

THE LANCASTER CANAL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1167020

Details

Other names LANCASTER CANAL TRUST

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-05-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE RESTORATION TO NAVIGATION OF THE UNNAVIGABLE SECTIONS OF THE LANCASTER CANAL, WHILST RETAINING ITS ESSENTIAL CHARACTER AND HERITAGE, IMPROVING IT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AS A PUBLIC AMENITY, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: A) STIMULATING AND RETAINING PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE NAVIGABLE AND UNNAVIGABLE SECTIONS OF THE LANCASTER CANAL AS ESSENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND HERITAGE FEATURES OF LANCASHIRE AND CUMBRIA AND TO IMPROVE A NATURAL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR BY PROVIDING A VALUABLE AMENITY FOR WALKERS, CYCLISTS, BOATERS, NATURALISTS AND VISITORS; B) ARRANGING PHYSICAL WORKS OF REPAIR AND RESTORATION, MEETINGS, LECTURES, CRUISES AND OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS EITHER ALONE OR IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER BODIES PURSUING SIMILAR AIMS; AND C) RESTORING AND ASSISTING SUCH OTHER ORGANISATIONS OR BODIES AS SHALL BE THOUGHT FIT TO RESTORE THE LANCASTER CANAL TO FULL NAVIGATION BETWEEN KENDAL AND TEWITFIELD AND TO TAKE OWNERSHIP AND OPERATE ANY PORTION OF THE RESTORED OR PARTIALLY RESTORED OR DERELICT CANAL WITHIN ITS OWNERSHIP, OR CONTROL AS NAVIGATION

Activities: Member Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership. Canal Restoration Installation/maintenance of information boards, signage, canal side seats in liaison with CRT. Monitors canal side planning

applications. Holds regular volunteer working parties for specific projects. Provides boat trips, talks, public meetings, canal festivals, shows etc for publicity, recruitment and fundraising

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£40,579	£12,159	-	-
2024-03-31	£32,728	£22,028	-	-
2023-03-31	£19,106	£12,978	-	-
2022-03-31	£16,680	£23,288	-	-
2021-03-31	£52,398	£14,365	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN MATHER		2017-08-03
Ian Andrew Treanor		2019-07-16
James Vaughan MAYES		2021-05-24
MR PETER JONES		2016-07-19
Nigel Francis Hardacre		2019-07-16
ROGER CHARLES MATTHEWS		2023-07-18
Robert David Phillips		2019-07-29
Russell Moorhouse		2025-07-15

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Report and Accounts for year ending 31 March 2025

Income and expenditure year ending 31/03/2025

Income

Sales	Year to 31/03/2025	Year to 31/03/2024
6th Ed Guide Book Sales	0.00	15.50
6th Ed Guide Book Discount	0.00	0.00
7th Ed Guide Book Discount	-280.80	-645.60
7th Edition Guide Book Adverts	0.00	0.00
7th Ed Guide Book Sales	1,351.00	2,554.30
Other Book Sales	23.00	304.80
200 Years of the Lancaster Canal	115.50	277.50
Plaque Sales	16.50	57.00
Post & Packing Sales	3.00	24.00
	1,228.20	2,587.50
Fundraising & Interest on Balances		
Buy a Block	120.00	120.00
Fund The Bund Total	0.00	96.00
Other - Gift Aided	0.00	0.00
Interest	4,800.14	3,388.84
General Fund	0.00	0.00
Talks	263.91	310.00
	5,184.05	3,914.84
Membership and Donations		
Membership Subscriptions	3,376.65	3,689.00
100 Club Subscriptions	444.00	504.00
Other Income	65.00	0.00
Gift Aid	1,652.38	0.00
Donations	25,624.30	2,628.99
Donations - Howard Broomby	0.00	175.62
	31,162.33	6,997.61
Trip Boat		
Regular Boat Trips	0.00	350.72
Chartered Trips	465.00	690.00
Trip Boat Tickets	1,970.15	2,483.00
Boater's Dinner income	569.50	555.00
	3,004.65	4,078.72
Other Comprehensive Income	0.00	15,500.00
Total Income	40,579.23	33,078.67
Expenditures		
Promotion & Events		
Country Fest - Current Year	0.00	194.00

Westmorland Show	0.00	1,135.20
Web Site	520.39	411.59
	<u>520.39</u>	<u>1,740.79</u>
Memberships & Subscriptions		
LCRP	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions Paid	133.00	133.00
	<u>133.00</u>	<u>133.00</u>
Restoration and Working Parties		
2018 FF Relining	0.00	0.00
Consumables	0.00	0.00
Contractors	0.00	0.00
FF Materials	0.00	0.00
F2&3	0.00	780.74
Miscellaneous	0.00	757.98
2020 FF Stop Planks	0.00	0.00
Equipment	339.00	69.00
General	0.00	0.00
WRG Work Camp	0.00	3,316.44
Working Party Materials	332.98	304.09
	<u>671.98</u>	<u>5,228.25</u>
Trip Boat Expenses		
Boat Fuel	339.82	224.96
Boat Insurance	0.00	1,393.52
Boat Licence (C&RT)	944.70	891.24
Boat Other Running Costs	905.51	310.55
Boat Refurbishment	2,803.48	1,275.44
Boat Training	454.10	1,939.28
Boater's Dinner Costs	554.50	555.00
	<u>6,002.11</u>	<u>6,589.99</u>
Waterwitch Magazine		
Distribution	0.00	0.00
Printing	578.00	2,092.00
	<u>578.00</u>	<u>2,092.00</u>
Governance Costs		
Accountancy	33.60	355.20
AGM	257.50	443.00
Insurance	2,653.49	1,580.32
Bank Charges	80.20	98.15
	<u>3,024.79</u>	<u>2,476.67</u>
Running Costs and Costs Of Fundraising		
Millness Building & Wharf	115.84	95.86
Utility Costs	10.14	0.00
Repairs and Maintenance	94.66	58.90
Small Tools and Equipment	0.00	0.00
7th Ed Guide Book Costs	0.00	0.00
200 Years of the Lancaster Canal Cos	0.00	0.00
100 Club Prizes & Costs	0.00	100.00
Cost of Sales	338.97	655.83
Postage	669.33	1,287.35
	<u>1,228.94</u>	<u>2,197.94</u>

