary of funds	Unrestricted and Designated funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Last Year Total Funds 2022 £
Revenue accumulated funds	136,172	107,755	**243,927**	246,513

The notes attached on pages 17 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

River Holme Connections

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023 as required by the Companies Act 2006

	2023 £	2022 £
Income		
Income from operations	329,426	263,627
Investment income Income from investments, other than interest receivable	1,303	189
Gross income in the year before exceptional items	**330,729**	**263,816**
Gross income in the year including exceptional items	**330,729**	**263,816**
Expenditure		
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	321,779	166,853
Depreciation and amortisation	11,537	9,879
Total expenditure in the year	**333,316**	**176,732**
Net income before tax in the financial year	**(2,587)**	**87,084**
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
Net income after tax in the financial year	**(2,587)**	**87,084**
Retained surplus for the financial year	**(2,587)**	**87,084**

All activities derive from continuing operations

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the headings and subheadings used in the Income and Expenditure account have been adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities.

The notes attached on pages 17 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	SORP Ref		2023		2022
				£		£
Fixed assets		A				
Intangible assets	10	A1		-		312
Tangible assets	11	A2		15,000		18,829
Total fixed assets				15,000		19,141
Current assets		B				
Debtors	12	B2	7,959		6,680	
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	229,387		230,211	
Total current assets			237,346		236,891	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	C1	(8,420)		(9,519)	
Net current assets				228,927		227,372
The total net assets of the charity				**243,927**		**246,513**
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-						
Restricted funds						
Restricted Revenue Funds	16	D2	107,755		111,570	
				107,755		111,570
Unrestricted Funds						
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	16	D3	136,172		134,943	
				136,172		134,943
Total charity funds				**243,927**		**246,513**

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA..

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 9.

River Holme Connections - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

S LEE-RICHARDS
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer
Approved by the board of trustees on

The notes attached on pages 17 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity.

A risk assessment is carried out by the Trustees at each quarterly meeting. The risk assessment identifies the major risks faced by the charitable company and reviews the systems and procedures in place to mange those risks. A day is devoted in Autumn each year to develop a strategy and business plan for the forthcoming year.

Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the charity. However, the trustees value the significant contribution made to the activities of the charity by unpaid volunteers and this is described more fully in Note6.

Policies relating to assets, liabilities and provisions and other matters.

Cash and bank balances

Cash held by the charity is included at the amount actually held and counted at the year end. Bank balances, whether in credit or overdrawn, are shown at the amounts properly reconciled to the bank

Pensions - defined benefit schemes

The charity operates a defined benefit pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account and liabilities are accounted for in accordance with the principles set out in module 17 of the SORP.

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Fund Accounting

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

The charity receives no designated funds.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal or as implied by law.

There are no endowment funds.

2 Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

4 Significance of financial instruments to the charity's position

There are currently no outstanding loans.

5 Net surplus before tax in the financial year

	2023 £	2022 £
The net surplus before tax in the financial year is stated after charging:-		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	11,537	9,878
Pension costs	2,753	1,410

6 The contribution of volunteers

A total of 5412 hours of volunteer input was contributed to the work of the charity. 3557 of these hours were contributed at practical tasks and events. Over 1406 hours of trustee input was contributed at operational and strategic levels. The number of volunteers supporting the charity increased in 2023.

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7 Staff costs and emoluments

Salary costs	2023 £	2022 £
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	125,307	69,751
Employer's National Insurance for all staff	5,628	-
Employer's operating costs of defined contribution pension schemes	2,753	1,410
Total salaries, wages and related costs	**133,688**	**71,161**

The average number of part time staff employed in the year was	**1**	**2**
The average number of full time staff employed in the year was	**5**	**1**
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed in the year was	**6**	**3**

The estimated equivalent number of full time staff deployed in different activities in the year was:-

Engaged on charitable activities	**5**	2
Engaged on publicity activities	**-**	-
Engaged on fundraising activities	**-**	-
Engaged on management and administration	**1**	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed as above	**6**	3

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

8 Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the costs of which are shown above.

The charity incurred a liability for pensions of £6423 during the year. This includes £3,670 of employee contributions recognised as part of the wages expense, and £2,753 of employer contributions recognised as a separate item. Of this £788 relates to Nature's Holme fund and £4759 realtes to River Stewardship and therefore deemed to be an expense of Restricted funds.

Any liabilites and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

9 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

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10 Intangible Fixed Assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Goodwill:		
Cost		
At 1 January 2023	1,563	1,563
At 31 December 2023	**1,563**	**1,563**
Amortisation		
At 1 January 2023	1,250	938
Provided during the year	313	313
At 31 December 2023	**1,563**	**1,251**
Net book value	**-**	**312**

Website development costs are being written off in equal annual instalments over its estimated economic life of 5 years, which equates to amortisation at 20% straight line.

11 Tangible fixed assets

Current Year	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	29,556	13,556	43,112
Additions	7,396	-	7,396
At 31 December 2023	**36,952**	**13,556**	**50,508**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	20,894	3,389	24,283
Charge for the year	7,836	3,389	11,225
At 31 December 2023	**28,730**	**6,778**	**35,508**
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	**8,222**	**6,778**	**15,000**
At 31 December 2022	**8,662**	**10,167**	**18,829**

12 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	7,959	6,680

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	356	61
Accruals	1,080	1,813
Deferred Income - Restricted funds	6,984	7,645
	8,420	**9,519**

14 Income and Expenditure account summary

	2023	2022
	£	£
At 1 January 2023	246,513	159,429
Surplus after tax for the year	(2,587)	87,084
At 31 December 2023	**243,927**	**246,513**

15 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 December 2023	**Unrestricted funds**	**Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total Funds**
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	15,000	-	-	**15,000**
Current Assets	129,592		107,755	**237,346**
Current Liabilities	(8,420)	-	-	**(8,420)**
	136,172	**-**	**107,755**	**243,927**

At 1 January 2023	**Unrestricted funds**	**Designated funds**	**Restricted funds**	**Total Funds**
	£	£	£	£
Intangible Assets	312	-	-	**312**
Tangible Fixed Assets	18,829	-	-	**18,829**
Current Assets	125,321	-	111,570	**236,891**
Current Liabilities	(9,519)	-	-	**(9,519)**
	134,943	**-**	**111,570**	**246,513**

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16 Change in total funds over the year as shown in Note 15 , analysed by individual funds

	Funds brought forward from 2022	Movement in funds in 2023	Transfers between funds in 2023	Funds carried forward to 2024
		See Note 17		
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted designated - Education	286	(337)	**13,283**	**13,233**
Unrestricted designated - Staff reserves	-	-	**31,185**	**31,185**
Unrestricted general	134,657	(102,129)	**59,226**	**91,754**
Total unrestricted and designated funds	**134,943**	**(102,466)**	**103,694**	**136,172**
Restricted funds:-				
Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT)	2000	(608)	(1,392)	-
BGCT Tree Maintenance	-	2,975	(250)	**2,725**
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	3,216	(1,200)	**2,016**
Future Projects	20,783	37,130	-	**57,912**
Longley Fund	998	-	(1,006)	**(8)**
Nature's Holme/ Landscape Recovery	(20)	49,049	(57,421)	**(8,392)**
Neighbourly Fund	-	5	-	**5**
One Community Quarterly Fund	714	(138)	(611)	**(35)**
One Community Thornton Family Funds	-	-	750	**750**
Postcode Neighbour	-	12,601	(10,250)	**2,351**
River Ranger/ River Stewardship Restricted	19,155	-	(8,250)	**10,905**
Riverside Way	22,236	(14,735)	(4,243)	**3,257**
Water Conservators	750	5,750	(1,000)	**5,500**
WRF	45,254	634	(15,119)	**30,769**
Yorkshire Water Community Fund	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Yorkshire Water Water Vole	(488)		488	-
Sundry Restricted Funds	189		(189)	-
Total restricted funds	**111,570**	**99,879**	**(103,694)**	**107,755**
Total charity funds	**246,513**	**(2,587)**	**-**	**243,927**

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17 Analysis of movements in funds over the year as shown in Note 16

	Income	Expenditure	Movement in funds
	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-			
Unrestricted designated - Education	100	(437)	**(337)**
Unrestricted general	64,495	(166,624)	**(102,129)**
	64,595	**(167,061)**	**(102,466)**
Restricted funds:-			
Bright Green Community Trust (BGCT)	-	(608)	**(608)**
BGCT Tree Maintenance	2,975	-	**2,975**
Co-op Local Community Fund	3,397	(181)	**3,216**
Future Projects	37,130	-	**37,130**
Nature's Holme/ Landscape Recovery	82,283	(33,234)	**49,049**
Neighbourly Fund	400	(395)	**5**
One Community Quarterly Fund	1,000	(1,138)	**(138)**
Postcode Neighbour	18,397	(5,796)	**12,601**
Riverside Way	10,359	(25,094)	**(14,735)**
Water Conservators	5,750	-	**5,750**
WRF	100,443	(99,809)	**634**
Yorkshire Water Community Fund	4,000	-	**4,000**
			-
	266,134	**(166,255)**	**99,879**

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18 The purposes for which the funds as detailed in note 16 are held by the charity are:-

Unrestricted and designated funds:-	
Unrestricted and designated Revenue funds	These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and ,subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.
Restricted funds:-	
Bright Green Community Trust	The Bright Green Community Trust reserve was created by a donation from One Community Foundation and will be utilised for staff time to run community tree/ hedge scheme maintenance days, to purchase native trees/ hedge plants and tree protection materials (tree guards and stakes) as well as volunteer PPE and tools.
Co-op Local Community Projects	Funding was received to enable us to carry out practical conservation task days with the local community. Training events in wildflower identification and hedge laying will be run for volunteers
Future Projects	The Future Projects reserve was created by an individual donor.
Nature's Holme/ Landscape Recovery	Nature's Holme is a project that aims to restore 2800ha of the landscape in the Holme Valley, Yorkshire. One of 22 nationally important projects funded by DEFRA, a collection of organisations and over 20 landowners have come together to plan and design interventions to improve water quality and increase biodiversity throughout the River Holme catchment. Nature's Holme intends to boost wider access opportunities for everyone, improve biodiversity and help Kirklees become net zero. It aims to achieve this by exploring river restoration opportunities, woodland creation, peatland restoration, accessible routes, wildflower meadow creation and natural flood management works such as ponds to store water.
Neighbourly Fund	Funding was received to purchase new tools and materials such as wildflower seed and root grow, to support volunteering activities and environmental improvements.
One Community	The One Community reserve was created by funding from One Community Foundation and will be utilised for wildlife cameras and equipment for volunteers to monitor wildlife.
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	Funding was received for the "River Guardians" project to train and equip our volunteer team and to enable the charity to carry out practical conservation days with our volunteer team and local community groups.

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River Stewardship	The River Stewardshp reserve is created by public donations from the Japanese knotweed treatment programme and staff time from other funding reserves.
Riverside Way	The Riverside Way reserve was created by donations and will be utilised to improve the Riverside Way.
Water Conservators	The Water Conservators Trust reserve was created by funding from The Water Conservators Trust and will be utilised for the Mayfly in the Classroom education project.
The White Rose Forest (WRF)	The White Rose Forest reserve was created by funding from the White Rose Forest. It was utilised in tree planting, tree scheme maintenance and purchase of natrive trees/ hedge plants and the installation of fences.
Yorkshire Water Community Funding	Funding was received to run regular "Community action days" where local people can learn about and help improve their local rivers and green spaces in the Holme catchment. A campaign to raise awareness of the issues caused by green waste and surface water pollution was also run.
Yorkshire Water Core Funding	Yorkshire Water core funding reserve was created by funding from Yorkshire Water and was utilised for staff time.
Yorkshire Water Water Vole Project	The Yorkshire Water Water Vole project reserves was created by funding from Yorkshire Water and was utilised to carry out water vole/ American mink surveys in the catchment.

19 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2023 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classsified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

20 Charitable income from funders

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Arnold Clark Community Fund				1,000
BGCT Tree Maintenance	-	2,975	**2,975**	2,000
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	3,397	**3,397**	-
Future Projects		37,130	**37,130**	15,523
Hirst Brierley	-	-	**-**	3,000
Longley Fund	-	-	**-**	998
Nature's Holme/ Landscape Recovery	-	82,283	**82,283**	-
Neighbourly Fund	-	400	**400**	-
One Community Quarterly Fund	-	1,000	**1,000**	714
PCLT			**-**	239
Postcode Neighbour	-	18,397	**18,397**	-
River Ranger and River Stewardship Restricted	-	-	**-**	25,250
Riverside Way	-	10,359	**10,359**	24,038
Seeds of Change			**-**	400
Water Conservators	-	5,750	**5,750**	750
WRF		100,443	**100,443**	112,840
Yorkshire Water Community Fund		4,000	**4,000**	5,000
Yorkshire Water Crayfish			**-**	2,000
Yorkshire Water Staff Funding			**-**	15,000
Yorkshire Water Water Vole			**-**	3,000
Unrestricted designated - Education	100		**100**	2,023
Unrestricted general	63,192		**63,192**	49,852
		-		
	63,292	**266,134**	**329,426**	**263,627**

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2023 as required by the SORP 2015

21 Total Income from charitable activities

		Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable income from funders		63,292	266,134	**329,426**	263,627
Total from charitable activities	**A2**	**63,292**	**266,134**	**329,426**	**263,627**

22 Investment income

		Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Other Investment Income		1,303	-	**1,303**	189
Total investment income	**A4**	**1,303**	**-**	**1,303**	**189**

23 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

		Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Subcontract payments		6,471	133,159	**139,630**	**59,956**
Total direct spending	**B2a**	**6,471**	**133,159**	**139,630**	**59,956**

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24 Support costs for charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2022 £
Employee costs not included in direct costs				
Other salaries	109,884	15,423	**125,307**	**69,751**
Employer's NI - Other salaries	4,875	753	**5,628**	**-**
Defined contribution pension costs - Other salaries	2,415	338	**2,753**	**1,410**
Training and welfare - staff	4,838	2,236	**7,074**	**2,729**
Travel and subsistence - staff	969	211	**1,180**	**1,338**
Recruitment expenses	111	162	**273**	**243**
Premises Expenses				
Rent payable under operating leases	6,560	-	**6,560**	**4,050**
Cleaning and waste management	145	-	**145**	**18**
Office costs and media	554	164	**718**	**877**
Administrative overheads				
Telephone, fax and internet	2,108	-	**2,108**	**1,259**
Postage	203	267	**470**	**231**
Stationery and printing	820	2,851	**3,671**	**2,334**
Equipment expenses	2,045	7,792	**9,837**	**13,013**
Software licences and expenses	1,803	-	**1,803**	**1,556**
Advertising and marketing	317	157	**474**	**-**
Liabilty and contents insurance	6,354	249	**6,603**	**2,815**
Sundry expenses	90	-	**90**	**-**
Charity administration	1,125	1,853	**2,978**	**2,113**
Motor expenses	2,511	118	**2,629**	**763**
Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner				
Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	1,080	-	**1,080**	**1,813**
Legal fees	245	521	**766**	**584**
Financial costs				
Depreciation & Amortisation in total for	11,537	-	**11,537**	**9,878**
Total support costs - Current Year	**160,590**	**33,096**	**193,686**	**116,775**
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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2023 as required by the SORP 2015

