



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	06	Apr	2024	To	05	Apr	2025

### 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			
2	Mark Richardson			
3	Edward Walker		To 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	
4	Ian Williamson		To 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	
5	Stephen Davis			
6	Adrian Crow			
7	Robert Silverwood		From 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	
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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 work parties contributed to 5 projects on 3 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 and contributed to 11 weekend working parties, and a week-long summer Canal Camp working holiday on behalf of the Waterway Recovery Group.

Volunteer engagement for weekends is typically 10-15 volunteers and drawing from a pool of around 30 individuals. In total over the year we have provided around 2500 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:

- 13/14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Wey and Arun Canal. Bank protection work above Southlands lock
- 11/12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Cotswold Canals, brick work at Dock Lock and John Robinson lock.
- 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Cotswold Canals, Weymoor bridge stream diversion and preparations for WRG summer camp
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Wey and Arun Canal, WRG Summer camp. Towpath and Bridleway upgrade and restoration at Bonfire Hanger
- 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - Wey and Arun Canal, with NWPG and local volunteers, completing works on Bonfire Handler towpath
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 – Cotswold Canals, Weymoor bridge long weekend with LondonWRG casting concrete walls for aqueduct trough over brook
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Cotswold Canals, removing scaffolding from Blunder Lock and relocating to Pike Lock west of Stroud
- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 – Wey and Arun, joint with London WRG & WRG Forestry, felling and clearing trees affected by Ash Dieback below Brewhurst Lock
- 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Wey and Arun, joint with London WRG & WRG Forestry, felling and clearing trees affected by Ash Dieback below Brewhurst Lock
- 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Cotswold Canals, joint with London WRG & Forestry, clearing scrub on the offside from Newtown to Pike locks west of Stroud
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 – Cotswold Canals, carpark gabions at Pike Lock and scrub clearance on the offside at Blunder lock
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Lichfield and Hatherton Canals, joint with London WRG, towpath work

## 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


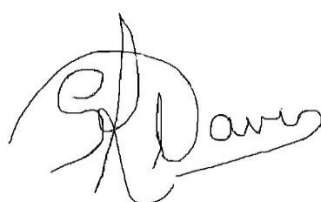
## Section G

## 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)

Stephen Davis

Elizabeth Williamson

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Trustee

Date

30 Nov 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Kescrg

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	6-Apr-24	To	5-Apr-25
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations	3	-	-	3
100 Club	800	-	-	800
Contributions from volunteers towards food costs	803	-	-	803
Sale of assets	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	1,606	-	-	1,606
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	1,606	-	-	1,606
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Food and refreshments for volunteers	667	-	-	667
Insurance	821	-	-	821
Fuel	80	-	-	80
Tools and equipment	32	-	-	32
Subscriptions	73	-	-	73
First Aid	129	-	-	129
Publicity and website	134	-	-	134
Other	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	1,936	-	-	1,936
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	1,936	-	-	1,936
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	330	-	-	330
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	7,690	-	-	7,690
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	7,360	-	-	7,360

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds 6912	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cast at bank	7,360	-
		-	-
		-	-
		7,360	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name
		#VALUE!	Stephen Davis

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**Last year**

**to the nearest £**

35
1,000
1,666
300
-
-
3,001

-
-

3,001
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1,122
759
100
73
169
2,223

-

2,223
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778
-
6,912
7,690



**Endowment  
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-

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**

30-Nov-25
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