Total Expenditure	12,159.21	20,458.64
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	28,420.02	12,620.03

Balance Sheet

	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024
Fixed Asset		
Total Fixed Asset	27,500.00	27,500.00
Cash at bank and in hand		
CAF Bank	21,320.11	23,787.52
NatWest	1,265.60	628.60
PayPal	0.00	271.08
Stripe	21.26	0.00
Total Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
United Trust Bank	118,903.39	89,146.20
Total Cash at bank and in hand	141,510.36	113,833.40
Debtors		
Accounts Receivable	0.00	150.00
Total Debtors	0.00	150.00
Current Assets		
Stock	3,725.23	4,064.20
Total Current Assets	3,725.23	4,064.20
Net current assets	145,235.59	118,047.60
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Total Trade Creditors	454.10	1,686.13
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	454.10	1,686.13
Net current assets (liabilities)	144,781.49	116,361.47
Total assets less current liabilities	172,281.49	143,861.47
Total net assets (liabilities)	172,281.49	143,861.47
Charity funds		
Share Capital Account	94,896.75	94,896.75
Surplus/(Deficit)	77,384.74	48,964.72
Total Charity funds	172,281.49	143,861.47

Treasurer's Report:

Sales are down this year compared to last which reflects the newness of the 7th Edition in the prior year. Interest received - principally on the reserve account held with United Trust Bank was higher by £1,400 as interest rates rose to a peak during the year and are currently falling - reflecting the reduction in the Base Rate. We claimed Gift Aid for the prior three years this year which brought in £1652. We received a bequest of £25,000 in the year from the estate of our former, and much missed, Secretary - David Gibson. Trip boat income was about £1,000 lower last year reflecting a rather wet summer and lack of customers. We have sought to improve this this year with wider advertising and promotion. This has resulted in a higher income overall of ££7,000.

In terms of expenses we paid for the county show in September twice in 2023-24 (i.e. for the 2024 event and the 2023 event) which is why we have nothing showing for the last year. We have undertaken less restoration work this year and thus spent £4,500 less this year. We saved about £300 by combining the boat and general insurance policies with a new supplier - and these are now all reflected under insurance, rather than insurance and boat insurance. Boat insurance is higher as we have paid half of the cost of a new boat cover in this year - the remainder has been paid in 2025-26 and the cover is in place. Accountancy costs reduced as we ceased to use Quikbooks for accounting saving their monthly charge.

Overall we had a surplus of £28,420 in year.

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Lancaster Canal Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Trust's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 3

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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Date: 22/7/25

Chair's Annual Report 2024-5

Author: Peter Jones (Vice Chair)

Date: 15/07/25

I am presenting this report as acting chair as a result of the resignation of Robin Yates due to ill health. The trustees would like to express our thanks to Robin for his considerable work with the Trust and wish him well for the future. This leaves the Trust in the situation of having neither a chair or secretary and reduces the number of trustees. This is not really sustainable for the long term and the trustees are endeavouring to fill these posts and making a proposal to reduce the formally required number of trustees should that prove necessary.

Sadly, in recent months, we have learnt of the passing away of two stalwart supporters of the Trust, Gordon Biddle and John Gavan. Their contribution to the foundation and development of the Trust was considerable and the trustees have recorded their formal appreciation of this. Obituaries have or will be included in the Waterwitch magazine.

In terms of membership we are getting a few new members but the trend seems to be downwards. It is sad to have posted copies of Waterwitch magazine returned because the member has passed away or is no longer at the address we have.

The financial status of the Trust continues to be solid, as seen in the accounts. Little has been paid out for restoration recently (as will be referred to) and we continue to benefit from legacies.

As we are all painfully aware the prospects of achieving one of the main aims of the Trust, notably the full restoration of the Northern Reaches, get further out of reach and it becomes harder to 'sell' the vision to members and the public at large. Perhaps this is the time to review this ambition.

In terms of smaller scale restoration the reduced availability of technical expertise and volunteer effort within the Trust led to the consideration of whether further work (after the First Furlong at Stainton) should be suspended until resources became available. However, in view of the fact that we have funds and out of respect for the the donors who wished to support restoration it is proposed to continue and restore the next (f2an3) length to Wellheads Lane. This may require a greater use of contractors external expertise. This can be financed from existing funds but going further will require considerably more.

