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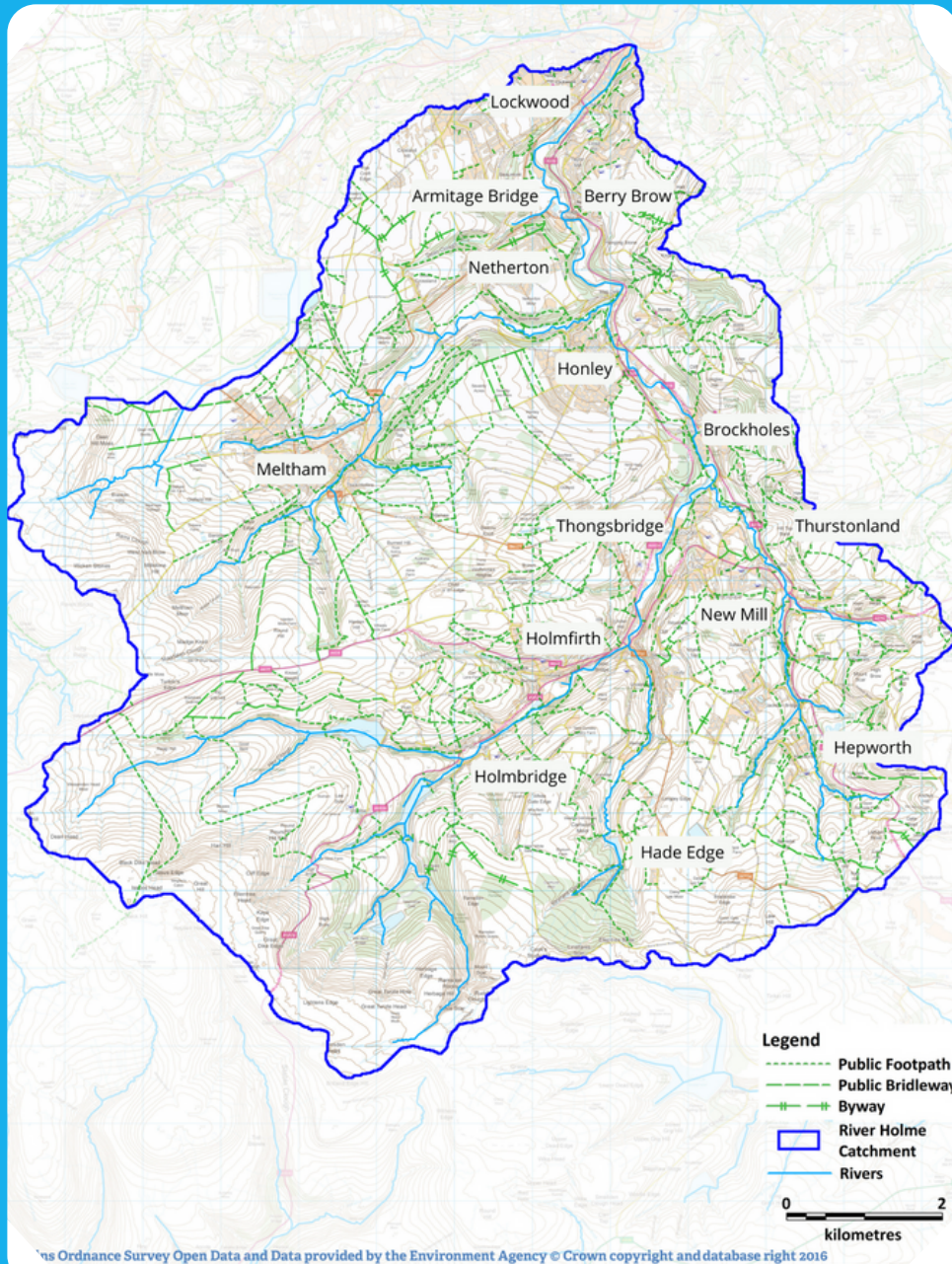
Annual Report

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.



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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



Tree Guard Clearing, Meltham



Tree Planting, Netherthong



Balsam Bashing

familiar faces to our work parties and events, and enjoyed meeting new ones too. 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

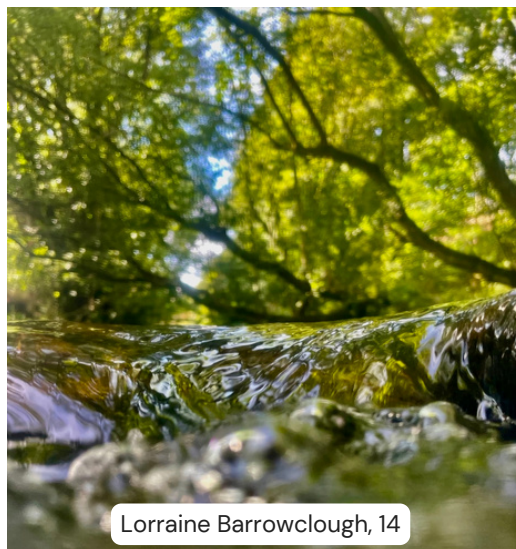
Holmfirth artist Ashley Jackson and Linda Crosby had the difficult task of judging our 40 entrants.