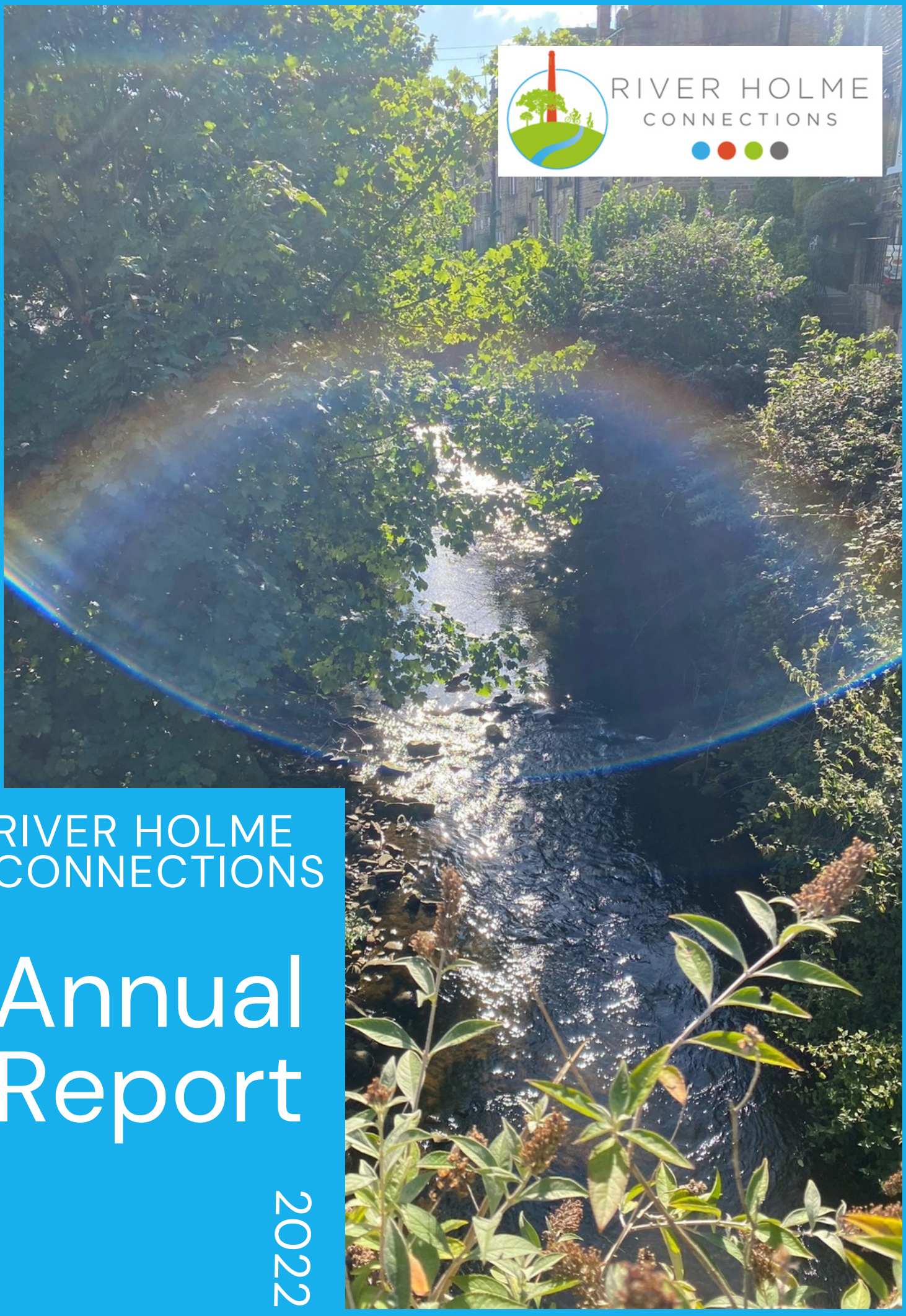
25 Total Charitable expenditure

		Current year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Current year Total Funds 2023 £	Prior year Total Funds 2022 £
Total direct spending	B2a	6,471	133,159	**139,630**	**59,956**
Total support costs	B2d	160,590	33,096	**193,686**	**116,775**
Total charitable expenditure	B2	**167,061**	**166,255**	**333,316**	**176,731**

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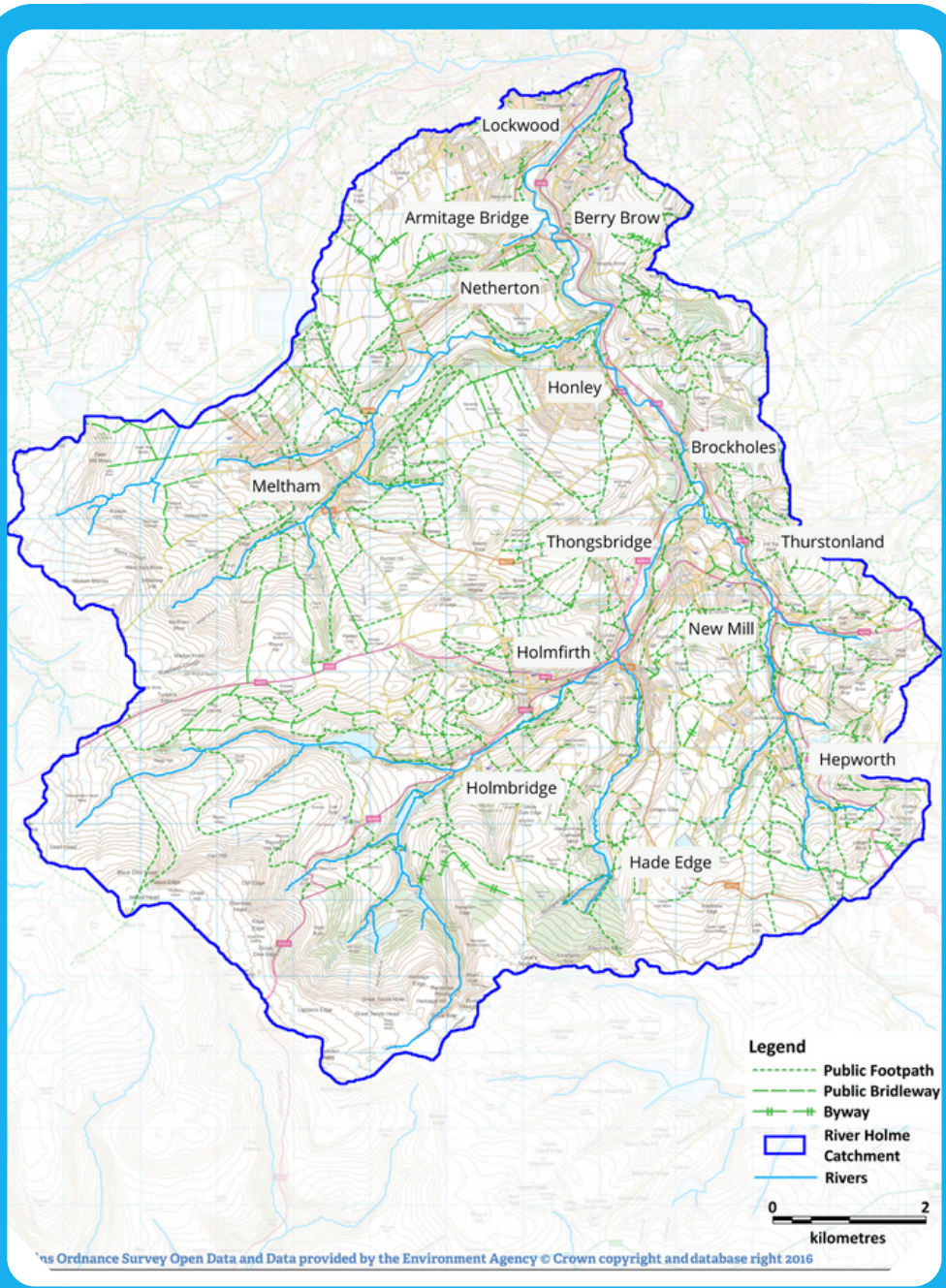


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Annual Report

2022

River Holme Catchment



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Chair of Trustees' Report

We chose our name carefully. River Holme Connections focuses on our rivers and streams but it's the connections that are so important.

A river is a connected corridor - there are 55km of them in this small subcatchment – and some of the few, natural corridors left in our urban environments. This is great for both wildlife and people of all ages.

In my first year as Chair of this wonderful charity, I can look back both at progress and consolidation.

We have improved footpaths and seating over the years and helped to connect people with nature. What has been particularly special has been the engagement; the connections with many different communities, volunteers, supporters, and the wonderful team who join it all up.

This year we said farewell to a number of trustees who helped to establish the charity as a sustainable venture. Those first years transforming a good idea into the warm and impactful entity it has now become were very demanding. We owe a great debt of thanks to Adrian Barraclough, Mike Williams, Clare Ash and Richard Ashley, for their time, enthusiasm, knowledge and expertise.

I grew up on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales between the limestone Pennines and the Trough of Bowland moorlands.

Nature was part of our daily lives with hedgerows full of flowers and birds. The sound of the birdsong changing from the moors to the river, the meadows to the limestone peaks. Village life followed the seasons with many activities and traditions enhanced by the small farms. Hedge laying, lambing, hay making, autumn livestock sales and the local agricultural shows were all part of the village calendar. That was 50 years ago. The State of Nature 2019 report showed how nature in this country has fared since 1970. The headlines have been well publicised, including reports that over 40% of all our species have seriously decreased in numbers.

The importance of nature to our wellbeing is also becoming better understood.

River Holme Connections was established in 2015 to do something about this. It works in an area covering 100 sq km, embracing the northern edge of the Peak Park and into Huddersfield. The area, through urbanisation and industrialisation, has been affected by many of the pressures which have influenced that decline in nature, including pollution, woodland management, hydrological changes and the loss of wetland habitats, as well as the spread of invasive non-native species.

In 2022 we partnered with the South Pennine Park, The University of Huddersfield and The Palladium Group to develop a project to create 'nature rich' corridors over 28 sq km. This river focused landscape conservation project - Nature's Holme - will enable us to restore certain ecosystems. It promises to provide us with a road map to transform the area, including:



Chair Lynva Russell

- A feasibility study to improve fish migration and investigate nine man-made weirs.
- Support farmers and landowners with hedgerow and tree planting to improve water quality, create wildlife corridors, keep rivers cool through shade and slow the flow of water.
- Create wildflower meadows and partnership work to continue peatland restoration and to help sphagnum moss and other moorland plants grow.
- Create natural flood management - ponds, ditches and wetlands - to slow water flow downstream, improve biodiversity and trap sediment.

A highlight of 2022 was the successful release of water voles; one of the fastest declining mammals in the country. Our volunteers, led by Year in Industry student Tasha Houghton, have identified other suitable areas. The Nature's Holme project will enable us to make these areas home again to the water vole. Everyone from my generation will remember many of these things. We now have the opportunity to make a difference for the next.

Executive Summary



We were delighted to end 2022 with a successful fundraising bid for a project to create nature rich corridors along nearly 22km of River Holme and its tributaries.

It means 2023 will see us working closely with project partners - South Pennines Park, Palladium, the Environment Agency, the University of Huddersfield, landowners and farmers - to revive endangered species in our catchment.

The two-year 'Nature's Holme' project is just one of 22 across the country to receive government funding through the Landscape Recovery Scheme. It is backed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

The scheme will see us working closely with farmers and landowners to deliver a wide range of environmental benefits, including improved soils, flood alleviation and water retention, as well as increasing biodiversity, carbon storage and improved water quality.

We aim to achieve this by creating new woodlands and hedgerows, restoring peatland, buffer strips, hay meadows, ponds, and addressing barriers to fish migration. We will also work to conserve two rare species - the white clawed crayfish and the water vole.

We achieved a great deal in 2022 which helped lay the foundations for this exciting new project.

More than 20,000 native trees were planted and we treated more than 19km of riverbank for Japanese knotweed. Our popular 'balsam bashing' work parties, saw us clear nearly 4km of river from Digley right through to Holmfirth town centre.

In 2022, we received a total income of £263,627 on project grants, donations, sponsorship funds and Gift Aid - an 11% increase.

Expenditure was down 18% to £176,732.

Our volunteers continue to be supported by our dedicated staff and trustees, as well as our charity's Year in Industry placement student. Our generous volunteers donated more than 4,500 hours of their time and helped to keep our 2022 projects running successfully.

Our stewardship scheme continues in 2023 with expansion to engage with even more riverside landowners in our catchment. We will also employ a new Assistant River Ranger.

Our vision is that by 2038, the River Holme catchment will be resilient to climate change, a place where nature and wildlife is connected and thriving, and that our local communities, visitors to the area, landowners and local businesses can continue to enjoy and care for the land, its rivers and native wildlife.

Our Approach

Supported by our trustees, helped by volunteers and in partnership with like-minded organisations, we continued our work throughout 2022 to help improve the River Holme catchment for people and wildlife.

Strategic Partnerships

This year we continued to build on the solid foundations of our first seven years as a charity.

We've strengthened our strategic partnerships, with organisations and communities that are vital for the catchment-based approach (CaBA). By working together towards common goals, CaBA enables us to play an effective role in improving the larger river system.

To this end, we've continued working collaboratively with organisations including Our Future Landscapes, The Upper Holme and Colne Catchment group and the 3Valleys Nature Park. This collective approach gives us the opportunity to work strategically with several local partners, including Kirklees Council, White Rose Forest, the Environment Agency, Calder Catchment Partnership, Calder Rivers Trust, the Peak District National Park Authority, Moors for the Future, National Trust, Yorkshire Water, The Woodland Trust, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, University of Huddersfield, EPIKS, The South Pennines Park and The Palladium Group.

It's a joined up, coordinated approach that is making a real difference to the rivers in our catchment and beyond.



Ramsden Clough

Our Commitment to The Environment

As a charity committed to improving the environment we have always been environmentally conscious in the way we work. Often, simple, common sense steps can make a big difference.
Throughout 2022 we have continued our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint and promoting the circular economy.

Energy Saving in the Office

- We have a reminder notice to switch off all electrical appliances and lights.

Printing and Stationery

- We purchase only 100% recyclable paper.
- We print leaflets on recycled paper which is non-glossy, making it recyclable.
- We have returned five used printer cartridges to Cannon for recycling.

Policy and Procedures

- To promote the circular economy we share, lease, reuse, repair, refurbish and recycle existing materials for as long as we can.
- We have received and purchased secondhand furniture, including desks, a chair, a meeting table and a monitor.
- Unused furniture is given away to a good home.

River Steward Operations

- We use tree organic root grower.
- In November two RHC staff attended the Woodland Trust's Forest Plastics Conference.
- We continue monitoring the technological advances in plastic tree guards used to protect young trees from damage, while balancing the best options both environmentally and economically.
- We also remove plastic tree protectors for reuse or recycling.

Our People

Our charity is operated by a knowledgeable, skilled and productive team, steered by the Board of Trustees, helped by volunteers, and supported by business and funding partners.
This year four trustees stepped down. Former Chair of Trustees Adrian Barraclough, former Honorary Secretary and Treasurer Mike Williams, and trustees Clare Ash and Richard Ashley all resigned from office.

Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for leading and running the charity in a business-focused and socially responsible way. Between them they have a range of skills and experience and are passionate about improving the catchment for people and wildlife. We welcomed a number of new trustees to the board this year, including Chair of Trustees Lynva Russell, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer Sue Lee-Richards, Rob Walker, Clare Hallas, Paul Coleman and Chris Green. They have contributed greatly to the Board's breadth of knowledge and capability.



Lynva Russell | Rob Walker | Clare Hallas | Paul Coleman | Mike Dolton | Sue Lee-Richards | Pam King | Chris Green

River Holme Connections Team

Our team continues to be led by River Steward Simon Hirst and Operations Support Jane Skilling. During the first part of the year the team was ably assisted by student Luke Sherwood who completed his Year in Industry placement in May. In July Tasha Houghton was appointed as the new Year in Industry placement. This year volunteer Janet Clift, who has been supporting us since 2016, continued to support all aspects of the charity's work.



Jane Skilling | Simon Hirst | Tasha Houghton | Ffion Robb | Luke Sherwood | Janet Clift

In May Jeanette Dyson (right) stepped down from her communications role. Sophie Seddon (middle) stepped in to work with the team on communication projects and to write the Annual Report.
Fundraising consultant Julie MacNaughton (far right) has continued to support the team with fundraising bids.



Year in Industry Placement

In May we said farewell to Luke Sherwood. As our second Year in Industry placement, Luke proved to be a valuable team member. He became involved in many projects, including invasive non-native species (INNS), riverfly monitoring and the Thongsbridge Wild Space. He led on River Explorer education sessions in schools and at Thornton Lodge Action Group in Huddersfield. He also supported our American Signal crayfish monitoring and American mink control programme. We wish Luke every success as he returns to complete his degree course.

Tasha Houghton joined our team in July as the new Year in Industry placement. Taking a year out from her degree in Wildlife Conservation at Nottingham Trent University, Tasha is involved in education, riverfly monitoring, INNS, water vole surveys, tree planting and much more.
"Growing up in the Holme Valley means I really value this small part of the country," said Tasha.
She has been busy leading our water vole habitat suitability surveys and is working to identify potential water vole reintroduction sites within our catchment.