The final First Furlong connection to the canal is, frustratingly, still not complete. We are still in discussion with Canal & River Trust (CRT) about leakage acceptability and the removal of the bund at Stainton. In terms of our general Working Party activities we are refocussing on the general maintenance along our own length and working with CRT further south. It has not proved possible, so far, to continue the regular volunteers bulletin that Robin produced but the mailing list is used to notify volunteers of future activities etc. The lack of a nominated working party supervisor has meant that the role has been distributed amongst other volunteers.

In recent time the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership (LCRP) has had a surge of enthusiasm and activity, including, in particular the extension to the Towpath Trail as far as Holme with plans to go further. As part of this partnership the Trust has been able to contribute its knowledge and expertise. A main aim of LCRP activities is to make the Northern Reaches a multi-user attraction with events and general publicity. This coincides with one of the objectives of the Trust itself so it is beneficial for us to work together.

The Trust continues to have a presence at the annual Country Fest and the County Show at Crooklands. It must be admitted that selling the full restoration story (as previously mentioned) on the stand gets more difficult. They are good times for meeting members and other useful contacts.

We were pleased to share the stand recently with LCRP. We must record a note of thanks to Alan Mather and Sheila who have supported the stand for many years, including the supply of bacon butties from their caravan. They are, unfortunately for us, unable to continue this work.

Our Waterwitch trip boat continues to be an attraction both at the shows and the regular weekend sessions during the season. We must thank Ian and his enthusiastic crew for the efforts they put in, regardless of the (possibly few) number of passengers they have. After a review of our capacity to distribute leaflets, which concluded it was poor, the distribution has been contracted out to a commercial organisation in the hope that it will attract more potential passengers.

So what of the future?

Although we can 'muddle through' and continue with the activities just covered there is a shortage of effort to fulfil the statutory responsibilities of a charity as would be provided by a chair and a secretary, e.g. the formal retention of records etc. We need to pursue internal or external recruitment although the latter has not proved successful in the past.

I will continue as acting chair on a caretaker basis and, hopefully, progress the design and implementation of the f2an3 work. Jim Mayes is taking up the essential aspects of secretary for which we are very thankful. This is not the cheeriest of reviews but we must not forget the efforts of our active members without whom we could not do anything at all, many thanks to them.

Membership Report

	31/03/2024	31/03/2025
Individuals	119	96
Concessions	10	7
Joint/Family	100	86
Life Members	82	88
Hon Members	18	15
Affiliated	3	3
Total	332	300

Current Membership (at 8 July& subject to payments from 12 members) is 294

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Income and expenditure year ending 31/03/2024

Income	Year Ending 31 March 2024	Year Ending 31 March 2023
Sales		
6th Ed Guide Book Sales	15.50	13.00
6th Ed Guide Book Discount	0.00	0.00
7th Ed Guide Book Discount	-645.60	-1,150.80
7th Edition Guide Book Adverts	0.00	0.00
7th Ed Guide Book Sales	2,554.30	4,575.00
Other Book Sales	304.80	119.50
200 Years of the Lancaster Canal	277.50	253.50
Plaque Sales	57.00	35.50
Post & Packing Sales	24.00	46.00
	2,587.50	3,891.70
Fundraising & Interest on Balances		
Buy a Block	120.00	110.00
Fund The Bund Total	96.00	3,538.50
Other - Gift Aided	0.00	0.00
Interest	3,388.84	1,190.21
General Fund	0.00	0.00
Talks	310.00	150.00
	3,914.84	4,988.71
Membership and Donations		
Membership Subscriptions	3,689.00	3,849.00
100 Club Subscriptions	504.00	622.00
Other Income	0.00	860.00
Donations	2,628.99	1,555.33
Donations - Howard Broomby	175.62	520.00
	6,997.61	7,406.33
Trip Boat		
Chartered Trips	690.00	458.50
Trip Boat Tickets	2,483.00	2,360.42
Boater's Dinner income	555.00	661.95
	3,728.00	3,480.87
Other Comprehensive Income	15,500.00	
Total Income	32,727.95	19,767.61
Expenditures		
Promotion & Events		
Country Fest - Current Year	194.00	0.00
Westmorland Show	1,135.20	282.60
Web Site	411.59	2,104.80
	1,740.79	2,387.40
Memberships & Subscriptions		
LCRP	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions Paid	133.00	129.00
	133.00	129.00
Restoration and Working Parties		
2018 FF Relining	0.00	0.00
Consumables	0.00	0.00
Contractors	0.00	0.00
FF Materials	0.00	0.00
F2&3	780.74	0.00
Miscellaneous	757.98	400.00
2020 FF Stop Planks	0.00	0.00
Equipment	69.00	33.65
General	0.00	0.00
WRG Work Camp	4,636.44	0.00
Working Party Materials	304.09	47.40
	6,548.25	481.05
Trip Boat Expenses		
Boat Fuel	224.96	0.00