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."



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.



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.



Thongsbridge 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



Japanese Knotweed Control



Himalayan Balsam Clearance, Magdale

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

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.

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.

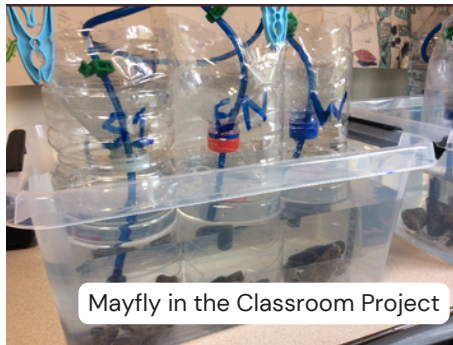
We enjoyed making willow fish and decorating them with autumn leaves. We also got very messy making fat balls for the birds, before a race against the clock to find and answer all the nature quiz questions that were hidden in the woods.



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.



Mayfly in the Classroom Release



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.



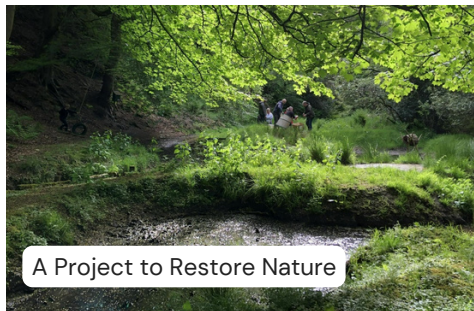
Bug House Making



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:

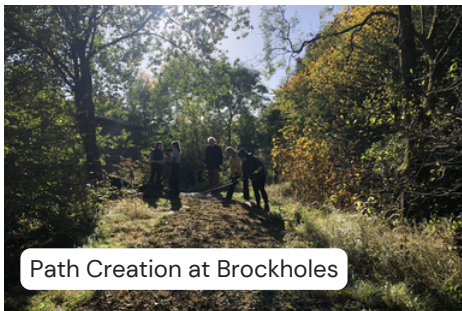
Twenty local primary schools have been invited to join our 'River Explorer' education programme, which seeks to help educate young people on the importance of river ecosystems.



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.

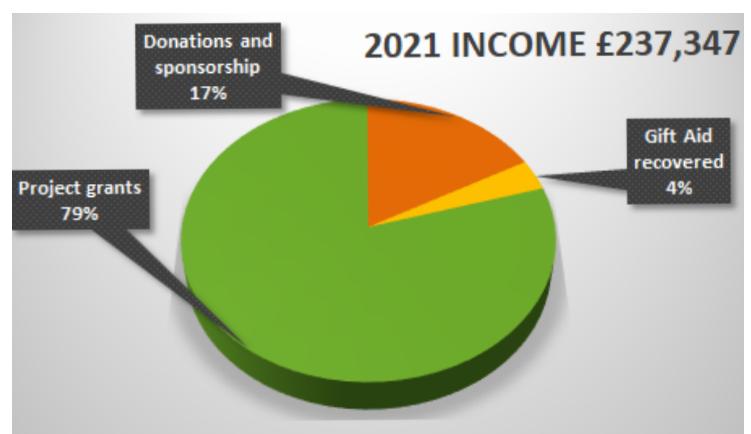
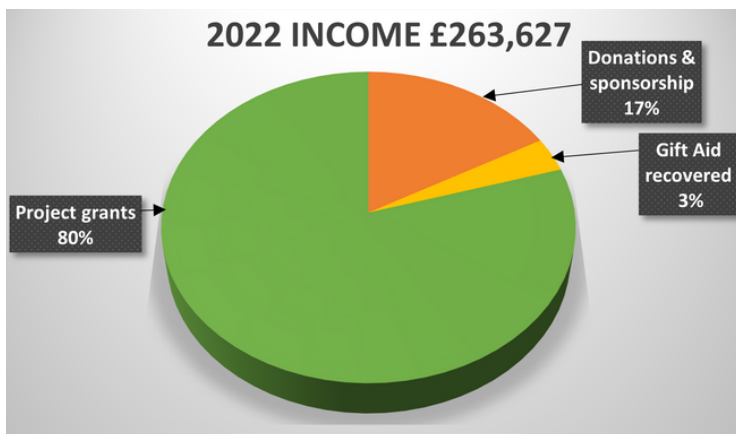
This kickstarts our long-term project to increase engagement and education of water quality and river habitats among children in our catchment schools.