Tasha Houghton Helping to Monitor Riverflies

Our first Year in Industry placement, Ella Scharff, graduated this year with a first class BSc in Marine Biology and has accepted a job as Project Officer at the Rivers Trust. We wish Ella every success in her new role.

Ambassador

We are delighted that Shona Searson, star of Channel 5's 'The Yorkshire Vet', will continue as our Ambassador for 2023.

Shona grew up in Meltham, and still lives and works in the area. She remains committed to helping us spread the message about how important our river systems are for life.



Shona Searson, RHC Ambassador

As well as sharing our values around conservation and improving the river environment, Shona remains committed to supporting our work with schools and young people.

She will continue to support us in promoting our charity's work to new and younger audiences.

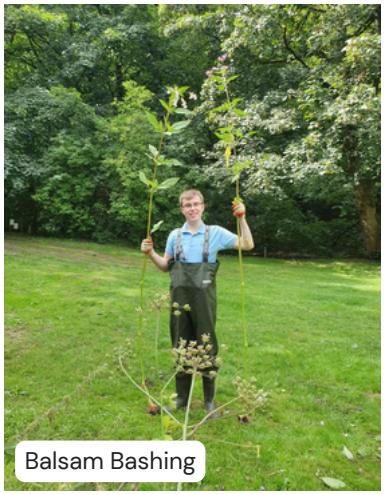
Our Volunteers

We continue to owe much of our success over the last seven years to the support and help of our wonderful volunteers. They are the people who strengthen our workforce and help us to make a difference. Some have been with us from the beginning, others have joined more recently.

Throughout 2022 our volunteers have continued to work tirelessly, both independently and as a larger team, helping to raise funds, pick litter, grow plug plants, plant trees and more. This year we enjoyed welcoming back familiar faces to our work parties and events, and enjoyed meeting new ones too.


Tree Guard Clearing, Meltham

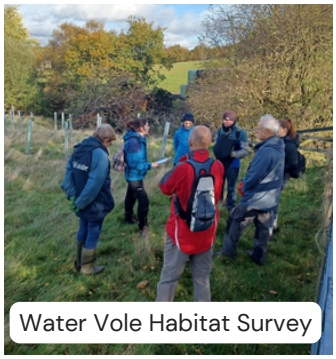

Tree Planting, Netherthong


Balsam Bashing

As in previous years our volunteers supported us throughout 2022, using their skills and knowledge to help our charity both practically and creatively. They assisted with everything from work parties and tree planting events to photography and handicrafts. Like many small charities we rely heavily on the support of our volunteers and consider them an invaluable and integral part of our team.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who gave their time and support so generously over the past year.


Litter Picking


Water Vole Habitat Survey


Tree Planting, Meltham


Wildflower Seed Collection

Numbers at a Glance

£254,388 of funding
from grants and donations,
invested in our river catchment



17
educational talks and events
held involving more than
497 people



4,500 hours
total volunteer hours



19.1km of river
treated for invasive
Japanese knotweed



20,237
trees planted

2,725 hours
of volunteer work
parties and events





570 bags
of rubbish removed
from river catchment

Activities

We achieved a great deal over the course of 2022.

Fundraising and Volunteer Activities



2023 Calendar:
Our long-standing volunteer and wildlife photographer, Mick Forster Jones, redesigned and recreated the 2023 River Holme Connections fundraising calendar. Mick's stunning photographs of local wildlife proved very popular. Nearly 500 copies were sold. We would like to pass on our thanks to local businesses that sold the calendars, including Read Bookstore, Fair Trader Holmfirth, Your Nuts, Scholes Village Stores, The Old Bridge, Holmfirth, and Taylors, Honley.

Christmas Cards:
We raised money by selling River Holme Connections Christmas cards. The cards were produced in the UK using 100% biodegradable materials.
Packs could be purchased online.

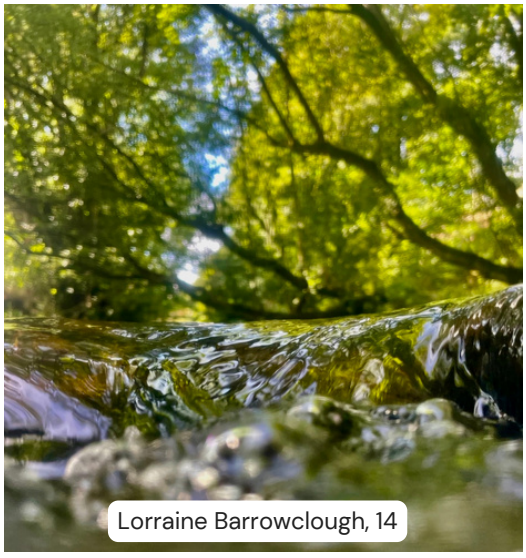
Filming:
Volunteer and videographer Sue Harrison continues to film for us. The video footage from our wildlife cameras is shared online: https://www.youtube.com/@riverholmeconnections4081/videos

Amazon Smile:
By shopping through Amazon Smile we can receive 0.5% of the sale of eligible purchases.
We also receive donations via our text 'Donr,' 'Paypal' just giving platforms and donations.

School Holiday Events

'My River in the Valley' Young Photographer Competition: July - August
Holmfirth artist Ashley Jackson and Linda Crosby had the difficult task of judging our 40 entrants.
Our thanks to them and all those who took part. We would also like to thank Jane Gledhill who sponsored the event and Holmfirth Library for displaying the winning framed photographs.

Ashley said: "Many people look but few see.
"The wonderful collection of photographs captured the unique nature of the river and its inhabitants.
"From birds in flight right down to the small detail of a tadpole, the children were taking in every aspect of what they saw."


Lorraine Barrowclough, 14

Results: 14-18 Years Category
1st, Lorraine Barrowclough, 14, (pictured above), **2nd**, Jack Craven, 15, **3rd**, Phoebe Woodhead, 16.

Results: 9-13 Years Category
1st, Sam Hodges, 11, (back), **2nd**, Flyss Houghton, 13, joint **3rd**, Freddie Lee, 12 and Paul Barker 13.

Results: 4-8 Years Category
1st, Harry Root (front), 8, **2nd**, Ted Richardson, 5, **3rd**, Scarlett Savin, 7.

Family Nature Trail: 19-28 February
In collaboration with Fair Trader, Holmfirth, we organised a half-term nature trail for families so they could find out more about the wildlife that lives along our rivers.

Newsome Fun Day: 3 August
Our stand at the community event offered people of all ages the opportunity to learn about bugs, and enjoy riverfly drawing and bird box making.

New Mill Fun Day: 17 August
People of all ages enjoyed bird box building, and arts and crafts.


Bird Box Making

Events

Bird Walk and Talk: 6 February
We ran a bird walk and talk along the Riverside Way with Huddersfield Birdwatchers Club. Those attending enjoyed spotting a mallard, black-headed gull, grey heron, great tit, kingfisher and carrion crow.


Thongsbidge Circular Walk

Local Walks and Talks
We held a number of 'Walks and Talks' throughout the catchment in partnership with the Ramblers Association, led by experienced walker and RHC volunteer, Christine Senior.
These included a circular walk around Thongsbridge to learn about the history of local transport, a riverside stroll through Lockwood Spa to explore the local history, and a ramble from Meltham Pleasure Grounds to understand more about the area's industrial heritage.
The series ended with a linear walk from Sands (Holmfirth) to Bottoms Mill, and two meanders through Meltham and Magdale (Honley) to further appreciate the beautiful landscape and its nature.


Thomas Berry Talk

Thomas Berry Talk: 12 March
We enjoyed 'Seeing the World Anew' when we explored Thomas Berry and ecology with Kelvin Ravenscroft, Facilitator of Thomas Berry Manchester.


Tree Walk and Talk

Tree Walk and Talk: 16 July
We celebrated the wonder of local trees within our catchment when we joined Kirklees Council's Peter Banks for a 'tree walk and talk' around Honley Old Wood.
During the walk we enjoyed identifying a variety of trees. Those identified included beech, holly, alder, elderberry, sessile oak, Scots pine, self heal and goats willow.
The event also provided the perfect opportunity to explore the natural history of the site.


Acorn Collecting

Acorn Collecting: Autumn Months
We held a number of acorn collecting days across the catchment.
Native oak trees support more insects than any other tree. They can live a very long time and provide a range of habitats for plants and animals even when they die. They help to reduce climate change by capturing and storing carbon from the atmosphere.
The acorns will be grown on and eventually planted back in the catchment as oak saplings.


Acorns Collected

Presentation at Holmfirth Film Festival: 30 October
Former RHC Chair Adrian Barraclough gave a presentation on RHC to help raise awareness of the important work we do.

Third Saturday Work Parties

Our popular Third Saturday Work Party events have continued throughout 2022 at various locations within the catchment. Funded by Yorkshire Water, activities include getting rid of non-native species, sowing native wildflower seeds, and planting native trees and hedges.
Work Parties are held on the third Saturday of every month from 10am until 12 noon.

Projects

In 2022 we continued with many of our ongoing projects, completed others and started new ones. Thank you to the volunteers, businesses, organisations and funding partners who made this happen.



Tree Planting

River Revamp

In November 2021, we received funding from the Postcode Neighbourhood Trust for our year-long 'River Revamp' project.

The Postcode Neighbourhood Trust is a grant-giving charity which is funded entirely by players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

The grant helped to fund equipment, including hand tools, personal protective equipment (PPE) and books, as well as materials, such as wildflower seeds, plug plants, trees and bird boxes. It also funded training in wildflower identification and first aid courses.

A total of 36 volunteer tasks were held, including INNS management, tree and hedge planting, meadow management and wildflower planting.



Hedgerow Creation, Holmbridge



Japanese Knotweed Control

River Stewardship

Our ongoing 'River Stewardship Scheme' aims to create and maintain healthy riverside areas. We build partnerships and look after riverside areas for landowners, homeowners and business owners.

Our work can involve anything from river clean-ups and tree planting to Japanese knotweed management and wildlife habitat improvement.



River Clean-up

Over the past year we've worked with many businesses, including Bower Roebuck in New Mill, Burton Security in Brockholes and Perseverance Mills in Lockwood, to carry out biodiversity enhancement work on their sites.

We've also partnered with Turner Townsend, Lubrizol, Cummins Turbo Technologies and Lloyds Bank, running Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) days for their colleagues.



Himalayan Balsam Clearance, Magdale

INNS Out

Invasive non-native species (INNS), including Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam and giant hogweed, continue to colonise our riverbanks. INNS damage the environment by crowding out native species and reducing biodiversity. To address the issue we:

- Treated 19.1km of riverbank for Japanese knotweed, spraying 5,117 square metres and injecting 782 stems.
- Held balsam bashing work parties, clearing 3.7km of river from Digley to Holmfirth town centre.
- Treated giant hogweed, where sighted, at Mag Brook and Thongsbridge.
- Removed American skunk cabbage from Meltham Pleasure Grounds.
- Replanted treated areas with native species.



Wildflower Planting

Projects



Tree Planting at Holmbridge

Woodland and Hedgerow Creation

Planting native trees in appropriate places helps the environment by capturing carbon, providing food and shelter for native wildlife, creating wildlife corridors, improving water quality and reducing flood risk. We delivered projects at 10 sites throughout the catchment area and planted a total of 20,237 native trees during 2022.

White Rose Forest

As a White Rose Forest partner, we are part of the UK's biggest woodland creation schemes. Thanks to funding from the 'Trees for Climate' project, this has enabled us to carry out landscape scale woodland and hedgerow network creation work.

Hirst Brierley Fund

We have also received funding from the Hirst Brierley Fund (administered via the One Community Foundation) and the Woodland Trust, to plant trees and hedges in the catchment.



Native Hedgerow Planting at Hill in Holmfirth



Water Vole Release

Water Vole Project

In 2022 our Year in Industry student, Tasha, undertook a water vole habitat suitability survey in the upper catchment of the Holme Valley.

The aim of the project is to map out optimal, good and poor habitats in order to help inform potential future reintroduction projects.

This year, with the help of volunteers, we have successfully managed to survey 9.8km of river from Bilberry Reservoir in Holme to Blackmoorfoot Reservoir in Meltham.

We have mapped this data to highlight connectivity and appropriate habitat between the tributaries.

Wildlife Monitoring Project

We have enjoyed putting together a short film of footage collected by volunteers from across the catchment using trail cameras and GoPros, funded by the Nineveh Charitable Trust.

Due to the popularity of the cameras, we have submitted a bid for two extra cameras.

We continue to lend out our current filming equipment, resulting in some great footage.

You can watch local wildlife in action here: https://www.youtube.com/@riverholmeconnections4081/videos

Riverside Way

The Riverside Way spans 15km from Digley Reservoir to Snow Island, Huddersfield.

Having previously mapped the Riverside Way in order to identify and prioritise improvement work, we continue to upgrade the route.

Thanks to a successful crowdfunding campaign in 2022, alongside funding from the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Sir George Martin Trust and sales from our 2023 calendar, we have almost way-marked the entire route. We have also cleared vegetation from the path to improve access and installed a new flagstone causeway through a muddy section. Further improvement projects will continue in 2023.



Riverfly Monitoring Project

River Health

New volunteers have been recruited for our ongoing Riverfly monitoring project.

The intention is for these new volunteers to be trained before the next season of monitoring begins.

This year RHC volunteers also attended an end of season event held by Calder Rivers Trust, which outlined findings and patterns from data collected this season.

Education

Working with Young People

In October we had a great day down by the river at Spa Wood.

We teamed up with Thornton Lodge Action Group in Huddersfield to enjoy a variety of river inspired activities aimed at encouraging young people to take an interest in our river catchment.

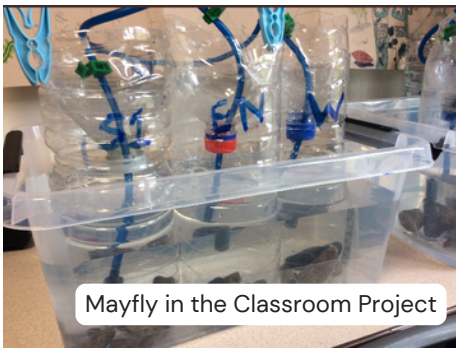
We enjoyed making willow fish and decorating them with autumn leaves. We also got very messy making fat balls for the birds, before a race against the clock to find and answer all the nature quiz questions that were hidden in the woods.



Holmfirth Bowling Club Mural

Youth Project, Holmfirth Bowling Club

We funded a graffiti project at Holmfirth Bowling Club. Young people from Honley Youth and UK GRAFF LAB - Northern Mural Co designed and completed the mural at Easter.


Mayfly in the Classroom Project

Mayfly in the Classroom

Local schoolchildren learned about the lifecycle of mayflies in their classrooms.

Our Year in Industry placement, Luke Sherwood spent his last day releasing the mayflies into the catchment.

They were nurtured by Hepworth Junior and Infant School pupils as part of our 'Mayfly in the Classroom' project funded by The Water Conservation Trust.


River Explorer

River Explorer

We completed our 'River Explorer' education programme with six local primary schools last spring.

There were seven sessions with Netherthong, Upperthong, Newsome, Hepworth, South Crosland and Helme primary schools.

We worked with 341 children to teach them about our rivers, the wildlife they support and their importance.


Mayfly in the Classroom Release


Bug House Making


River Explorer Session at Hepworth

Future Projects

2023 will see several ongoing projects continue. There are also a number of exciting new projects planned for the coming 12 months that will keep the trustees, team and volunteers busy.



A Project to Restore Nature

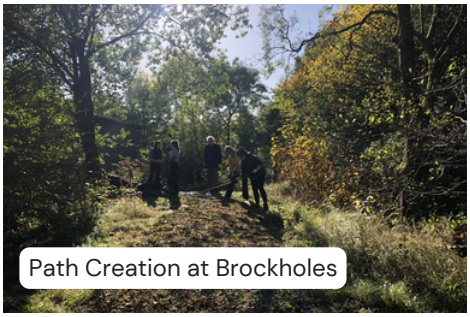
Nature's Holme:
Our aim is to create nature rich corridors along the River Holme and its tributaries.
In partnership with South Pennines Park, the Palladium Group and the University of Huddersfield, the two year project will work with farmers and landowners to deliver a wide range of environmental benefits, including: improved soils, flood alleviation, increased biodiversity, carbon storage and improved water quality through the creation of new woodlands, new hedgerows, peatland restoration, buffer strips, hay meadows, ponds and addressing barriers to fish migration.