Boat Insurance	1,393.52	0.00
Boat Licence (C&RT)	891.24	766.03
Boat Other Running Costs	310.55	0.00
Boat Refurbishment	1,367.44	477.90
Boat Training	1,939.28	1,050.34
Boater's Dinner Costs	555.00	661.95
	<u>6,681.99</u>	<u>2,956.22</u>
Waterwitch Magazine		
Distribution	0.00	348.23
Printing	2,092.00	1,128.00
	<u>2,092.00</u>	<u>1,476.23</u>
Governance Costs		
Accountancy	355.20	316.80
AGM	443.00	123.34
Insurance	1,580.32	2,004.96
Bank Charges	98.15	108.51
	<u>2,476.67</u>	<u>2,553.61</u>
Running Costs and Costs Of Fundraising		
Millness Building & Wharf	95.86	70.11
Utility Costs	0.00	46.35
Repairs and Maintenance	58.90	8.99
Small Tools and Equipment	0.00	2,005.35
7th Ed Guide Book Costs	0.00	1,145.00
	157.08	
200 Years of the Lancaster Canal Costs	0.00	
100 Club Prizes & Costs	100.00	135.00
Cost of Sales	655.83	1,152.97
Postage	1,287.35	283.97
	<u>2,355.02</u>	<u>4,847.74</u>
Total Expenditure	22,027.72	14,831.25
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	10,700.23	4,936.36

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
Fixed Asset		
Total Fixed Asset	27,500.00	12,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand		
CAF Bank	23,787.52	28,654.88
NatWest	628.60	1,629.30
PayPal	271.08	456.28
Total Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
United Trust Bank	89,146.20	85,817.76
Total Cash at bank and in hand	113,833.40	116,558.22
Debtors		
Accounts Receivable	150.00	0.00
Total Debtors	150.00	0.00
Current Assets		
Stock	4,064.20	4,720.03
Total Current Assets	4,064.20	4,720.03
Net current assets	118,047.60	121,278.25
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade Creditors		
Accounts Payable	1,686.13	117.01
Total Trade Creditors	1,686.13	117.01
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1,686.13	117.01
Net current assets (liabilities)	116,361.47	121,161.24
Total assets less current liabilities	143,861.47	133,161.24
Total net assets (liabilities)	143,861.47	133,161.24
Charity funds		
Share Capital Account	94,896.75	94,896.75
Surplus/(Deficit)	48,964.72	38,264.49
Total Charity funds	143,861.47	133,161.24

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Treasurer's Report – Year Ending 31 March 2024

Superficially, it looks like the trust had a good year with a surplus of £10,700.23. However, this surplus is due to a revaluation of NB Waterwitch for insurance purposes and as a result the trip boat was been valued at £27,500.00 an increase of £15,500 from the carried value of £12,000. This has generated a 'paper' surplus of £15,500 which is only realisable in the event of a sale of the trip boat.

Ignoring this item would show the trust incurring a deficit for the year of £4,800. The biggest changes from last year are a reduction in the value of sales of the 7th Edition Canal Guide by about £2,000 on last year's sales of £4,575. There is a related fall in the value of discounts given of £500 offsetting the fall in sales.

There has been a substantial fall in Fund the Bund donations as last year's total was inflated by 3 individual donations of £1,000 each and no such donations have been received in year. Following on from last year's donations in the memory of our benefactor Howard Broomby and additional £175 has been received bring the overall total to £696. The trip boat Bought in £3,524 in the year which is a £705 increase and reflects successful days at the county show and CountryFest and several extra charters.

As predicted in last year's report spending on the F2&3 restoration increased following a quiet year and spending was up by about £6,000. About £4,600 of this was on the week-long IWA Work Party and there has been an additional £1,400 on additional materials, tool hire etc for the trust's own F2&3 work parties.

Trip Boat costs were £3,725 higher than last year. Part of this was the hire of a crane at £950 to remove the boat from the water for a hull inspection. This was required following the revaluation or insurance purposes, and whilst the boat was out of the water additional costs were incurred on maintenance. With the higher insurance charge (£1,400 against £620 last year) this has now been recorded as boat insurance rather than general insurance. The Boat training costs includes 2 years' worth as invoices were received earlier than in the prior year.

Waterwitch Magazine costs fell by £616 to £2,092 most of which was higher postage charges. Governance costs appear to be static but insurance has the boat insurance remove this year and shown in boat costs (and thus on a like for like basis rose £200) masking an increase in AGM costs of £320.

Running Costs were substantially lower this year following the with large expenditure on Small Tools and Equipment (replacement brush cutter etc) and reduced book sales though there was a substantial increase in postage costs following our previous mailing company ceasing to trade.

Jim Mayes BSc (Hons) ACMA CGMA
Treasurer

**Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the
Lancaster Canal Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

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Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

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Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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Accounts at 31 March 2023

Income and expenditure for year Ending 31 March 2023

Income

Sales

6th Ed Guide Book Sales	13.00	
7th Ed Guide Book Discount	-1,150.80	
7th Ed Guide Book Sales	4,575.00	
Other Book Sales	119.50	
200 Years of the Lancaster Canal	253.50	
Plaque Sales	35.50	
Post & Packing Sales	46.00	
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		3,891.70

Fundraising & Interest on Balances

Buy a Block	110.00	
Fund The Bund Total	3,538.50	
Interest	1,190.21	
Talks	150.00	
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		4,988.71

Membership and Donations

Membership Subscriptions	3,849.00	
100 Club Subscriptions	622.00	
Other Income	860.00	
Donations	1,555.33	
Donations - Howard Broomby	520.00	
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		7,406.33

Trip Boat

Chartered Trips	458.50	
Trip Boat Tickets	2,360.42	
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		2,818.92