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



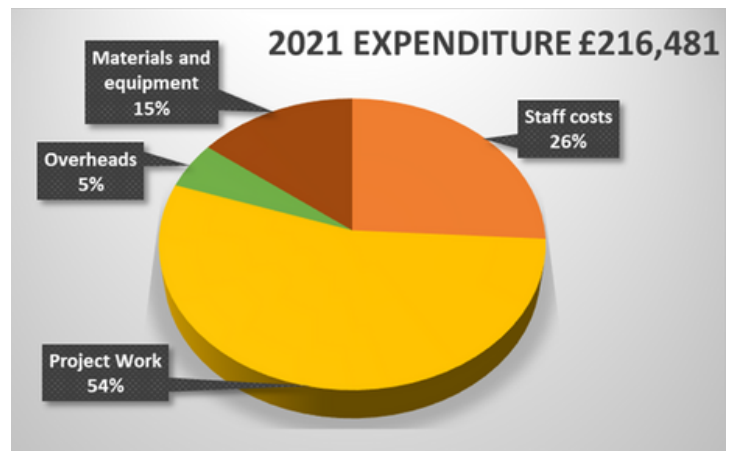
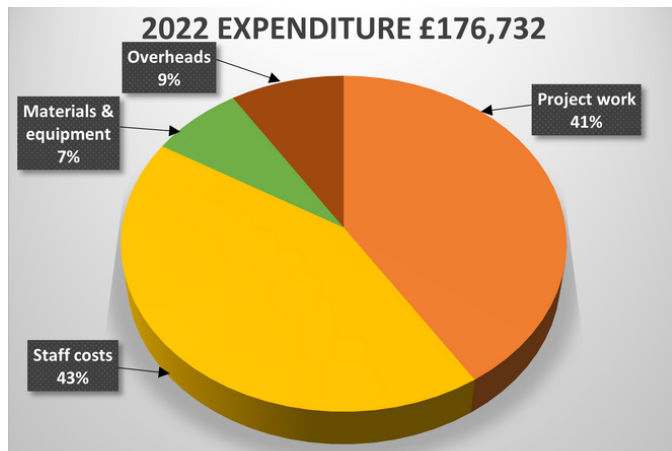
Expenditure for 2022 decreased by 18% from £216,481 to £176,732 in 2022.

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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River Holme Connections

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.

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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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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Details of The Independent Examiner

Pierrepont Accountants

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Lee-Richards', with a small dot at the end.

River Holme Connections

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 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;

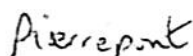
the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

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 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 Accountants - Independent Examiner

The Association of Chartered Management Accountants

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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:-					
Total funds brought forward	E	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:-				
Total funds brought forward	E	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.

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.

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

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 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Last Year Total Funds 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 related	-	-
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

	SORP		2022	2021
	Note	Ref	£	£
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.

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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.

River Holme Connections

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 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

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

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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	<u>246,513</u>	<u>159,429</u>

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)
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,913</u>	<u>246,513</u>
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)
	<u>39,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,547</u>	<u>159,429</u>

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16 Change in total funds over the year analysed 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 Defibrillator	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 Community 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	-	-	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.

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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 classified 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 Defibrillator				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
Liability 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 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 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

Company Registration Number - CE004500 .

The Charity Registration Number is :- 1163873

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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

Pierrepont Accountants

Member of The Association of Chartered Management Accountants

Millfelds House
Huddersfield Road
Holmfirth
West Yorkshire
HD9 3JL

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.

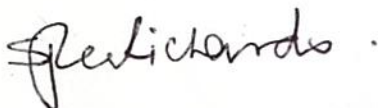
The financial statements have been prepared implementing the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S Lee-Richards', with a small dot at the end.

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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 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 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 Accountants - Independent Examiner

The Association of Chartered Management Accountants

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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:-					
Total funds brought forward	E	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:-				
Total funds brought forward	E	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.

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.

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

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 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Last Year Total Funds 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 related	-	-
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

	SORP		2022	2021
	Note	Ref	£	£
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 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

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

Any liabilities 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	<u>246,513</u>	<u>159,429</u>

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)
	<u>3,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>242,913</u>	<u>246,513</u>
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)
	<u>39,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,547</u>	<u>159,429</u>

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16 Change in total funds over the year analysed 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 Defibrillator	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 Community 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	-	-	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.

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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 classified 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 Defibrillator				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
	£	£	£	£
<i>Employee costs not included in direct costs</i>				
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
<i>Premises Expenses</i>				
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
<i>Administrative overheads</i>				
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
Liability and contents insurance	2,786	29	2,815	1,166
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	50
Charity administration	2,113	-	2,113	168
Motor expenses	763	-	763	-
<i>Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner</i>				
Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	1,813	-	1,813	690
Other legal and professional	451	133	584	845
<i>Financial costs</i>				
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 2022 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2022 £	Current year Total Funds 2022 £	Prior Year Total Funds 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