Education:
Twenty local primary schools have been invited to join our 'River Explorer' education programme, which seeks to help educate young people on the importance of river ecosystems.



Youth Participation Project

Youth Participation Project:
We will continue to work closely with Thornton Lodge Action Group. In 2023 we plan to lead on 10 educational sessions.



Path Creation at Brockholes

River Stewardship:
We plan to continue with our River Stewardship scheme and aim to engage with even more riverside landowners in our catchment.



Hedge Planting at Bottoms Mill

Tree Planting:
Our partnership with The White Rose Forest and other organisations continues. In 2023 we have an ambitious, yet realistic target to plant in excess of 20,000 trees and hedges within our catchment. This will have a positive impact on our environment by providing shelter and food for wildlife, carbon-capture and reducing flood risk.



Tree Planting

Assistant River Ranger:
In 2023 we will employ a new Assistant River Ranger. The role will involve assisting with our riparian and land management programme, and engaging with and supporting volunteers.

Water@ Holme:
Through funding from the Yorkshire Water Community Benefit we will continue to raise awareness of pollution sources within our catchment.
Volunteers have been delivering leaflets and creating colourful chalk art masterpieces.
The three-year project involves education and community action days. These include a 'Green Waste' campaign to raise awareness of pollution from garden waste and a 'Only Rain Down the Drain' campaign to raise awareness of water pollution caused by contaminants entering the river system via surface drains.
Education includes raising awareness about composting and the correct disposal of waste materials.

INNS Out
We will continue our bid to remove and control invasive non-native species (INNS) throughout our catchment.
In 2023 the Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam control projects will expand into new areas of the catchment, including sections of Meltham Dike and Dean Brook.

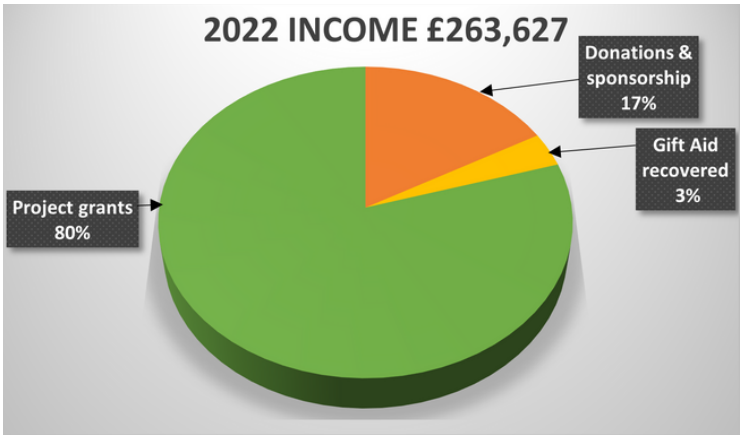
Water Conservation Trust
We have received generous funding from the Water Conservation Trust for our 'Mayfly in the Classroom' project.
This kickstarts our long-term project to increase engagement and education of water quality and river habitats among children in our catchment schools.

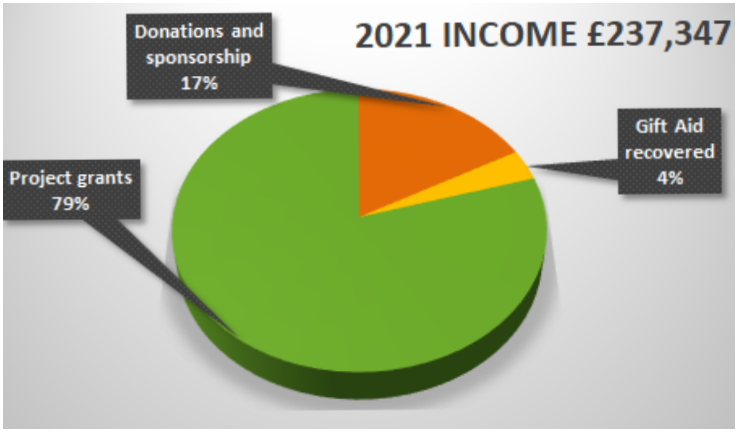
Finance

A full set of accounts is available to view at the River Holme Connections office.
Please call **01484 661756** to arrange an appointment.

In 2022, we received a total income of £263,627, an 11% increase on the project grants, donations and sponsorship funds, and Gift Aid raised in 2021. This comprised:

Income	2022	2021
Project Grants	£209,938	£188,482
Gift Aid Recovered	£9,239	£8,256
Donations & sponsorship	£44,450	£40,609
Total:	**£263,627**	**£237,347**





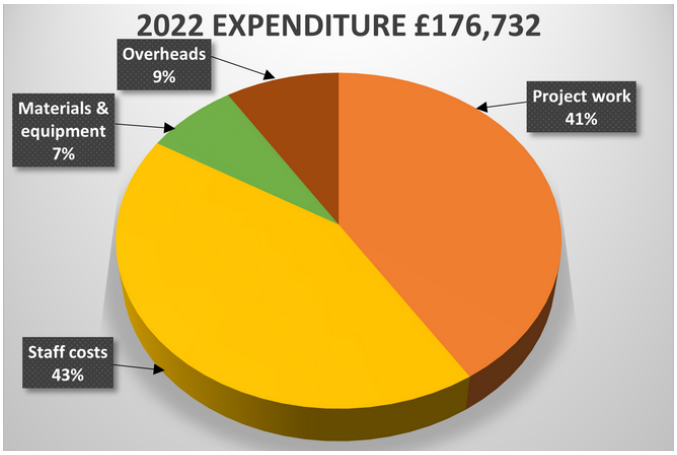
Expenditure for 2022 decreased by 18% from £216,481 to £176,732 in 2022.

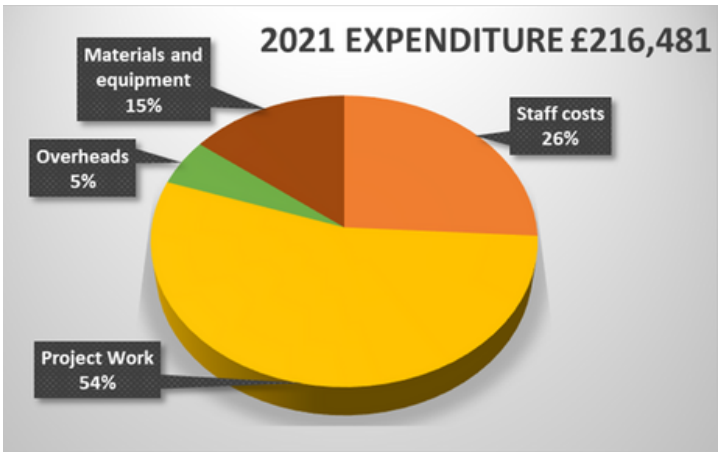
Expenditure	2022	2021
Project work	£72,232	£117,532
Staff costs	£75,472	£56,131
Materials & equipment	£13,012	£31,571
Overheads	£16,016	£11,247
Total:	**£176,732**	**£216,481**

Finance

The expenditure in 2022 compared to 2021 reflects less funding being spent directly on sub-contractors for projects.

Staff costs increased to reflect an extra member of staff.





Acknowledgements

As you can see from the events, activities and projects undertaken during 2022, we have received an amazing amount of help and support from individuals, organisations, businesses and other charities. We would like to send our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved with our charity throughout the past year.

Thanks once again to the landowners, individuals and business owners who have worked with us to improve the river environment. Thanks also to those landowners away from the riverbanks who have permitted us to plant trees and hedges, providing habitats for wildlife and aiding flood management.

Without our volunteers we could only achieve a fraction of the things we have done. It was wonderful to see many of our volunteers return to help this year, as well as to welcome new faces. All we can say is thank you. Your dedication, enthusiasm and motivation to turn out in all weathers to plant trees, clear litter and generally help in whatever way you can, continues to amaze and inspire us all. You are the very heart of our charity.



Many other companies, individuals and community organisations have also contributed to our charity through the invasive species programme. We've also received financial and inkind support from:

- Bower Roebuck
- Brookes Mill
- Burton Safes
- Natural Kirklees
- Yorkshire Water
- Kirklees Council
- Arnold Clark
- Jane Gledhill
- Environment Agency
- Newsome Community Forum
- Cummins Turbo Technologies
- Perseverance Mill
- Sir George Martin Trust
- Neighbourly Foundation
- The Old Bridge Inn
- Water Conservation Trust
- Central England Co-operative
- Huddersfield Bird Watchers Group
- One Community Foundation
- Garfield Western Foundation
- Kelvin Ravenscroft
- Ramblers Association / Christine Senior



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Report and Accounts

31 December 2022

River Holme Connections

Company Registration Number - CE004500

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, which also comprises the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- River Holme Connections

The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1163873

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as an unlimited company registered, under the Companies Acts. The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association establishing the company under company legislation.

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

By operation of law all, trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation.

River Holme Connections

Company Registration Number - CE004500

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-

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West Yorkshire, HD9 6AA
Telephone 01484 661756
Email Address admin@riverholmeconnections.org
Web address www.riverholmeconnections.org

The registered office of the charity for Companies Act purposes is the same as the operating address shown above.

The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

P King
M Dolton
S Lee-Richards, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer
L Russell, Chair of Trustees
R Walker
C Hallas
P Coleman
C Green

At the AGM in April 22 the following Trustees stepped down:
Former Chair of Trustees A Barraclough
Former Honorary Secretary and Treasurer M Williams
C Ash
R Ashley
and the following new Trustees were welcomed to the Board:
L Russell
R Walker
C Hallas
P Coleman
C Green

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Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

River Holme Connections has two objects: (1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the River Holme corridor and the surrounding area. (2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the River Holme corridor and the surrounding area. The charity can also carry out such charitable works as are in accordance with the approved objects set out in section 33(2) of the landfill tax regulations 1996 (amended).

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

The principal activities undertaken by River Holme Connections were: (1) Practical environmental improvements. (2) Educational activities concerning the environment. (3) Contract work with local businesses to improve the riverside environment.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.

On-going work to control and reduce the incidence of non-native invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed (19.1 Km of river treated) and Himalayan balsam (3.7 Km). Over 20,000 trees were planted in 2022. Commencement of the Nature`s Holme Landscape Recovery project. Completed Phase 1 of the Riverside Way project. Continued the "Year in Industry" student placement programme which will recruit the Fourth student in July 2023. Successful Walks and Talks programme delivered.

Fundraising activities during the year.

The charity raises funds through: (1) The application to charitable trusts for funding. (2) The securing of donations for the treatment of invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed. (3) Grants to plant trees and hedges. (4) Grants and donations to improve habitats and increase biodiversity.

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The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity.

Funds were secured in 2021 and 2022 to carry out the Riverside Way project to remediate the path, upgrade access and raise awareness of its existence among the general public. In 2022 the educational events were run as planned with a number of local schools participating in the events. A comprehensive walks, talks and engagement event programme was carried out (17 events in total).

The degree to which the achievements and performance during the for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 have benefited wider society.

Japanese knotweed treatment has improved water quality and biodiversity in the catchment. Tree and hedge planting projects were undertaken on ten sites contributed to natural flood management and carbon sequestration. The citizen science programme has been expanded, with increased water quality monitoring by groups of volunteers.

Contribution of volunteers

A total of 4,500 hours of volunteer input was contributed to the work of the charity. 2,725 of these hours were contributed at practical tasks and events. Over 482 hours of trustee input was contributed at operational and strategic levels. The number of volunteers supporting the charity increased in 2022.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

New trustees are recruited and co-opted onto the board by the existing Trustees. The Trustees have an on-going commitment to seeking out individuals who could strengthen the Board and bring complementary skills to the team. A basic skills audit of the Trustees is undertaken on an annual basis, in order to match the existing skills of Trustees against the needs of the charity.

Prospective new Trustees are given an introduction to the aims and objectives of the charity by the Chair of the Board and attend a Board meeting as observers before becoming Trustees. After joining the Board, new Trustees receive training on the role and responsibilities of Trustees, delivered by the Company Secretary. They also meet with the Company Secretary for a detailed discussion of the charity's activities. The training needs of Trustees are continually evaluated by the Board.

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Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 December 2022

The financial position of the charity at 31 December 2022 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income	87,084	20,846
Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity	134,943	39,882
Restricted Revenue Funds	111,570	119,547
Total Funds	246,513	159,429

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 December 2022 .

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory, in that: (1) Sufficient money was obtained to the obligations of the charity to its funders. (2) Adequate unrestricted funds are available to enable River Holme Connections to take advantage of new opportunities.

Policies on reserves.

The level of reserves is subject to annual review. River Holme Connections ensures that it has sufficient reserves available to cover the core budget and river stewardship costs of the charity for three months. This is in event of the charity needing to cease to be a going concern.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

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Details of The Independent Examiner

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Statement of the Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations,the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), .

In particular, the Companies Act 2006 and charity law require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

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The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that , on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

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Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

The financial statements are set out on pages 11 to 32.
The financial statements have been prepared implementing the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on .

S LEE-RICHARDS
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 11 to 32 for the year ended 31 December 2022 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 18.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 9, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;

b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. 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 setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

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I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independant examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed:-

Pierrepont

Pierrepont Accountants - Independent Examiner

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This report was signed on

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2022, as required by the Companies Act 2006)

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2022	2022	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments from:					
Charitable activities	A2	51,875	211,752	**263,627**	237,347
Other trading activities	A3	-	-	-	(35)
Investments	A4	189	-	**189**	15
Total income	**A**	**52,064**	**211,752**	**263,816**	**237,327**
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	B2	88,346	88,386	**176,732**	216,481
Total expenditure	**B**	**88,346**	**88,386**	**176,732**	**216,481**
Net income for the year		**(36,282)**	**123,366**	**87,084**	**20,846**
Transfers between funds	**C**	**131,343**	**(131,343)**	**-**	**-**
Net income after transfers		**95,061**	**(7,977)**	**87,084**	**20,846**
Net movement in funds		**95,061**	**(7,977)**	**87,084**	**20,846**
Reconciliation of funds:-	**E**				
Total funds brought forward		39,882	119,547	**159,429**	138,583
Total funds carried forward		**134,943**	**111,570**	**246,513**	**159,429**

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.

All activities derive from continuing operations

The notes attached on pages 18 to 32 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

River Holme Connections - Analysis of prior year total funds, as required by paragraph 4.2 of the SORP

	SORP Ref	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	A2	44,519	192,828	**237,347**
Other trading activities	A3	(35)	-	**(35)**
Investments	A4	15	-	**15**
Total income	**A**	44,499	192,828	237,327
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	B2	73,631	142,850	**216,481**
Total expenditure	**B**	**73,631**	**142,850**	**216,481**
Net income for the year		(29,132)	49,978	**20,846**
Transfers between funds	**C**	32,233	(32,233)	**-**
Net income after transfers		3,101	17,745	20,846
Net movement in funds		**3,101**	**17,745**	**20,846**
Reconciliation of funds:-	**E**			
Total funds brought forward		36,781	101,801	**138,583**
Total funds carried forward		**39,882**	**119,547**	**159,429**

All activities derive from continuing operations

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The notes attached on pages 18 to 32 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

River Holme Connections - Resources applied in the year ended 31 December 2022 towards fixed assets for Charity use:-

	2022 £	2021 £
Funds generated in the year as detailed in the SOFA	87,084	20,846
Resources applied on functional fixed assets	(20,564)	(4,108)
Net resources available to fund charitable activities	**66,520**	**16,738**

The resources applied on fixed assets for charity use represents the cost of additions less proceeds of any disposals.