Total Income

19,105.66

Expenditures

Promotion & Events

Westmorland Show	282.60	
Web Site	2,104.80	
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		2,387.40

Memberships & Subscriptions

Subscriptions Paid	129.00	
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		129.00

Restoration and Working Parties

Miscellaneous	400.00	
Equipment	33.65	
Working Party Materials	47.40	
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		481.05

Trip Boat Expenses

Boat Licence (C&RT)	766.03	
Boat Refurbishment	477.90	
Boat Training	1,050.34	
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		2,294.27

Waterwitch Magazine

Distribution	348.23	
Printing	1,128.00	
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		1,476.23

Governance Costs

Accountancy	316.80	
AGM	123.34	
Insurance	2,004.96	
Bank Charges	108.51	
		2,553.61

Running Costs and Costs Of Fundraising

Millness Building & Wharf	70.11	
Repairs and Maintenance	8.99	
Small Tools and Equipment	2,005.35	
100 Club Prizes & Costs	135.00	
Cost of Sales	1,152.97	
Postage	283.97	
		3,656.39

Total Expenditure**12,977.95****Surplus/(deficit) for the year****6,127.71****Balance Sheet**

	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2023
Fixed Asset		
Total Fixed Asset	12,000.00	12,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand		
CAF Bank	31,369.93	28,654.88
NatWest	916.30	1,629.30
PayPal	777.33	456.28
United Trust Bank	84,665.38	85,817.76
Total Cash at bank and in hand	117,749.33	116,558.22
Debtors		
Accounts Receivable	1,055.00	0.00
Total Debtors	1,055.00	0.00
Current Assets		
Stock	0.00	4,720.03
Total Current Assets	0.00	4,720.03
Net current assets	117,749.33	121,278.25
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade Creditors		
Accounts Payable	3,436.86	117.01
Total Trade Creditors	3,436.86	117.01
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3,436.86	117.01
Net current assets (liabilities)	114,312.47	121,161.24
Total assets less current liabilities	126,312.47	133,161.24
Total net assets (liabilities)	126,312.47	133,161.24
Charity funds		
Share Capital Account	154,981.16	154,981.16
Unrestricted Net Assets	-60,084.41	-60,084.41
Surplus/(Deficit)	31,415.72	38,264.49
Total Charity funds	126,312.47	133,161.24

Treasurer's Report – Year Ending 31 March 2023

Overall, a good year with the trust recording a surplus of £4,936.

Income was boosted by the release of the 7 th Edition of the guide Book resulting in sales of 559 Copies and generating income of £4,575. Other book sales added a further £373 to this and overall sales of books were up 191% on comparative sales in the prior year. Fundraising and interest on Balances was largely static at £4,989 though this includes £3,838 in respect of Fund the Bund (bringing the total for this to £8,425) and included 3 separate donations of £1,000. Membership brought in £3,849, which was down on last year (£5,583). We recovered £1,000 from a previous donation to a Regeneration Partnership that has ceased to function which has been recorded as a donation and inflates the donation figure somewhat to £1,553. We are very grateful to have been nominated as the charity for donations in memory of our benefactor Howard Broomby which resulted in £520 in donations at the year end. The trip boat Bought in £2,819 in the year which was about £1,000 more than last year.

In terms of expenditure there was less spent on Restoration and Working Parties this year following completion of the first furlong and pending confirmation of stillage. This is expected to increase again in the next year as work begins on F2&3. Waterwitch Magazine costs fell by £1,000 to £1,476 compared to last year reflecting the reduced membership. Governance costs were largely static with the exception of insurance which rose 33% compared to the prior year at £2,005 (£1,500). Running Costs and Cost of Fundraising were substantially higher this year with large expenditure on Small Tools and Equipment (replacement brush cutter etc), the costs of publishing the new edition of the guide book and the costs of despatching 559 copies of it.

Jim Mayes BSc (Hons) ACMA CGMA

Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Lancaster Canal Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Trust's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages 1 to 3

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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Trustees Report for the year 2022/23

Website

We hope members use the website, which is packed with all our activities and useful information, and have noticed it has had a revamp. We commissioned Xtensive to do a thorough update and it is now brighter and more 'user friendly'. Alan continues to tweak the SEO (Search Engine Optimisation) rating and it is increasingly higher up in Google searches. Any comments about the site Alan will be pleased to hear.

Waterwitch magazine

The Spring edition was produced and edited by Gill Mayes. The company that mailed the 300 + copies out informed us at the last minute that they were closing down so the task of filling envelopes, producing address label and mailing them was bravely taken on by the Mayes family for which our heartfelt thanks!

An Autumn edition will go to press in October and if you have anything to share with fellow members, a boating/walking/cycling/volunteering experience or a profound thought on the future of canals we'll be very glad to hear from you.

Guide Books

The revised, updated and extended 7th Edition of The Complete Guide to the Lancaster Canal was published and launched in April 2022.

Sales have been steady and at the end of June 2023 there had been 27 (bulk) Invoiced sales amounting to 512 copies together with a further 120 copies sold via our on-line book shop.

It is sad to report that owing to Local Government cut backs the visitor centre in Garstang has closed down and the Lancaster and Morecambe centres are due to close in September. Both Garstang and Lancaster Visitor Centres were good supporters of the Trust stocking and selling our Guide Book.

