



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	06	Apr	2022	To	05	Apr	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	KESCRG
Other names charity is known by	Kescrg Canal Restoration Group
Registered charity number (if any)	1165205
Charity's principal address	Unit 16B First Floor Chiltern Court, Asheridge Road Chesham Postcode HP5 2PX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roy Sutton		6 Apr 2022–17 Jan 2023	
2	Mark Richardson			
3	Edward Walker			
4	Ian Williamson			
5	Stephen Davis			
6	Adrian Crow		From 17 Jan 2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitably Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Organisation:

KESCRG exists to coordinate volunteer working parties to aid Canal restoration projects generally but not exclusively around the south of England. These working parties run broadly one weekend a month. The working parties are organised by the KESCRG working Committee, drawn from the body of volunteers, which comprises both trustees and non-trustees. Our body of volunteers is around 30 individuals over the year, with each working party attracting up to 15 people.

Relationships:

KESCRG works closely other canal charities and trusts to coordinate and identify opportunities to contribute voluntary effort to suitable restoration projects.

Risks:

KESCRG volunteers work on construction sites, consequently KESCRG operates a full Health and Safety Policy including Risk Assessments and Method Statements covering our operations.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote the restoration, conservation, maintenance and protection of canals and waterways within the UK for the use and benefit of the public in particular but not exclusively through the provision of work parties and voluntary labour to undertake physical restoration and maintenance in conjunction with waterways societies and other organisations.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In this period KESCRG organised 8 weekend working parties and provided the leadership team for a Waterway Recovery Group summer week-long Canal Camp. We also assisted the Wey and Arun Canal Trust with a publicity stand at the Surrey Hills Wood Fair to raise public awareness of the Canal Restoration activity in their local area.

KESCRG volunteers contributed to the restoration objectives of the following partner charities:

- The Wey and Arun Canal Trust (charity 265331)
- The Wendover Canal Trust (charity 801190)
- The Canal and Rivers Trust (charity 1146792)
- The Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Canal Trust (charity 1010721)
- The Waterway Recovery Group, a subsidiary of The Inland Waterways Association (charity 212342)
- The Cotswold Canals Trust (charity 269721)
- The Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust (charity 1088706)

The work parties contributed to 5 projects on 5 different navigations, with the objective of furthering the restoration and maintenance of the canals, providing long-term improved environmental and recreational resources for the general public.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Over the course of the reporting period KESCRG coordinated 8 weekend working parties and a week-long summer Canal Camp working holiday on behalf of the Waterway Recovery Group. We also provided skilled volunteers to assist with the 'Drive a Digger' experience for young people at the Surrey Hills Wood Fair.

Volunteer engagement for weekends is still below pre-covid levels, and consequently several of the weekends were held in conjunction with the London WRG and WRG Forestry groups to ensure the working parties were viable. The summer camp was curtailed due to several volunteers testing positive for Covid part way through the week.

However the contribution that our volunteers are able to make to the various canal restoration projects is extremely valuable due to the skills and experience we are able to draw upon.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Working parties were as follows:

- 14/15th May 2022 – Wendover Arm, joint with London WRG. Investigating leakage at Whitehouses overflow weir, and earthworks at Little Tring.
- 11/12th June 2022 – Hereford and Gloucester, preparation works for 3 weeks of WRG Summer camps - culvert installation.
- 2nd-9th July 2022 – Hereford and Gloucester WRG Summer camp, completing installation of culvert and stream diversion for canal reinstatement at Malswick. This camp was curtailed to 4 days due to a Covid outbreak among the volunteers.
- 10/11th Sept 2022 – Assistance with the Wey and Arun 'Drive a Digger' experience for young people at the Surrey Hills Wood Fair, raising awareness of the Canal Restoration project.
- 1/2nd Oct 2022 – Wey and Arun, joint with WRG Forestry, clearing trees affected by Ash Dieback around Drungewick
- 5/6th Nov 2022 – Wey and Arun, joint with WRG Forestry, clearing trees affected by Ash Dieback around Drungewick
- 26/27th Nov 2022 – Wey and Arun, joint with London WRG & WRG Forestry, clearing trees affected by Ash Dieback around Drungewick
- 4/5th Feb – John Robinson lock on the Cotswolds Canals west of Stroud. Site clearance and lock excavation
- 4/5th March – John Robinson Lock on the Cotswolds Canals west of Stroud. Continued lock excavation, preparation of compound and relocation of Coping Stones to facilitate rebuilding work planned for the summer.
- 25/26th March – Shrewsbury and Newport, joint with London WRG and WRG Forestry. Scrub clearance around Uffington.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

KESCRG maintains a reserve sufficient to cover insurance for its operations for 1 year

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

KESCRG's principal sources of funding for this period were contributions towards subsistence from volunteers on working parties.

KESCRG's principal out going is the Insurance required to support our activities on construction sites and to protect our equipment.

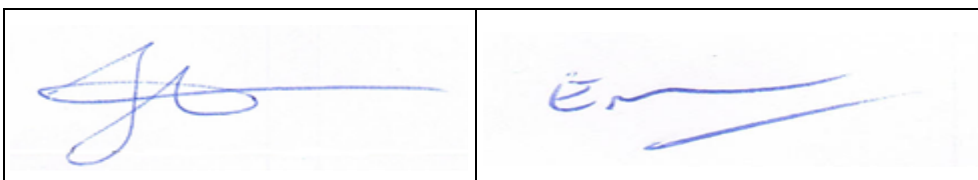
Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Ian Williamson

Edward Walker

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Trustee

Date

19 November 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Kescrg

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

06-Apr-22

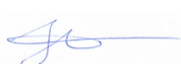

To

05-Apr-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations		-	-	-	
IWA raffle - share of proceeds		-	-	-	
100 Club		-	-	-	
costs	962	-	-	962	394
Sale of assets		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	962	-	-	962	394
(see table).	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	962	-	-	962	394
A3 Payments					
Food and refreshments for volunteers	680	-	-	680	316
Insurance	782	-	-	782	747
Fuel	94	-	-	94	
Tools and equipment	38	-	-	38	105
Subscriptions	69	-	-	69	54
Goods purchased for resale		-	-	-	
Publicity and website		-	-	-	262
Other	169	-	-	169	95
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,832	-	-	1,832	1,579
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,832	-	-	1,832	1,579
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 870	-	-	- 870	- 1,185
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,782	-	-	7,782	8,967
Cash funds this year end	6,912	-	-	6,912	7,782

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds 6912	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cast at bank	6,912	-	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,912	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Ian Williamson	19-Nov-23
			Edward Walker	19-Nov-23