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River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

Movements in revenue and capital funds for the year ended 31 December 2022

Revenue accumulated funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Last year Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Accumulated funds brought forward	39,882	119,547	159,429	**138,583**
Recognised gains and losses before transfers	(36,282)	123,366	87,084	20,846
	3,600	**242,913**	**246,513**	**159,429**
(From)/To unrestricted revenue funds	131,343	(131,343)	-	-
Closing revenue funds	**134,943**	**111,570**	**246,513**	**159,429**

Summary of funds	Unrestricted and Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Revenue accumulated funds	134,943	111,570	**246,513**	159,429

The notes attached on pages 18 to 32 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

River Holme Connections
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2022 as required by the Companies Act 2006

	2022 £	2021 £
Income		
Income from operations	263,627	237,312
Investment income		
Interest receivable	189	15
Gross income in the year before exceptional items	**263,816**	**237,327**
Gross income in the year including exceptional items	**263,816**	**237,327**
Expenditure		
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	**166,853**	**211,619**
Depreciation and amortisation	**9,879**	**4,862**
Realised losses on disposals of social investments which are programme relatec	-	-
Total expenditure in the year	**176,732**	**216,481**
Net income before tax in the financial year	87,084	20,846
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
Net income after tax in the financial year	**87,084**	**20,846**
Retained surplus for the financial year	**87,084**	**20,846**

All activities derive from continuing operations

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the headings and subheadings used in the Income and Expenditure account have been adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities.

The notes attached on pages 18 to 32 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	SORP Ref		2022 £		2021 £
Fixed assets		A				
Intangible assets	10	A1		312		625
Tangible assets	11	A2		18,829		7,831
Total fixed assets				19,141		8,456
Current assets		B				
Debtors	12	B2	6,680		10,226	
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	230,211		166,437	
Total current assets			236,891		176,663	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	C1	(9,519)		(25,690)	
Net current assets				227,372		150,973
The total net assets of the charity				246,513		159,429
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-						
Restricted funds						
Restricted Revenue Funds	17	D2		111,570		119,547
Unrestricted Funds						
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	17	D3		134,943		39,882
Designated Funds						
Total charity funds				246,513		159,429

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA..

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 10.

River Holme Connections - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



S LEE-RICHARDS
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer
Approved by the board of trustees on

The notes attached on pages 18 to 32 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , effective January 2016, , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity.

A risk assessment is carried out by the Trustees at each quarterly meeting. The risk assessment identifies the major risks faced by the charitable company and reviews the systems and procedures in place to manage those risks. A day is devoted in Autumn each year to develop a strategy and business plan for the forthcoming year.

Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the charity.
However, the trustees value the significant contribution made to the activities of the charity by unpaid volunteers and this is described more fully in Note 6.

Policies relating to assets, liabilities and provisions and other matters.

Cash and bank balances

Cash held by the charity is included at the amount actually held and counted at the year end. Bank balances, whether in credit or overdrawn, are shown at the amounts properly reconciled to the bank statements.

Pensions - defined benefit schemes

The charity operates a defined benefit pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account and liabilities are accounted for in accordance with the principles set out in module 17 of the SORP.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the chari

The charity recieves no designated funds.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal or as implied by law.

There are no endowment funds.

2 Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

4 Significance of financial instruments to the charity's position

Expansion with extra staff resources: In 2018 a £25,000 loan was made available to underwrite the start-up of the river steward business. This was no longer needed and could be converted into funding to employ an extra staff member. This person could take over the volunteer work parties and help with invasives treatment, river improvement work and tree planting.

5 Net surplus before tax in the financial year

	2022 £	2021 £
The net surplus before tax in the financial year is stated after charging:-		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	9,878	4,862
Pension costs	1,410	1,011

6 The contribution of volunteers

A total of 4,500 hours of volunteer input was contributed to the work of the charity. 2,725 of these hours were contributed at practical tasks and events. Over 482 hours of trustee input was contributed at operational and strategic levels. The number of volunteers supporting the charity increased in 2022.

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7 Staff costs and emoluments

Salary costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	69,751	52,235
Employer's operating costs of defined contribution pension schemes	1,410	1,011
Total salaries, wages and related costs	**71,161**	**53,246**

Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents	2022	2021
The average number of total staff employed in the year was	3	2
The average number of part time staff employed in the year was	1	2
The average number of full time staff employed in the year was	2	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed in the year was	3	2

The estimated equivalent number of full time staff deployed in different activities in the year was:-

Engaged on charitable activities	2	1
Engaged on management and administration	1	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed as above	3	2

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

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8 Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the costs of which are shown above.

The charity incurred a liability for pensions of £3,290 during the year. This includes £1,880 of employee contributions recognised as part of the wages expense, and £1,410 of employer contributions recognised as a separate item. Of this a total of £659 relates to pension contributions relating to the river stewardship, and are therefore deemed to be an expense of restricted funds. This consists of £377 of employee contributions, and £282 of employer contributions.

Any liabilites and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

Any liabilites and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

9 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

10 Intangible Fixed Assets

Goodwill:	2022 £	2021 £
Cost		
At 1 January 2022	1,563	1,563
At 31 December 2022	**1,563**	**1,563**
Amortisation		
At 1 January 2022	938	625
Provided during the year	313	313
At 31 December 2022	**1,251**	**938**
Net book value	**312**	**625**

Website development costs are being written off in equal annual instalments over its estimated economic life of 5 years, which equates to amortisation at 20% straight line.

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11 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 January 2022	22,548	-	22,548
Additions	7,008	13,556	20,564
Transfers to fixed assets	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	**29,556**	**13,556**	**43,112**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	14,717	-	14,717
Charge for the year	6,177	3,389	9,566
At 31 December 2022	**20,894**	**3,389**	**24,283**
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	**8,662**	**10,167**	**18,829**
At 31 December 2021	**7,831**	**-**	**7,831**

12 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	6,680	8,080
Other debtors	-	2,146
	6,680	**10,226**

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	**61**	**-**
Accruals	**1,813**	**690**
PAYE, NIC VAT and other taxes	**-**	**-**
Other creditors	**-**	**25,000**
	9,519	**25,690**

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

14 Income and Expenditure account summary

	2022	2021
	£	£
At 1 January 2022	159,429	138,583
Surplus after tax for the year	87,084	20,846
At 31 December 2022	**246,513**	**159,429**

15 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 December 2022	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Intangible Assets	312	-	-	**312**
Tangible Fixed Assets	18,829	-	-	**18,829**
Current Assets	(6,022)		242,913	**236,891**
Current Liabilities	(9,519)	-	-	**(9,519)**
	3,600	**-**	**242,913**	**246,513**

At 1 January 2022				
	£	£	£	£
Intangible Assets	625	-	-	**625**
Tangible Fixed Assets	7,831	-	-	**7,831**
Current Assets	57,116	-	119,547	**176,663**
Current Liabilities	(25,690)	-	-	**(25,690)**
	39,882	**-**	**119,547**	**159,429**

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16 Change in total funds over the year anlysed by individual funds

	Funds brought forward from 2021	Movement in funds in 2022	Transfers between funds in 2022	Funds carried forward to 2023
		See Note	See Note 24	
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	39,882	(36,282)	131,343	134,943
		-	-	
Total unrestricted and designated funds	**39,882**	**(36,282)**	**131,343**	**134,943**
Restricted funds:-				
Arnold Clark Community Fund	286	248	(534)	-
Awards for All	943	-	(943)	-
Banks & Branches	6,434	-	(6,434)	-
Bright Green Community Trust 21	948	-	(948)	-
Bright Green Community Trust 22	-	2,000	-	**2,000**
Co-op Local Community Fund	4,920	(550)	(4,370)	-
CEL Routes/Sands/Trees	3,781	-	(3,781)	-
Cummins Community Development	33,212	-	(33,212)	-
Fundraising Consultant	-	(496)	792	**296**
Future Projects	5,000	14,983	800	**20,783**
Hirst Brierley	1,515	1,568	(3,083)	-
Landscape Recovery	-	(20)		**(20)**
Longley	-	998		**998**
Ninevah Trust	2,184	-	(2,184)	-
One Community Defribrillator	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
One Community Fund	4,369	714	(4,369)	**714**
PCLT	25,770	(3,924)	(21,954)	**(108)**
River Ranger	-	7,737	3,168	**10,905**
River Stewardship (restricted)	-	-	8,250	**8,250**
Riverside Way	4,680	19,262	(1,706)	**22,236**
Seeds of Change	-	(12)	12	-
Thornton Lodge Youth Work	-	(485)	485	-
Thongsbridge	1,433	(895)	(538)	-
Water Conservators	-	579	171	**750**
Volunteers Training and Development		(393)	393	-
WRF	23,691	58,268	(36,705)	**45,254**
Yorkshire Water Crayfish		1,956	(1,956)	-
Yorkshire Water Staff Funding		15,000	(15,000)	-
Yorkshire Water Water Vole		1,829	(2,317)	**(488)**
Yorkshire Water Community	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Restricted General Funds	(620)	-	620	-
Total restricted funds	**119,547**	**123,366**	**(131,343)**	**111,570**

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17 Analysis of movements in funds over the year as shown in Note 16.

	Income	Expenditure	Other Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	2022	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	52,064	(88,346)	-	(36,282)
Restricted funds:-				
Arnold Clark Community Fund	1,000	(752)		248
Bright Green Community Trust 22	2,000	-		2,000
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	(550)		(550)
Fundraising Consultant	-	(496)		(496)
Future Projects	15,523	(540)		14,983
Hirst Brierley	3,000	(1,432)		1,568
Landscape Recovery	-	(20)		(20)
Longley	998	-	-	998
One Commuity Fund	714	-	-	714
PCLT	239	(4,163)	-	(3,924)
River Ranger	25,250	(17,513)	-	7,737
Riverside Way	24,038	(4,777)	-	19,261
Seeds of Change	400	(412)	-	(12)
Thornton Lodge Youth Work	-	(485)	-	(485)
Thongsbridge	-	(895)	-	(895)
Water Conservators	750	(171)	-	579
Volunteers Training and Development	-	(393)		(393)
WRF	112,840	(54,572)		58,268
Yorkshire Water Crayfish	2,000	(44)		1,956
Yorkshire Water Staff Funding	15,000	-		15,000
Yorkshire Water Water Vole	3,000	(1,171)		1,829
Yorkshire Water Community Fund	5,000			
	263,816	(176,732)	-	87,084

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18 The purposes for which the funds as detailed in note 22 are held by the charity are:-

Unrestricted and designated funds:

Unrestricted Revenue Funds	These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.

Restricted funds:-

Arnold Clark	The Arnold Clark reserve was created by a donation from Arnold Clark and was utilised for river and green spaces improvement work including volunteer tools, PPE, trees and wildflower seed and carrying out practical conservation tasks.
Bright Green Community Trust and Longley Fund	The Bright Green Community Trust reserve was created by a donation from One Community Foundation and will be utilised for staff time to run community tree/hedge scheme maintenance days, to purchase native trees/hedge plants and tree protection materials (tree guards and stakes) as well as volunteer PPE and tools.
Future projects	The Future Projects reserve was created by an individual donation.
Hirst Brierley	The Hirst Brierley reserve was created by funding from One Community Foundation and will be utilised in tree planting, purchase of native trees / hedge plants and materials.
Neighbourly Seeds	The Neighbourly Seeds reserve was created by funding from Neighbourly and was utilised for wildflower seeds for the catchment area.

One Community	The One Community reserve was created by funding from One Community Foundation and will be utilised for wildlife cameras and equipment for volunteers to monitoring wildlife.
River Stewardship	The River Stewardship reserve is created by public donations from the Japanese knotweed treatment programme and staff time from other funding reserves.
Riverside Way	The Riverside Way reserve was created by Crowdfunder donations, Garfield Weston, Sir George Martin and Kirklees Council funding and donation from Holme Valley Camping from a duck race and will be utilised to improve the Riverside Way.
West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd	The West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd reserve was created by funding from West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd and was utilised against the Year In Industry Student Placement staff time.
Water Conservators Trust	The Water Conservators Trust reserve was created by funding from The Water Conservators Trust and will be utilised for the Mayfly in the Classroom education project.
The White Rose Forest	The White Rose Forest reserve was created by funding from the White Rose Forest. It was utilised in tree planting, tree scheme maintenance and purchase of native trees / hedge plants and installation of fences.
Yorkshire Water Crayfish Project	The Yorkshire Water Crayfish project reserve was created by funding from Yorkshire Water and was utilised to carry out crayfish surveys in the catchment.
Yorkshire Water Core Funding	Yorkshire Water core funding reserve was created by funding from Yorkshire Water and was utilised for staff time.
Yorkshire Water Water Vole Project	The Yorkshire Water Water Vole project reserve was created by funding from Yorkshire Water and was utilised to carry out water vole/American mink surveys in the catchment.

19 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classsified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

20 Charitable income from funders

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
Other income and recharges				
Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	1,000	**1,000**	1,000
Awards for All				1,000
Banks and Branches				96,461
Bright Green Community Trust 2022	-	2,000	**2,000**	3,550
Co-op Local				5,070
Future Projects	-	15,523	**15,523**	5,000
Hirst Brierley	-	3,000	**3,000**	3,000
Longley	-	998	**998**	-
Nineveh Trust				2,788
One Community Defribillator				1,000
One Community Fund	-	714	**714**	-
PCLT	-	239	**239**	17,906
River Ranger	-	25,250	**25,250**	-
Riverside Way	-	24,038	**24,038**	4,931
Seeds of Change	-	400	**400**	-
Sundry				145
Thornton Lodge Youth Work				225
Water Conservators	-	750	**750**	-
WRF	-	112,840	**112,840**	28,291
Yorkshire Water Crayfish	-	2,000	**2,000**	-
Yorkshire Water Staff Funding	-	15,000	**15,000**	-
Yorkshire Water Water Vole		3,000	**3,000**	
Yorkshire Water Community	-	5,000	**5,000**	-
Unrestricted	51,875	-	**51,875**	66,980
Total Other income and recharges	**51,875**	**211,752**	**263,627**	**237,347**

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21 Total Income from charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
	2022	2022	2022	2021
Total Charitable income from funders	51,875	211,752	**263,627**	237,347
Total from charitable activities	**51,875**	**211,752**	**263,627**	**237,347**

22 Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Trading activities to raise funds for the charity	-	-	-	(35)
Total from other activities	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(35)**

23 Investment income

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	189	-	**189**	15
Total investment income	**189**	**-**	**189**	**15**

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24 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Subcontract payments	693	59,262	**59,956**	111,164
Total direct spending	**693**	**59,262**	**59,956**	**111,164**

25 Expenditure on charitable activities - Charitable trading

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Reallocated from support costs	*87,653*	*29,123*	**116,776**	*105,317*
Total charitable trading costs	**87,653**	**29,123**	**116,776**	**105,317**

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26 Support costs for charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs not included in direct costs				
Other salaries	54,644	15,107	69,751	52,235
Defined contribution pension costs - Other salaries	1,128	282	1,410	1,011
Training and welfare - staff	1,012	1,718	2,730	1,444
Travel and subsistence - staff	851	487	1,338	777
Recruitment expenses	243	-	243	675
Premises Expenses				
Rent payable under operating leases	4,050	-	4,050	4,030
Cleaning and waste management	18	-	18	53
Office costs and media	585	292	877	329
Administrative overheads				
Telephone, fax and internet	1,259	-	1,259	1,058
Postage	231	-	231	143
Stationery and printing	2,246	88	2,334	2,195
Equipment expenses	2,025	10,987	13,012	31,571
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	178
Software licences and expenses	1,556	-	1,556	39
Advertising and marketing	-	-	-	1,798
Liabilty and contents insurance	2,786	29	2,815	1,166
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	50
Charity administration	2,113	-	2,113	168
Motor expenses	763	-	763	-
Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner				
Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	1,813	-	1,813	690
Other legal and professional	451	133	584	845
Financial costs				
Depreciation & Amortisation in total for the	9,879	-	9,879	4,862
Support costs before reallocation	**87,653**	**29,123**	**116,776**	**105,317**

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27 Total Charitable expenditure

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Total direct spending	693	59,262	**59,956**	111,164
Total charitable trading costs	87,653	29,123	**116,776**	105,317
Total charitable expenditure	**88,346**	**88,386**	**176,732**	**216,481**

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The Charity Registration Number is :- 1163873

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Company Registration Number - CE004500

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, which also comprises the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- River Holme Connections

The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1163873

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as an unlimited company registered, under the Companies Acts. The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association establishing the company under company legislation.

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

By operation of law all, trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation.

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The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-

Unit 4 Honley Business Hub
13/15 Westgate, Honley
West Yorkshire, HD9 6AA
Telephone 01484 661756
Email Address admin@riverholmeconnections.org
Web address www.riverholmeconnections.org

The registered office of the charity for Companies Act purposes is the same as the operating address shown above.