Also available via our on-line bookshop are the following books:

200 Years of The Lancaster Canal

The Lancaster Canal Walk Book

nb Waterwitch

On the boating front, all is going reasonably well in terms of the Sunday trips and the upturn in charters is proving lucrative. The Country Fest was one of the best we have had due to the fantastic weather with the boat full on most trips on both days, a great effort from the crew! We have a small problem with reed islands drifting about and we will be discussing with CRT the possibility of doing some vegetation management ourselves.

The Boat was lifted out onto the quay at Millness at the end of the last season for its three yearly overall and is now safely back in the water and operating well . The hull has been painted with 2 x red oxide primer coats and 2 x Intertuf blacking . The interior bilges have been de-rusted and primed followed by a coat of specialist bilge paint (kindly donated by Teamac Ltd along with a large tin of grey primer for the upper works plus some tins of white primer and gloss) There is still the cabin roof and rear deck / gunnels to paint but this will be done as soon as time and weather permits. Thanks are due to all the other crew members who gave their time over the winter and spring to help, notably Chas Mathews and Ken Trimmer.

The training program went well and the current crews all passed their refresher with one exception. Five candidates successfully passed the full 2 day COBM course and we now have 5 new skippers on the schedule which is a useful bonus

Restoration

First Furlong is complete subject to CRT accepting a loss rate slightly above their original requirement. We have hit a snag with the bund however as it's been discovered that there is a water pipe running through it that doesn't appear on any of the plans we have had access to. There will be an 'easement agreement' between CRT and the water company and CRT's legal department are working on this now. The delay is a disappointment to all who have put so much effort into the FF but it will be sorted out at some point then we can have our long overdue party !

In the meantime, work has started on the next section, Sellet Hall bridge to Well Head lane, which has been named F2an3 as it is very roughly another two furlongs. Ascertaining the condition of the bed is important to guide planning the design for this length and so we will be clearing a corridor between the banks, ensuring that no work is done on the banks themselves to minimise environmental damage.

Towpath Trail Project

This project, led by Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership, has gained momentum in recent months with the commitment of some £300,000 from two local authorities and a funding bid going to the SPF, part of the government's 'levelling up' money. As a reminder, the aim is to have a hard surface path, suitable for a wide range of users, from Kendal to Lancaster. The first length, from Well Head lane to Field End bridge and funded by Sports England, was completed nearly two years and is much appreciated by the many users. The next section will continue south towards Crooklands. All being well, work will start early next year.

Volunteering

The Trust needs more volunteers!

The Trust runs entirely on volunteers whatever role we have in the organisation. Now in particular we need a Secretary, plus someone with Fundraising experience and a Press/Publicity person. These are interesting jobs that make a significant contribution to the Trust. Talk with any one of the existing Trustees to better understand what's involved.

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Trustees Annual Report for the year 2021 – 2022

Over the course of last year work on the First Furlong revolved largely around resolving two problems. Having installed the stop planks and tested them to the satisfaction of CRT engineers it was discovered when water levels were dropped that some of the blocks were being pushed up due to pressure of water that was getting underneath the liner from the surrounding land. This was resolved by venting the areas effected but meant we had to relay blocks in several areas. Gallant volunteers, who had manhandled nearly 24000 of them in the course of this restoration and imagined they'd never have to see another concrete block ever, nonetheless got on with job and completed the task in a couple of weekends. The other problem however is ongoing. When the water level is brought up to near full there is leakage at a rate not acceptable to CRT. The most likely place for a leak is the transition walls by the Sellet Hall bridge and a recent work party have packed all the cracks and fissures between the stones with puddle clay. It now a matter of bringing the water level back up to see if this was the problem. Fingers crossed!

Other tasks accomplished in 2021 included raising and repositioning one of the original 'winching posts' at a site near the Stainton Aqueduct. Richard Trevitt led a group who dug out the stone and, using lifting gear provided by CRT, hoisted it into its new position and firmly settled it in place. Good for another 200 years!

Still on a heritage theme the team reinstalled the cast iron 'rubbing' plates on the bridge at Stainton. The fixing hole were badly corroded up and had to be carefully opened up again. The original fixing method was replicated by driving hardwood timber plugs into the fixing holes (approx. 100mm deep) and the plates were secured using 10mm diameter stainless steel coach screws. The fact that the holes in the cast iron plates perfectly matched the holes in the stonework and that the stonework had been chipped away to accommodate them suggests that they might have been the original from that bridge?

A third job was the completely rebuilding of the steps down the side of the Stables by bridge 166 from the road to the towpath where Waterwitch starts its trips from. Bob Philips led this group and, with the eye of a professional engineer, did a great job using materials provided by CRT.

Moving away from the 'physical' we took part in consultations on two huge housing developments adjacent to the canal just south of Lancaster. In both the Bailrigg Garden Village and the Galgate Park developments we liaised closely with CRT and IWA planners trying to ensure they will have as minimum impact on the canal as possible. There is little doubt but that both plans will be approved and that will impact on the peaceful rural aspect of our canal.

Events over the course of the year had been severely curtailed, only getting back to something like normal towards the backend. All the planned walks for example had to be cancelled and when eventually allowed to happen had strict limits as to the number of people who could attend. Nigel Hardacre led a number of walks around the old Tramway Bridge and the Walton summit area.

