



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	06	Apr	2023	To	05	Apr	2024

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	Elizabeth Williamson		From 17 Jan 2024	
2	Mark Richardson			
3	Edward Walker			
4	Ian Williamson			
5	Stephen Davis			
6	Adrian Crow			
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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 6 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 Waterway Recovery Group, a subsidiary of The Inland Waterways Association (charity 212342)
- The Cotswold Canals Trust (charity 269721)
- The Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Trust (charity 702429)
- The Friends of the Cromford Canal (charity 1164608)

The work parties contributed to 5 projects on 4 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 6 weekend working parties, including a 5-day extended working party on the Cromford Canal Beggerlee extension project providing specialist skills and experience to complete drainage and culvert works on the site before a statutory deadline, 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 recovering and approaching pre-covid levels, typically attracting 10-15 volunteers and drawing from a pool of around 30 individuals. In total over the year we have provided around 2000 volunteer-hours to the various canal restoration projects.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Working parties were as follows:

- 13/14th May 2023 – Wendover Arm. This working party was cancelled at short notice due to work permissions on the local project
- 10/11th June 2023 – Lichfield Canal, joint weekend with London WRG. Towpath and ducting work at Darnford Moors Ecology Park.
- 15th – 22nd July 2023 – Cotswold Canals, WRG Summer camp. Construction work on the restoration of Westfield/John Robinson Lock west of Stroud.
- 1st - 5th Sept 2023 – Cromford Canal, drainage and culvert works on the Beggerlee extension project
- 9th Sept 2023 – 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.
- 7/8th Oct 2023 – Cotswold Canals, construction work on the restoration of Westfield / John Robinson lock west of Stroud.
- 2nd/3rd Dec 2023 – Wey and Arun, joint with London WRG & WRG Forestry, clearing scrub and hedging to allow access to trees affected by Ash Dieback below Brewhurst Lock
- 3rd/4th Feb 2024 – Wey and Arun, scrub clearance below Devils Hole Lock
- 2nd/3rd March 2024 – John Robinson Lock on the Cotswolds Canals west of Stroud. Removal of trees from brook in preparation for installation of culvert under lock forebay

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, and a contribution from our associated 100 club.

KESCRG's principal out going is the Insurance required to support our activities on construction sites and to protect our equipment, and providing food for our volunteers on dig weekends.

Section F

Other optional information

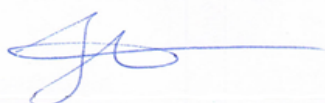
Section G

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

1st December 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	6-Apr-23	To	5-Apr-24
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	35	-	-	35
100 Club	1,000	-	-	1,000
Contributions from volunteers towards food costs	1,666	-	-	1,666
Sale of assets	300	-	-	300
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,001	-	-	3,001
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,001	-	-	3,001
A3 Payments				
Food and refreshments for volunteers	1,122	-	-	1,122
Insurance	759	-	-	759
Fuel	100	-	-	100
Tools and equipment		-	-	-
Subscriptions	73	-	-	73
Goods purchased for resale		-	-	-
Publicity and website	169	-	-	169
Other		-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,223	-	-	2,223
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,223	-	-	2,223
Net of receipts/(payments)	778	-	-	778
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,912	-	-	6,912
Cash funds this year end	7,690	-	-	7,690

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cast at bank	7,690	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	7,690	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	
		Edward Walker	

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JL', enclosed in a black rectangular box.

Ian Williamson

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Last year

to the nearest £

962
-
-
962

-
-

962

680
782
94
38
69
169
-
1,832

-

1,832

-	870
	-
	7,782
	6,912



**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
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OK

**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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When due (optional)

Date of approval

1st December 2024

1st December 2024