The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

P King
M Dolton
S Lee-Richards, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer
L Russell, Chair of Trustees
R Walker
C Hallas
P Coleman
C Green

At the AGM in April 22 the following Trustees stepped down:
Former Chair of Trustees A Barraclough
Former Honorary Secretary and Treasurer M Williams
C Ash
R Ashley
and the following new Trustees were welcomed to the Board:
L Russell
R Walker
C Hallas
P Coleman
C Green

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Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

River Holme Connections has two objects: (1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the River Holme corridor and the surrounding area. (2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the River Holme corridor and the surrounding area. The charity can also carry out such charitable works as are in accordance with the approved objects set out in section 33(2) of the landfill tax regulations 1996 (amended).

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

The principal activities undertaken by River Holme Connections were: (1) Practical environmental improvements. (2) Educational activities concerning the environment. (3) Contract work with local businesses to improve the riverside environment.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.

On-going work to control and reduce the incidence of non-native invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed (19.1 Km of river treated) and Himalayan balsam (3.7 Km). Over 20,000 trees were planted in 2022. Commencement of the Nature`s Holme Landscape Recovery project. Completed Phase 1 of the Riverside Way project. Continued the "Year in Industry" student placement programme which will recruit the Fourth student in July 2023. Successful Walks and Talks programme delivered.

Fundraising activities during the year.

The charity raises funds through: (1) The application to charitable trusts for funding. (2) The securing of donations for the treatment of invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed. (3) Grants to plant trees and hedges. (4) Grants and donations to improve habitats and increase biodiversity.

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The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity.

Funds were secured in 2021 and 2022 to carry out the Riverside Way project to remediate the path, upgrade access and raise awareness of its existence among the general public. In 2022 the educational events were run as planned with a number of local schools participating in the events. A comprehensive walks, talks and engagement event programme was carried out (17 events in total).

The degree to which the achievements and performance during the for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 have benefited wider society.

Japanese knotweed treatment has improved water quality and biodiversity in the catchment. Tree and hedge planting projects were undertaken on ten sites contributed to natural flood management and carbon sequestration. The citizen science programme has been expanded, with increased water quality monitoring by groups of volunteers.

Contribution of volunteers

A total of 4,500 hours of volunteer input was contributed to the work of the charity. 2,725 of these hours were contributed at practical tasks and events. Over 482 hours of trustee input was contributed at operational and strategic levels. The number of volunteers supporting the charity increased in 2022.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

New trustees are recruited and co-opted onto the board by the existing Trustees. The Trustees have an on-going commitment to seeking out individuals who could strengthen the Board and bring complementary skills to the team. A basic skills audit of the Trustees is undertaken on an annual basis, in order to match the existing skills of Trustees against the needs of the charity.

Prospective new Trustees are given an introduction to the aims and objectives of the charity by the Chair of the Board and attend a Board meeting as observers before becoming Trustees. After joining the Board, new Trustees receive training on the role and responsibilities of Trustees, delivered by the Company Secretary. They also meet with the Company Secretary for a detailed discussion of the charity's activities. The training needs of Trustees are continually evaluated by the Board.

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Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 December 2022

The financial position of the charity at 31 December 2022 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income	87,084	20,846
Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity	134,943	39,882
Restricted Revenue Funds	111,570	119,547
Total Funds	246,513	159,429

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 December 2022 .

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory, in that: (1) Sufficient money was obtained to the obligations of the charity to its funders. (2) Adequate unrestricted funds are available to enable River Holme Connections to take advantage of new opportunities.

Policies on reserves.

The level of reserves is subject to annual review. River Holme Connections ensures that it has sufficient reserves available to cover the core budget and river stewardship costs of the charity for three months. This is in event of the charity needing to cease to be a going concern.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

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Details of The Independent Examiner

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Member of The Association of Chartered Management Accountants

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Statement of the Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations,the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), .

In particular, the Companies Act 2006 and charity law require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

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The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that , on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

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Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

The financial statements are set out on pages 11 to 32.
The financial statements have been prepared implementing the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on .

S LEE-RICHARDS
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 11 to 32 for the year ended 31 December 2022 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 18.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 9, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;

b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. 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 setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

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I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independant examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed:-

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This report was signed on

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2022, as required by the Companies Act 2006)

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2022	2022	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments from:					
Charitable activities	A2	51,875	211,752	**263,627**	237,347
Other trading activities	A3	-	-	-	(35)
Investments	A4	189	-	**189**	15
Total income	**A**	**52,064**	**211,752**	**263,816**	**237,327**
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	B2	88,346	88,386	**176,732**	216,481
Total expenditure	**B**	**88,346**	**88,386**	**176,732**	**216,481**
Net income for the year		**(36,282)**	**123,366**	**87,084**	**20,846**
Transfers between funds	**C**	**131,343**	**(131,343)**	**-**	**-**
Net income after transfers		**95,061**	**(7,977)**	**87,084**	**20,846**
Net movement in funds		**95,061**	**(7,977)**	**87,084**	**20,846**
Reconciliation of funds:-	**E**				
Total funds brought forward		39,882	119,547	**159,429**	138,583
Total funds carried forward		**134,943**	**111,570**	**246,513**	**159,429**

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.

All activities derive from continuing operations

The notes attached on pages 18 to 32 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

River Holme Connections - Analysis of prior year total funds, as required by paragraph 4.2 of the SORP

	SORP Ref	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:				
Charitable activities	A2	44,519	192,828	**237,347**
Other trading activities	A3	(35)	-	**(35)**
Investments	A4	15	-	**15**
Total income	**A**	44,499	192,828	237,327
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	B2	73,631	142,850	**216,481**
Total expenditure	**B**	**73,631**	**142,850**	**216,481**
Net income for the year		(29,132)	49,978	**20,846**
Transfers between funds	**C**	32,233	(32,233)	**-**
Net income after transfers		3,101	17,745	20,846
Net movement in funds		**3,101**	**17,745**	**20,846**
Reconciliation of funds:-	**E**			
Total funds brought forward		36,781	101,801	**138,583**
Total funds carried forward		**39,882**	**119,547**	**159,429**

All activities derive from continuing operations

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.'

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River Holme Connections - Resources applied in the year ended 31 December 2022 towards fixed assets for Charity use:-

	2022 £	2021 £
Funds generated in the year as detailed in the SOFA	87,084	20,846
Resources applied on functional fixed assets	(20,564)	(4,108)
Net resources available to fund charitable activities	**66,520**	**16,738**

The resources applied on fixed assets for charity use represents the cost of additions less proceeds of any disposals.

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River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

Movements in revenue and capital funds for the year ended 31 December 2022

Revenue accumulated funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Last year Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Accumulated funds brought forward	39,882	119,547	159,429	**138,583**
Recognised gains and losses before transfers	(36,282)	123,366	87,084	20,846
	3,600	**242,913**	**246,513**	**159,429**
(From)/To unrestricted revenue funds	131,343	(131,343)	-	-
Closing revenue funds	**134,943**	**111,570**	**246,513**	**159,429**

Summary of funds	Unrestricted and Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Revenue accumulated funds	134,943	111,570	**246,513**	159,429

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River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

River Holme Connections
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2022 as required by the Companies Act 2006

	2022 £	2021 £
Income		
Income from operations	263,627	237,312
Investment income		
Interest receivable	189	15
Gross income in the year before exceptional items	**263,816**	**237,327**
Gross income in the year including exceptional items	**263,816**	**237,327**
Expenditure		
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	**166,853**	**211,619**
Depreciation and amortisation	**9,879**	**4,862**
Realised losses on disposals of social investments which are programme relatec	-	-
Total expenditure in the year	**176,732**	**216,481**
Net income before tax in the financial year	87,084	20,846
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
Net income after tax in the financial year	**87,084**	**20,846**
Retained surplus for the financial year	**87,084**	**20,846**

All activities derive from continuing operations

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the headings and subheadings used in the Income and Expenditure account have been adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities.

The notes attached on pages 18 to 32 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	SORP Ref		2022 £		2021 £
Fixed assets		A				
Intangible assets	10	A1		312		625
Tangible assets	11	A2		18,829		7,831
Total fixed assets				19,141		8,456
Current assets		B				
Debtors	12	B2	6,680		10,226	
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	230,211		166,437	
Total current assets			236,891		176,663	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	C1	(9,519)		(25,690)	
Net current assets				227,372		150,973
The total net assets of the charity				246,513		159,429
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-						
Restricted funds						
Restricted Revenue Funds	17	D2		111,570		119,547
Unrestricted Funds						
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	17	D3		134,943		39,882
Designated Funds						
Total charity funds				246,513		159,429

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA..

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 10.

River Holme Connections - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



S LEE-RICHARDS
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer
Approved by the board of trustees on

The notes attached on pages 18 to 32 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , effective January 2016, , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity.

A risk assessment is carried out by the Trustees at each quarterly meeting. The risk assessment identifies the major risks faced by the charitable company and reviews the systems and procedures in place to manage those risks. A day is devoted in Autumn each year to develop a strategy and business plan for the forthcoming year.

Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the charity.
However, the trustees value the significant contribution made to the activities of the charity by unpaid volunteers and this is described more fully in Note 6.

Policies relating to assets, liabilities and provisions and other matters.

Cash and bank balances

Cash held by the charity is included at the amount actually held and counted at the year end. Bank balances, whether in credit or overdrawn, are shown at the amounts properly reconciled to the bank statements.

Pensions - defined benefit schemes

The charity operates a defined benefit pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account and liabilities are accounted for in accordance with the principles set out in module 17 of the SORP.

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Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the chari

The charity recieves no designated funds.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal or as implied by law.

There are no endowment funds.

2 Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

4 Significance of financial instruments to the charity's position

Expansion with extra staff resources: In 2018 a £25,000 loan was made available to underwrite the start-up of the river steward business. This was no longer needed and could be converted into funding to employ an extra staff member. This person could take over the volunteer work parties and help with invasives treatment, river improvement work and tree planting.

5 Net surplus before tax in the financial year

	2022 £	2021 £
The net surplus before tax in the financial year is stated after charging:-		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	9,878	4,862
Pension costs	1,410	1,011

6 The contribution of volunteers

A total of 4,500 hours of volunteer input was contributed to the work of the charity. 2,725 of these hours were contributed at practical tasks and events. Over 482 hours of trustee input was contributed at operational and strategic levels. The number of volunteers supporting the charity increased in 2022.

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7 Staff costs and emoluments

Salary costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	69,751	52,235
Employer's operating costs of defined contribution pension schemes	1,410	1,011
Total salaries, wages and related costs	**71,161**	**53,246**

Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents	2022	2021
The average number of total staff employed in the year was	3	2
The average number of part time staff employed in the year was	1	2
The average number of full time staff employed in the year was	2	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed in the year was	3	2

The estimated equivalent number of full time staff deployed in different activities in the year was:-

Engaged on charitable activities	2	1
Engaged on management and administration	1	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed as above	3	2

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

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8 Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the costs of which are shown above.

The charity incurred a liability for pensions of £3,290 during the year. This includes £1,880 of employee contributions recognised as part of the wages expense, and £1,410 of employer contributions recognised as a separate item. Of this a total of £659 relates to pension contributions relating to the river stewardship, and are therefore deemed to be an expense of restricted funds. This consists of £377 of employee contributions, and £282 of employer contributions.

Any liabilites and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

Any liabilites and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

9 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

10 Intangible Fixed Assets

Goodwill:	2022 £	2021 £
Cost		
At 1 January 2022	1,563	1,563
At 31 December 2022	**1,563**	**1,563**
Amortisation		
At 1 January 2022	938	625
Provided during the year	313	313
At 31 December 2022	**1,251**	**938**
Net book value	**312**	**625**

Website development costs are being written off in equal annual instalments over its estimated economic life of 5 years, which equates to amortisation at 20% straight line.

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11 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 January 2022	22,548	-	22,548
Additions	7,008	13,556	20,564
Transfers to fixed assets	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	**29,556**	**13,556**	**43,112**
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	14,717	-	14,717
Charge for the year	6,177	3,389	9,566
At 31 December 2022	**20,894**	**3,389**	**24,283**
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	**8,662**	**10,167**	**18,829**
At 31 December 2021	**7,831**	**-**	**7,831**

12 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	6,680	8,080
Other debtors	-	2,146
	6,680	**10,226**

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	**61**	**-**
Accruals	**1,813**	**690**
PAYE, NIC VAT and other taxes	**-**	**-**
Other creditors	**-**	**25,000**
	9,519	**25,690**

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14 Income and Expenditure account summary

	2022	2021
	£	£
At 1 January 2022	159,429	138,583
Surplus after tax for the year	87,084	20,846
At 31 December 2022	**246,513**	**159,429**

15 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 December 2022	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Intangible Assets	312	-	-	**312**
Tangible Fixed Assets	18,829	-	-	**18,829**
Current Assets	(6,022)		242,913	**236,891**
Current Liabilities	(9,519)	-	-	**(9,519)**
	3,600	**-**	**242,913**	**246,513**

At 1 January 2022				
	£	£	£	£
Intangible Assets	625	-	-	**625**
Tangible Fixed Assets	7,831	-	-	**7,831**
Current Assets	57,116	-	119,547	**176,663**
Current Liabilities	(25,690)	-	-	**(25,690)**
	39,882	**-**	**119,547**	**159,429**

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16 Change in total funds over the year anlysed by individual funds

	Funds brought forward from 2021	Movement in funds in 2022	Transfers between funds in 2022	Funds carried forward to 2023
		See Note	See Note 24	
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	39,882	(36,282)	131,343	134,943
		-	-	
Total unrestricted and designated funds	**39,882**	**(36,282)**	**131,343**	**134,943**
Restricted funds:-				
Arnold Clark Community Fund	286	248	(534)	-
Awards for All	943	-	(943)	-
Banks & Branches	6,434	-	(6,434)	-
Bright Green Community Trust 21	948	-	(948)	-
Bright Green Community Trust 22	-	2,000	-	**2,000**
Co-op Local Community Fund	4,920	(550)	(4,370)	-
CEL Routes/Sands/Trees	3,781	-	(3,781)	-
Cummins Community Development	33,212	-	(33,212)	-
Fundraising Consultant	-	(496)	792	**296**
Future Projects	5,000	14,983	800	**20,783**
Hirst Brierley	1,515	1,568	(3,083)	-
Landscape Recovery	-	(20)		**(20)**
Longley	-	998		**998**
Ninevah Trust	2,184	-	(2,184)	-
One Community Defribrillator	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
One Community Fund	4,369	714	(4,369)	**714**
PCLT	25,770	(3,924)	(21,954)	**(108)**
River Ranger	-	7,737	3,168	**10,905**
River Stewardship (restricted)	-	-	8,250	**8,250**
Riverside Way	4,680	19,262	(1,706)	**22,236**
Seeds of Change	-	(12)	12	-
Thornton Lodge Youth Work	-	(485)	485	-
Thongsbridge	1,433	(895)	(538)	-
Water Conservators	-	579	171	**750**
Volunteers Training and Development		(393)	393	-
WRF	23,691	58,268	(36,705)	**45,254**
Yorkshire Water Crayfish		1,956	(1,956)	-
Yorkshire Water Staff Funding		15,000	(15,000)	-
Yorkshire Water Water Vole		1,829	(2,317)	**(488)**
Yorkshire Water Community	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Restricted General Funds	(620)	-	620	-
Total restricted funds	**119,547**	**123,366**	**(131,343)**	**111,570**

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17 Analysis of movements in funds over the year as shown in Note 16.

	Income	Expenditure	Other Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	2022	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	52,064	(88,346)	-	(36,282)
Restricted funds:-				
Arnold Clark Community Fund	1,000	(752)		248
Bright Green Community Trust 22	2,000	-		2,000
Co-op Local Community Fund	-	(550)		(550)
Fundraising Consultant	-	(496)		(496)
Future Projects	15,523	(540)		14,983
Hirst Brierley	3,000	(1,432)		1,568
Landscape Recovery	-	(20)		(20)
Longley	998	-	-	998
One Commuity Fund	714	-	-	714
PCLT	239	(4,163)	-	(3,924)
River Ranger	25,250	(17,513)	-	7,737
Riverside Way	24,038	(4,777)	-	19,261
Seeds of Change	400	(412)	-	(12)
Thornton Lodge Youth Work	-	(485)	-	(485)
Thongsbridge	-	(895)	-	(895)
Water Conservators	750	(171)	-	579
Volunteers Training and Development	-	(393)		(393)
WRF	112,840	(54,572)		58,268
Yorkshire Water Crayfish	2,000	(44)		1,956
Yorkshire Water Staff Funding	15,000	-		15,000
Yorkshire Water Water Vole	3,000	(1,171)		1,829
Yorkshire Water Community Fund	5,000			
	263,816	(176,732)	-	87,084

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18 The purposes for which the funds as detailed in note 22 are held by the charity are:-

Unrestricted and designated funds:

Unrestricted Revenue Funds	These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.