Speaking of the Tramway bridge, over the last 2 years, the main news item for the south end of the Lancaster Canal is the Old Tram Road Bridge that still stands over the River Ribble, connecting Avenham Park with Penwortham.

The funding to get a new bridge is due to be included with the submission for Levelling Up Funding from Preston City Council to central government. This has been and should still be, the best option for getting the bridge replaced, or repaired if full funding is not granted for a replacement. The

detail of what has been submitted is not available for the Friends of Tram Bridge to view. The group will do its best to follow the progress of this bid and awaits any updates from the council or government.

Nigel is will be continuing with the guided walks around the bridge and along the old tram road route, north and south of the river and this will also feature on Sept 10th Heritage Open Days in Avenham Park alongside other community groups.

One event that did happen in August was an annual Youth Engagement Day organised largely by CRT and IWA at Wakefield Wharf, Crooklands. We organised wildflower planting and weeding for young school age people and although not especially well attend (the publicity was late going out) all the children had a good time. Ian Treanor our boat manager had also laid on a boat trip for them which was appreciated.

The annual Heritage Open Days did happen in September though again with strictly limited numbers. Guided walks formed the basis of these days and Wendy Humphreys was largely responsible for organising them for which we thank her.

The Trust had been encouraged to put itself forward for a Queens Award for Volunteers and, although we felt we had put together a sound case, detailing our activities, meeting with the judges and so on, we were not successful. David Joyner and Nigel Hardacre attended the awards ceremony in Preston and reported that the winners had had a far wider reach in the community than LCT and were very involved with young people and we applaud them.

A new edition of the Guidebook was worked on over the winter months of the year by John Laws who has added new sections on the southern end of the canal. We are indebted to Graham Agnew for the design and to John for hours spent chasing advertisers and updating the facts and details that make this book so popular. The new edition was launched at Easter this year

The 2021 trip boat season started late due to ongoing Covid restrictions and sailings commenced after the 19th July 2021. Nonetheless Waterwitch carried 397 passengers on 68 trips raising almost £1800 in donations and ticket sales for the Trust. In spring 2022 crew members attended their annual training refresher on the weekend of 2nd & 3rd April as required for our MCA licence conditions and Engineer Neil McGarry serviced the trusty Lister engine to his usual high standard to ensure smooth sailing during the summer months.

Membership: We currently have 355 members, a modest rise of 8 new members over the previous year. It would be good to have more though, and we encourage all existing members to spread the word, sign up friends and relations – give a membership as a birthday or Christmas present for example. The more members an organisation has the better its standing with funding bodies.

Trustees: As you will read on the agenda, at this AGM David Joyner, Carol Haigh, Nigel Hardacre and Ian Trainor retire by rotation, are eligible for re-election and have been duly nominated. However, David Joyner is not seeking re-election and will be stepping down after seven years. He had previously been the boat manager and an active member of the Waterways Recovery Group as well as a dedicated 'navvy' with us on the Lancaster. So, we say a big thank you to him for everything he has contributed to the Trust and our best wishes for the future and hope to see him working with us in the future on the boat or on the land

And finally, we must put on record our thanks to all who make the Trust what it is. To our members for their continued support and to our active volunteers who contribute so much in terms of time and effort. Thank you.

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Balance Sheet

	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2022
Fixed Asset		
Tangible assets		
Restricted Funds		
General Plant & Equipment		
Cost	7,300.00	7,300.00
Cum. Depreciation	-7,300.00	-7,300.00
	0.00	0.00
Total General Plant & Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total Restricted Funds	0.00	0.00
Unrestricted Funds		
General Account		
General Plant & Equipment		
Cost	12,741.60	12,741.60
Cum. Depreciation	-12,741.60	-12,741.60
	0.00	0.00
Total General Plant & Equipment	0.00	0.00
Trip Boat		
Cost	8,962.75	8,962.75
Cum. Depreciation	3,037.25	3,037.25
	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total Trip Boat	12,000.00	12,000.00
Trip Boat Equipment		
Cost	1,085.05	1,085.05
Cum. Depreciation	-1,085.05	-1,085.05
	0.00	0.00
Total Trip Boat Equipment	0.00	0.00
Working Party Equipment		
Cost	1,202.11	1,202.11
Cum. Depreciation	-1,202.11	-1,202.11
	0.00	0.00
Total Working Party Equipment	0.00	0.00
Total General Account	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total Unrestricted Funds	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total Tangible assets	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total Fixed Asset	12,000.00	12,000.00
Cash at bank and in hand		
CAF Bank	38,031.92	31,390.42
Current Account - NatWest	60.30	904.30
Restricted Funds	12.00	12.00
	72.30	916.30
Total Current Account - NatWest	72.30	916.30

PayPal	0.00	777.33
Petty Cash		
Floats	25.00	0.00
PayPal Undeposited	-100.23	0.00
Treasurer	21.06	0.00
Trip Boat	25.00	0.00
	-	
Total Petty Cash	29.17	0.00
United Trust Bank	83,860.21	84,665.28
Total Cash at bank and in hand	121,935.26	117,749.33
Debtors		
Accounts Receivable	645.58	1,055.00
Total Debtors	645.58	
Current Assets		
Stock	2,001.29	0.00
Total Current Assets	2,001.29	0.00
Net current assets	124,582.13	117,749.33
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade Creditors		
Accounts Payable	214.87	3,436.86
Total Trade Creditors	214.87	3,436.86
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	214.87	3,436.86
Net current assets (liabilities)	124,367.26	114,312.47
Total assets less current liabilities	136,367.26	126,312.47
Total net assets (liabilities)	136,367.26	126,312.47
Charity funds		
Share Capital Account	154,981.16	154,981.16
Unrestricted Net Assets	-56,637.50	-60,084.41
Surplus/(Deficit)	38,023.60	31,415.72
Total Charity funds	136,367.26	126,312.47