Restricted funds:-

Arnold Clark	The Arnold Clark reserve was created by a donation from Arnold Clark and was utilised for river and green spaces improvement work including volunteer tools, PPE, trees and wildflower seed and carrying out practical conservation tasks.
Bright Green Community Trust and Longley Fund	The Bright Green Community Trust reserve was created by a donation from One Community Foundation and will be utilised for staff time to run community tree/hedge scheme maintenance days, to purchase native trees/hedge plants and tree protection materials (tree guards and stakes) as well as volunteer PPE and tools.
Future projects	The Future Projects reserve was created by an individual donation.
Hirst Brierley	The Hirst Brierley reserve was created by funding from One Community Foundation and will be utilised in tree planting, purchase of native trees / hedge plants and materials.
Neighbourly Seeds	The Neighbourly Seeds reserve was created by funding from Neighbourly and was utilised for wildflower seeds for the catchment area.

One Community	The One Community reserve was created by funding from One Community Foundation and will be utilised for wildlife cameras and equipment for volunteers to monitoring wildlife.
River Stewardship	The River Stewardship reserve is created by public donations from the Japanese knotweed treatment programme and staff time from other funding reserves.
Riverside Way	The Riverside Way reserve was created by Crowdfunder donations, Garfield Weston, Sir George Martin and Kirklees Council funding and donation from Holme Valley Camping from a duck race and will be utilised to improve the Riverside Way.
West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd	The West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd reserve was created by funding from West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd and was utilised against the Year In Industry Student Placement staff time.
Water Conservators Trust	The Water Conservators Trust reserve was created by funding from The Water Conservators Trust and will be utilised for the Mayfly in the Classroom education project.
The White Rose Forest	The White Rose Forest reserve was created by funding from the White Rose Forest. It was utilised in tree planting, tree scheme maintenance and purchase of native trees / hedge plants and installation of fences.
Yorkshire Water Crayfish Project	The Yorkshire Water Crayfish project reserve was created by funding from Yorkshire Water and was utilised to carry out crayfish surveys in the catchment.
Yorkshire Water Core Funding	Yorkshire Water core funding reserve was created by funding from Yorkshire Water and was utilised for staff time.
Yorkshire Water Water Vole Project	The Yorkshire Water Water Vole project reserve was created by funding from Yorkshire Water and was utilised to carry out water vole/American mink surveys in the catchment.

19 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classsified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

20 Charitable income from funders

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2021 £
Other income and recharges				
Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	1,000	**1,000**	1,000
Awards for All				1,000
Banks and Branches				96,461
Bright Green Community Trust 2022	-	2,000	**2,000**	3,550
Co-op Local				5,070
Future Projects	-	15,523	**15,523**	5,000
Hirst Brierley	-	3,000	**3,000**	3,000
Longley	-	998	**998**	-
Nineveh Trust				2,788
One Community Defribillator				1,000
One Community Fund	-	714	**714**	-
PCLT	-	239	**239**	17,906
River Ranger	-	25,250	**25,250**	-
Riverside Way	-	24,038	**24,038**	4,931
Seeds of Change	-	400	**400**	-
Sundry				145
Thornton Lodge Youth Work				225
Water Conservators	-	750	**750**	-
WRF	-	112,840	**112,840**	28,291
Yorkshire Water Crayfish	-	2,000	**2,000**	-
Yorkshire Water Staff Funding	-	15,000	**15,000**	-
Yorkshire Water Water Vole		3,000	**3,000**	
Yorkshire Water Community	-	5,000	**5,000**	-
Unrestricted	51,875	-	**51,875**	66,980
Total Other income and recharges	**51,875**	**211,752**	**263,627**	**237,347**

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21 Total Income from charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
	2022	2022	2022	2021
Total Charitable income from funders	51,875	211,752	**263,627**	237,347
Total from charitable activities	**51,875**	**211,752**	**263,627**	**237,347**

22 Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Trading activities to raise funds for the charity	-	-	-	(35)
Total from other activities	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(35)**

23 Investment income

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	189	-	**189**	15
Total investment income	**189**	**-**	**189**	**15**

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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022 as required by the SORP 2015

24 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Subcontract payments	693	59,262	**59,956**	111,164
Total direct spending	**693**	**59,262**	**59,956**	**111,164**

25 Expenditure on charitable activities - Charitable trading

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Reallocated from support costs	*87,653*	*29,123*	**116,776**	*105,317*
Total charitable trading costs	**87,653**	**29,123**	**116,776**	**105,317**

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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022 as required by the SORP 2015

26 Support costs for charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs not included in direct costs				
Other salaries	54,644	15,107	69,751	52,235
Defined contribution pension costs - Other salaries	1,128	282	1,410	1,011
Training and welfare - staff	1,012	1,718	2,730	1,444
Travel and subsistence - staff	851	487	1,338	777
Recruitment expenses	243	-	243	675
Premises Expenses				
Rent payable under operating leases	4,050	-	4,050	4,030
Cleaning and waste management	18	-	18	53
Office costs and media	585	292	877	329
Administrative overheads				
Telephone, fax and internet	1,259	-	1,259	1,058
Postage	231	-	231	143
Stationery and printing	2,246	88	2,334	2,195
Equipment expenses	2,025	10,987	13,012	31,571
Hire of equipment	-	-	-	178
Software licences and expenses	1,556	-	1,556	39
Advertising and marketing	-	-	-	1,798
Liabilty and contents insurance	2,786	29	2,815	1,166
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	50
Charity administration	2,113	-	2,113	168
Motor expenses	763	-	763	-
Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner				
Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	1,813	-	1,813	690
Other legal and professional	451	133	584	845
Financial costs				
Depreciation & Amortisation in total for the	9,879	-	9,879	4,862
Support costs before reallocation	**87,653**	**29,123**	**116,776**	**105,317**

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022 as required by the SORP 2015

27 Total Charitable expenditure

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Total direct spending	693	59,262	**59,956**	111,164
Total charitable trading costs	87,653	29,123	**116,776**	105,317
Total charitable expenditure	**88,346**	**88,386**	**176,732**	**216,481**

River Holme Connections

England & Wales - Charity number 1163873

Accounts

Company Registration Number - CE004500

The Charity Registration Number is :- 1163873

River Holme Connections

Report and Accounts

31st December 2021

River Holme Connections

Company Registration Number - CE004500

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020, which also comprises the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- River Holme Connections.

The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1163873.

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The charity does not operate in any overseas jurisdictions.

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as an unlimited company registered, under the Companies Acts. The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association establishing the company under company legislation.

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

By operation of law all, trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation.

The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-

Unit 4 Honley Business Hub

13/15 Westgate, Honley

West Yorkshire, HD9 6AA
Telephone 01484 661756

Email Address admin@riverholmeconnections.org Web address www.riverholmeconnections.org

The registered office of the charity for Companies Act purposes is the same as the operating address shown above.

The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

A Barraclough
M Williams
C Ash
R Ashley
P King
M Dolton
S Lee-Richards

At the Trustee Board Meeting held 2021 L Russell retired as a trustee.

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Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

River Holme Connections has two objects: (1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the River Holme corridor and the surrounding area. (2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the River Holme corridor and the surrounding area. The charity can also carry out such charitable works as are in accordance with the approved objects set out in section 33(2) of the landfill tax regulations 1996 (amended).

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

The principal activities undertaken by River Holme Connections were: (1) Practical environmental improvements. (2) Educational activities concerning the environment. (3) Contract work with local businesses to improve the riverside environment.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year.

On-going work to control and reduce the incidence of non-native invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed (18.5 Km of river treated), Himalayan balsam etc. Completed one capital project at Thongsbridge that enhanced the river environment, created a new leisure area and improved access to the river Holme. Continued the Year in Industry student placement programme which will recruit its third member in June 2022. Re-purposed Walks and Talks programme to virtual events because of Covid19 restrictions.

Fundraising activities during the year.

The charity raises funds through: (1) The application to charitable trusts for funding. (2) The securing of donations for the treatment of invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed. (3) Grants to plant trees and hedges. (4) Grant and donations to improve habitats and increase biodiversity.

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The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity.

Funds were secured in 2021 for a public consultation exercise to choose a new logo for the Riverside Way. A major fund-raising exercise was started in 2021 to remediate the path, upgrade access and raise awareness of its existence among the general public. Fundraising will continue in 2022, with a planned start date for the work in the summer. While it was not possible to run educational events as planned, all primary schools in the catchment were provided with river-related resources for use by teaching staff. A well-attended series of artistic events centred on the river and connecting with nature was held at a community centre in a deprived area of Huddersfield.

The degree to which the achievements and performance during the year have benefited wider society.

Japanese knotweed treatment has improved water quality and biodiversity through re-planting with native species. Tree and hedge planting projects undertaken on five sites contributed to natural flood management and carbon sequestration. Funding was secured for a further two major tree and hedge planting projects which will be completed by the end of March 2021. The citizen science programme has been expanded, with increased water quality monitoring by groups of volunteers.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

New trustees are recruited and co-opted onto the board by the existing Trustees. The Trustees have an on-going commitment to seeking out individuals who could strengthen the Board and bring complementary skills to the team. A basic skills audit of the Trustees is undertaken on an annual basis, in order to match the existing skills of Trustees against the needs of the charity.

Prospective new Trustees are given an introduction to the aims and objectives of the charity by the Chair of the Board and attend a Board meeting as observers before becoming Trustees. After joining the Board, new Trustees receive training on the role and responsibilities of Trustees, delivered by the Company Secretary. They also meet with the Company Secretary for a detailed discussion of the charity's activities. The training needs of Trustees are continually evaluated by the Board.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 December 2021

The financial position of the charity at 31 December 2021 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully details in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income	20,846	42,711
Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity	(29,132)	36,782
Restricted Revenue Funds	49,978	101,801
Total Funds	20,846	138,583

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 December 2021

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory, in that: (1) Sufficient money was obtained to the obligations of the charity to its funders. (2) Adequate unrestricted funds are available to enable River Holme Connections to take advantage of new opportunities.

Policies on reserves.

The level of reserves is subject to annual review. River Holme Connections ensures that it has sufficient reserves available to cover the core budget and river stewardship costs of the charity for three months. This is in event of the charity needing to cease to be a going concern.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

Details of The Independent Examiner

Pierrepont Accountants

Member of Chartered Management Accountants

Millfields House

Huddersfield Road

Holmfirth

West Yorkshire

HD9 3JL

River Holme Connections

Company Registration Number - CE004500

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Statement of the Directors Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations,the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), .

In particular, the Companies Act 2006 and charity law require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that , on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

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Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

The financial statements are set out on pages 9 to 26

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 5th April 2022.



M WILLIAMS
Director and Trustee

River Holme Connections

Report of the Independent Accountant to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

I report on the financial statements of River Holme Connections for the year ended 31 December 2021, as set out on pages 9 to 26, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the charity are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with charity law applicable within the jurisdiction of England & Wales and the accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , effective January 2016, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 19, which framework constitutes the applicable United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 5, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;

b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. 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 setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

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Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed:-

Pierrepont Accountants - Independent Examiner

Chartered Management Accountants

Millfields House
Huddersfield Road
Holmfirth
West Yorkshire
HD9 3JL

This report was signed on 31 March 2022

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2021	2021	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Income & Endowments from:					
Charitable activities	A2	44,519	192,828	**237,347**	148,601
Other trading activities	A3	(20)	-	**(20)**	3,030
Investments	A4	-	-	**-**	390
Total income	**A**	**44,499**	**192,828**	**237,327**	**152,021**
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	B2	73,631	142,850	**216,481**	109,310
Total expenditure	**B**	**73,631**	**142,850**	**216,481**	**109,310**
Net income for the year		**(29,132)**	**49,978**	**20,846**	**42,711**
Transfers between funds	**C**	-	-	**-**	-
Net income after transfers	**A-B-C**	**(29,132)**	**49,978**	**20,846**	**42,711**
Net movement in funds		**(29,132)**	**49,978**	**20,846**	**42,711**
Reconciliation of funds:-	**E**				
Total funds brought forward		36,781	101,802	**138,583**	95,872
Total funds carried forward		**7,649**	**151,780**	**159,429**	**138,583**

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.

All activities derive from continuing operations

The notes attached on pages 15 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

River Holme Connections - Analysis of prior year total funds, as required by paragraph 4.2 of the SORP

	SORP Ref	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2020 £		Prior Year Total Funds 2020 £
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	A1	-	-		**-**
Charitable activities	A2	73,575	75,026		**148,601**
Other trading activities	A3	3,030	-		**3,030**
Investments	A4	390	-		**390**
Other	A5	-	-	-	**-**
Total income	**A**	76,995	75,026		**152,021**
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	B2	38,647	70,663		**109,310**
Total expenditure	**B**	**38,647**	**70,663**		**109,310**
Net income for the year		38,348	4,363		42,711
Transfers between funds	**C**	(5,733)	5,733		**-**
Net income after transfers		32,615	10,096		42,711
Net movement in funds		**32,615**	**10,096**		**42,711**
Reconciliation of funds:-	**E**				
Total funds brought forward		4,166	91,706		**95,872**
Total funds carried forward		**36,781**	**101,802**		**138,583**

All activities derive from continuing operations

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.'

The notes attached on pages 15 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

River Holme Connections - Resources applied in the year ended 31 December 2021 towards fixed assets for Charity use:-

	2021 £	2020 £
Funds generated in the year as detailed in the SOFA	20,846	42,711
Resources applied on functional fixed assets	(4,108)	(851)
Resources applied on Intangible assets	-	-
Net resources available to fund charitable activities	**16,738**	**41,860**

The notes attached on pages 15 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

Movements in revenue and capital funds for the year ended 31 December 2021

Revenue accumulated funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Last year Total Funds 2020 £
Accumulated funds brought forward	36,781	101,802	138,583	**95,872**
Recognised gains and losses before transfers	(29,132)	49,978	20,846	42,711
	7,649	**151,780**	**159,429**	**138,583**
(From)/To unrestricted revenue funds			-	-
Closing revenue funds	**7,649**	**151,780**	**159,429**	**138,583**

Summary of funds	Unrestricted and Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Last Year Total Funds 2020 £
Revenue accumulated funds	7,649	151,780	**159,429**	138,583

The notes attached on pages 15 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

River Holme Connections
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2021 as required by the Companies Act 2006

	2021 £	2020 £
Income		
Income from operations	237,327	151,631
Realised Gains on the disposal of investments	-	
Investment income		
Income from investments, other than interest receivable		390
Gross income in the year before exceptional items	**237,327**	**152,021**
Gross income in the year including exceptional items	**237,327**	**152,021**
Expenditure		
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	211,618	105,817
Depreciation and amortisation	4,863	3,493
Realised losses on disposals of social investments which are programme related	-	-
Total expenditure in the year	**216,481**	**109,310**
Net income before tax in the financial year	**20,846**	**42,711**
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
Net income after tax in the financial year	**20,846**	**42,711**
Retained surplus for the financial year	**20,846**	**42,711**

All activities derive from continuing operations

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the headings and subheadings used in the Income and Expenditure account have been adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities.

The notes attached on pages 15 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections - Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Note	SORP Ref		2021 £		2020 £
Fixed assets		A				
Intangible assets	10	A1		625		937
Tangible assets	11	A2		7,831		8,273
Total fixed assets				8,456		9,210
Current assets		B				
Debtors	12	B2	10,226		13,569	
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	166,437		141,884	
Total current assets			176,663		155,453	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	C1	(25,690)		(26,080)	
Net current assets				150,973		129,373
The total net assets of the charity				**159,429**		**138,583**
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-						
Restricted funds						
Restricted Revenue Funds	16	D2	151,780		101,802	
				151,780		101,802
Unrestricted Funds						
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	16	D3	7,649		36,781	
				7,649		36,781
Designated Funds						
Total charity funds				**159,429**		**138,583**

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA..

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 8.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



M WILLIAMS

Trustee

Approved by the board of trustees on 5th April 2022

The notes attached on pages 15 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

River Holme Connections

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , effective January 2016, , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity.
A risk assessment is carried out by the Trustees at each quarterly meeting. The risk assessment identifies the major risks faced by the charitable company and reviews the systems and procedures in place to manage those risks. A day is devoted in Autumn each year to develop a strategy and business plan for the forthcoming year.

Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the charity.
However, the trustees value the significant contribution made to the activities of the charity by unpaid volunteers and this is described more fully in Note6.

Policies relating to assets, liabilities and provisions and other matters.

Cash and bank balances
Cash held by the charity is included at the amount actually held and counted at the year end. Bank balances, whether in credit or overdrawn, are shown at the amounts properly reconciled to the bank statements.

Pensions - defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Fund Accounting

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

The charity recieves no designated funds.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal or as implied by law.

There are no endowment funds.

River Holme Connections

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

2 Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

4 Significance of financial instruments to the charity's position

A loan of £25000 was provided to the charity for purposes of fully funding a full time river steward for two years, or until the project had broken even. The loan was provided free of interest and with no repayment schedule.

5 Net surplus before tax in the financial year

	2021	2020
	£	£
The net surplus before tax in the financial year is stated after charging:-		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	4,550	3,180
Pension costs	1,011	976

6 The contribution of volunteers

Covid-19 restrictions reduced the number of volunteering opportunities for most of the year, but just under 2000 hours of practical tasks were undertaken, plus over 200 hours of trustee input at operational and strategic levels. Volunteers received support during the lockdown periods and were offered free equipment to enable them to undertake practical tasks on their own. They were also encouraged to contribute material to the RHC website.

7 Staff costs and emoluments

Salary costs	**2021**	**2,020**
	£	£
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	52,235	48,248
Employer's National Insurance for all staff	-	892
Employer's operating costs of defined contribution pension schemes	1,011	976
Total salaries, wages and related costs	**53,246**	**50,116**
The average number of part time staff employed in the year was	**2**	**2**
The average number of full time staff employed in the year was	**1**	**1**
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed in the year was	**2**	**2**
The estimated equivalent number of full time staff deployed in different activities in the year was:-		
Engaged on charitable activities	**1**	1
Engaged on management and administration	**1**	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed as above	**2**	2

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

No employees received emoluments (excluding pension costs) in excess of £60,000 per annum.

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8 Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the costs of which are shown above.

The charity incurred a liability for pensions of £2,359 during the year. This includes £1,348 of employee contributions recognised as part of the wages expense, and £1,011 of employer contributions recognised as a separate item. Of this a total of £831 relates to pension contributions relating to the river stewardship, and are therefore deemed to be an expense of restricted funds. This consists of £1,108 of employee contributions, and £856 of employer contributions.

Any liabilites and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

9 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

10 Intangible Fixed Assets

	2021 £	2020 £
Goodwill:		
Cost		
At 1 January 2021	1,563	1,563
Additions	-	
At 31 December 2021	**1,563**	**1,563**
Amortisation		
At 1 January 2021	625	313
Provided during the year	313	313
At 31 December 2021	**938**	**626**
Net book value	**625**	**937**

Website development costs are being written off in equal annual instalments over its estimated economic life of 5 years, which equates to amortisation at 20% straight line.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

Current Year	Plant & Machinery	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 January 2021	18,440	18,440
Additions	4,108	4,108
At 31 December 2021	**22,548**	**22,548**
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2021	10,167	10,167
Charge for the year	4,550	4,550
At 31 December 2021	**14,717**	**14,717**
Net book value		
At 31 December 2021	**7,831**	**7,831**
At 31 December 2020	**8,273**	**8,273**

Prior Year	Plant & Machinery	Total
	£	£
Cost		
01 January 2020	17,589	17,589
Additions	851	851
01 January 2021	**18,440**	**18,440**
Depreciation		
01 January 2020	6,987	6,987
Charge for the year	3,180	3,180
01 January 2021	**10,167**	**10,167**
Net book value		
01 January 2021	**8,273**	**8,273**
02 January 2020	**10,602**	**10,602**

12 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	8,080	13,497
Other debtors	2,146	72
	10,226	**13,569**

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	690	1,080
PAYE, NIC VAT and other taxes	-	-
Other creditors	25,000	25,000
	25,690	**26,080**

14 Income and Expenditure account summary

	2021	2020
	£	£
At 1 January 2021	138,584	95,873
Surplus after tax for the year	20,846	42,711
At 31 December 2021	**159,429**	**138,584**

15 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 December 2021	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Intangible Assets	625	-	-	**625**
Tangible Fixed Assets	7,831	-	-	**7,831**
Current Assets	24,883		151,780	**176,663**
Current Liabilities	(25,690)	-	-	**(25,690)**
	7,649	**-**	**151,780**	**159,429**

At 1 January 2021	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Intangible Assets	937	-	-	**937**
Tangible Fixed Assets	8,273	-	-	**8,273**
Current Assets	53,652	-	101,801	**155,453**
Current Liabilities	(26,080)	-	-	**(26,080)**
	36,782	**-**	**101,801**	**138,583**

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16 Change in total funds over the year as shown in Note 15 , analysed by individual funds

	Fund brought forward from 2020	Movement in funds 2021	Transfers between funds in 2021	Funds carried forward to 2022
		See Note 17	See Note 19	
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	36,781	(29,132)	-	**7,649**
Total unrestricted and designated funds	**36,781**	**(29,132)**	**-**	**7,649**
Restricted funds:-				
Awards for All	4,787	(3,414)	-	**1,373**
Arnold Clark	-	286	-	**286**
Bank & Branches	-	6,434	-	**6,434**
Bright Green	-	948	-	**948**
Coop Local	-	4,920	-	**4,920**
CEL Routes	1	(2,130)	-	**(2,129)**
CEL Sands	6,615	-	-	**6,615**
CEL Trees	5,670	-	-	**5,670**
Cummins Community Development	33,212	-	-	**33,212**
Future Projects	-	5,000		**5,000**
Duck Feeding Area Phase II	-	(6,375)		**(6,375)**
Hirst Brierley	-	1,515	-	**1,515**
Nineveh	-	2,184	-	**2,184**
One Community Fund	4,369	1,000	-	**5,369**
PCLT Holme Improvements	10,532	15,238	-	**25,770**
River Stewardship	22,536	9,696	-	**32,232**
River Runs Deep Phase II	-	(429)	-	**(429)**
Riverside Way	-	4,680	-	**4,680**
Thongsbridge Wild Space	13,525	(12,092)	-	**1,433**
WRF	-	23,692	-	**23,692**
Sundry Other Funds	555	(1,175)	-	**(620)**
Total restricted funds	**101,802**	**49,978**	**-**	**151,780**
Total charity funds	**138,583**	**20,846**	**-**	**159,429**

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17 Analysis of movements in funds over the year as shown in Note 16

	Income	Expenditure	Other Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	2021	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	44,499	(73,631)	-	**(29,132)**
Unrestricted Revaluation Reserve	-	-	-	**-**
Restricted funds:-				
Awards for All	-	(3,415)	-	**(3,415)**
Arnold Clark	1,000	(714)	-	**286**
Bank & Branches	96,461	(90,027)	-	**6,434**
Bright Green	3,550	(2,602)	-	**948**
Coop Local	5,070	(149)	-	**4,921**
CEL Routes	-	(2,130)	-	**(2,130)**
Duck Feeding Area Phase II	-	(6,375)	-	**(6,375)**
Future Projects	5,000	-	-	**5,000**
Hirst Brieley	3,000	(1,485)	-	**1,515**
Nineveh	2,788	(604)	-	**2,184**
One Community Fund	1,000	-	-	**1,000**
PCLT Holme Improvements	17,906	(2,668)	-	**15,238**
River Stewardship	22,482	(12,786)	-	**9,696**
River Runs Deep Phase II	1,000	(1,429)	-	**(429)**
Riverside Way	4,931	(251)	-	**4,680**
Thongsbridge Wild Space	-	(12,092)	-	**(12,092)**
WRF	28,291	(4,599)	-	**23,692**
Sundry other funds	350	(1,455)	-	**(1,175)**
	237,328	**(216,412)**	**-**	**20,846**

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18 The purposes for which the funds as

Unrestricted and designated funds:-

Unrestricted Revenue Funds	These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.

Restricted funds:-

River Runs Deep Phase I	The River Runs Deep Phase I reserve was created by a donation from Awards for All and was utilised to develop a bespoke art activity pack for youth leaders working with Thornton Lodge Action Group. The pack activities informed the Five Pathways to Wellbeing to boost nature connection.
Arnold Clark	The Arnold Clark reserve was created by a donation from Arnold Clark and was utilised to purchase wildflower seed, tools and PPE to enable volunteers to work to improve the River Holme catchment.
Bank & Branches	The Banks and Branches reserve was created by a donation from the Environment Agency and was utilised to purchase and plant trees and install livestock fence. This was carried out to help improve water quality and for natural flood management.
Bright Green Community Trust	The Bright Green Community Trust reserve was created by a donation from One Community Foundation and was utilised to plant and purchase native trees / hedge plants.
Coop Local Community Fund	The Co-op Local Community Fund reserve was created by the Co-op Local Community Fund and will be utilised to improve the River Holme and its green spaces for the benefit of local people and wildlife, by carrying out clean-ups, invasive plant control, running an art project and planting wildflowers.
CEL Routes	The CEL Routes reserve was created by a donation from Cobbett Environmental Limited and was utilised to improve access to three areas of the river catchment area by providing signage, and in one case upgrading a footpath and providing a seating area, which meets the CEL Route's qualifying criteria.
Duck Feeding Area Phase II	The Duck Feeding Area Phase II reserve was created from Phase I reserves and was utilised to improve the duck feeding area by installing trenches for a new lighting system.
Future Projects	The Future Projects reserve was created by an individual donation.
Hirst Brierley	The Hirst Brierley reserve was created by a donation from One Community Foundation and was utilised in tree planting, tree scheme maintenance and purchase of native trees / hedge plants.
Nineveh Trust	The Nineveh Trust reserve was created by a donation from The Nineveh Trust and was utilised in purchasing wildlife monitoring equipment and running a number of bioblitz events.
One Community	The One Community reserve was created by a donation from One Community Foundation and will be utilised to advance health and safety of volunteer workers, which meets One Community's qualifying criteria.
PCLT Holme Improvements	The PCLT Holme Improvements reserve was created by a donation from PCLT and will be utilised in general clean-up work throughout the river catchment area, and providing environment restoration through invasive species clearance and replanting with native wildflower, which meets the PCLT Holme Improvements qualifying criteria.
River Stewardship	The River Stewardship reserve is created by public donations from Japanese knotweed treatment programme and staff time from other funding reserves.
River Runs Deep Phase II	The River Runs Deep II reserve was created by a donation from One Community Kirklees General Fund and was utilised by sub-contracting an artist to deliver art sessions at Thornton Action Lodge and purchasing art resources.
Riverside Way	The Riverside Way reserve was created by a donation from the Holme Valley Parish Council and was utilised in community consultations, obtaining landowner information and permissions along the route and purchasing new way markers.
Thongsbridge Wild Space	A new wild area for Thongsbridge Recreation Ground that has created 280m of accessible path, picnic area, wildflower meadow and tree-planting scheme.
White Rose Forest	The White Rose Forest reserve was created by a donation from the White Rose Forest. It was utilised in tree planting, tree scheme maintenance and purchase of native trees / hedge plants and installation of a livestock fence.

19 ***Ultimate controlling party*** The charity is under the control of its legal members.

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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2021 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

	Current year Funds 2021 £	Current year Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2020 £
Other income and recharges				
Awards for All	-	-		10,000
Arnold Clark	-	1,000	**1,000**	-
Banks & Branches	-	96,461	**96,461**	-
Bright Green	-	3,550	**3,550**	-
Coop Local	-	5,070	**5,070**	-
CEL Routes	-	-	**-**	2,550
CEL Trees	-	-	**-**	6,004
Duck Feeding area Phase II	-	-	**-**	-
Future Projects	-	5,000	**5,000**	-
Hirst Brieley	-	3,000	**3,000**	-
JW Memorial Trees	-	125	**125**	
Nineveh	-	2,788	**2,788**	-
One Community Fund	-	1,000	**1,000**	7,945
PCLT Holme Improvements	-	17,906	**17,906**	-
River Stewardship	-	22,482	**22,482**	32,971
River Runs Deep Phase II	-	1,000	**1,000**	-
Riverside Way	-	4,931	**4,931**	-
Third Sector Leaders	-	-	**-**	1,000
Thongsbridge Wild Space	-	-	**-**	14,206
Thornton Lodge Youth Work	-	225	**225**	-
WRF	-	28,291	**28,291**	-
Unrestricted	44,519	-	**44,519**	73,575
Water Conservators	-	-	**-**	350
Total Other income and recharges	**44,519**	**192,829**	**237,348**	**148,601**

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20 Total Income from charitable activities

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2021	2021	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Income from funders		44,519	192,829	-	148,601
Total from charitable activities	**A2**	**44,519**	**192,829**	**-**	**148,601**

21 Income from other, non charitable, trading activities

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2021	2021	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Trading activities to raise funds for the charity		-	-	-	-
Total from other activities	**A3**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

22 Investment income

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2021	2021	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable		15	-	**15**	390
Total investment income	**A4**	**15**	**-**	**15**	**390**

23 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2021	2021	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Subcontract payments		3,593	107,571	**111,164**	**21,528**
Total direct spending	**B2a**	**3,593**	**107,571**	**111,164**	**21,528**

24 Expenditure on charitable activities - Charitable trading

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2021	2021	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Reallocated from support costs		**-**	**-**	**105,317**	**87,784**
Total charitable trading costs	**B2b**	**-**	**-**	**105,317**	**87,784**

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25 Support costs for charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs not included in direct costs				
Other salaries	18,308	33,927	**52,235**	**48,248**
Employer's NI - Other salaries	-	-	**-**	**892**
Defined contribution pension costs - Other salaries	180	831	**1,011**	**976**
Training and welfare - staff	1,444		**1,444**	**3,154**
Travel and subsistence - staff	368	409	**777**	**1,337**
Premises Expenses				
Rent payable under operating leases	4,030		**4,030**	**4,030**
Room Hire			**-**	**-**
Cleaning and waste management	53		**53**	**-**
Office costs and media	329		**329**	**631**
Administrative overheads				
Telephone, fax and internet	1,058		**1,058**	**1,065**
Postage	143		**143**	**170**
Stationery and printing	1,688	507	**2,195**	**1,454**
Membership subscriptions	-		**-**	**25**
Equipment expenses	1,425	30,324	**31,749**	**17,703**
Software licences and expenses	38		**38**	**56**
Advertising and marketing	1,609	189	**1,798**	**2,355**
Temps & Recruitment	675	-	**675**	**-**
Liabilty and contents insurance	1,166		**1,166**	**1,298**
Sundry expenses	202	16	**218**	**40**
Entertainment			**-**	**34**
Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner				
Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	690	-	**690**	**690**
Other legal and professional	376	469	**845**	**130**
Financial costs				
Bank charges	-	-	**-**	**1**
Depreciation & Amortisation in total for	4,863	-	**4,863**	**3,493**
Support costs before reallocation	**38,645**	**66,672**	**105,317**	**87,782**
Less support costs reallocated to specific activities				
To charitable trading costs	(38,645)	(66,672)	**(105,317)**	**(87,784)**
To grant making costs	-	-	**-**	**-**
To costs of raising funds	-	-	**-**	**-**
To non charitable costs	-	-	-	**-**
Total support costs - Current Year	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(2)**
				-
The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies				**-**
				-

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26 Total Charitable expenditure

		Current year Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2021 £	Current year Total Funds 2021 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2020 £
Total direct spending	**B2a**	3,593	107,571	**111,164**	**21,528**
Total charitable trading costs	**B2b**	-	-	**105,317**	**87,784**
Total support costs	**B2d**	-	-	**-**	**(2)**
Total charitable expenditure	**B2**	**3,593**	**107,571**	**216,481**	**109,310**