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Income and expenditure year ending 31/03/2022

Income	31/03/2022	31/03/2021
Sales		
6th Ed Guide Book Sales	1,416.90	2,173.90
6th Ed Guide Book Discount	-99.14	-315.25
7th Edition Guide Book Adverts	2,000.00	0.00
Other Book Sales	176.00	123.00
200 Years of the Lancaster Canal	109.50	0.00
Plaque Sales	43.55	25.50
Post & Packing Sales	292.00	8.50
	3,938.81	2,015.65
Fundraising & Interest on Balances		
Buy a Block	110.00	40.00
Fund The Bund Total	3,695.92	1,191.00
Other - Gift Aided	250.00	580.00
General Fund	805.17	1,017.41
Talks	100.00	34.00
	4,961.09	2,862.41
Membership and Donations		
Membership Subscriptions	5,583.50	5,231.62
100 Club Subscriptions	192.00	902.00
Legacies & Bequests		40,000.00
Donations	147.54	1,377.26
	5,923.04	47,510.88
Trip Boat		
Regular Boat Trips	605.00	0.00
Chartered Trips	205.00	0.00
Trip Boat Tickets	1,048.00	0.00
	1,858.00	0.00
Total Income	16,680.94	52,388.94
Expenditures		
Promotion & Events		
Country Fest - Current Year	36.00	0.00
Westmorland Show	72.00	0.00
Web Site	132.00	328.52
	240.00	328.52
Memberships & Subscriptions		
LCRP	2,500.00	2,500.00
Subscriptions Paid	114.00	114.00
	2,614.00	2,614.00

Restoration and Working Parties		
2018 FF Relining	2,378.78	
Consumables	1,399.24	143.70
Contractors	6,032.68	74.40
FF Materials	863.22	317.71
Miscellaneous	30.00	13.60
Plant & Equipment Hire		485.40
2020 FF Stop Planks	28.26	152.66
Equipment	1,016.04	2,943.94
General	38.30	9.00
Land Transfer Costs		1,085.00
Working Party Materials	94.00	175.20
	<u>11,880.52</u>	<u>5,400.61</u>
Trip Boat Expenses		
Boat Fuel	431.17	0.00
Boat Insurance	504.00	443.52
Boat Licence (C&RT)	552.43	541.61
Boat Other Running Costs	714.43	145.48
Boat Refurbishment	67.99	0.00
Boat Training	1,094.32	0.00
	<u>3,364.34</u>	<u>1,130.61</u>
Waterwitch Magazine		
Distribution	1,026.37	973.85
Printing	1,396.00	1,346.00
	<u>2,422.37</u>	<u>2,319.85</u>
Governance Costs		
Accountancy	292.80	290.43
AGM	82.50	429.66
Insurance	1,500.49	1,194.05
Bank Charges	187.94	69.86
	<u>2,063.73</u>	<u>1,984.00</u>
Running Costs and Costs Of Fundraising		
Millness Building & Wharf	54.44	57.63
Repairs and Maintenance	90.00	0.00
Costs Of Fundraising		392.99
Small Tools and Equipment	27.92	0.00
100 Club Prizes & Costs	295.00	0.00
Postage	236.50	139.73
	<u>703.86</u>	<u>590.35</u>
Total Expenditure	23,288.82	14,367.94
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-6,607.88	38,021.00

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Treasurer's Report – year ending 31 March 2022

Income for 2021-22 in total was down on last year as we were fortunate to receive a bequest of £40,000 last year. Excluding Legacies & Bequests, income rose by about £4,500. In preparation for the new edition of the guide book we achieved sales of adverts which raised £2,000. There was an increase in donations towards Fund the Bund Donations which were up by £2,500 at £3,696 and means a total of £4,887 has been donated for this purpose.

The Trip Boat ran again in the year, though with a lightly delayed start against the planned start date, and raised £1,858 in addition to providing a visible promotion of the canal and eliciting additional donations and sales. Membership Subscriptions had a modest rise of £350 reflecting increased membership of the trust. There was a fall in general donations of approximately £1,100.

There was increased expenditure on work on finishing the final furlong of about £6,000 the majority of this being the use of contractors to cover work that would be beyond the capacity of working parties.

Expenditure on the trip boat increased by £2,200 reflecting the lack of boat usage during the height of the pandemic. There a need for crew training after a year or more of inactivity which necessitated a cost of about £1,000 plus costs of fuel which weren't incurred in the prior year.

Governance costs, costs associated with the Waterwitch magazine and other running costs remained largely static though within this there was a large increase in insurance costs of circa 25%.

In summary we ended the year with a deficit of £6,607 which was funded from reserves.

Jim Mayes BSc (Hons) ACMA CGMA

Treasurer

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the Lancaster Canal Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

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Scrutineer's Statement

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TRUSTEES REPORT TO THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Trustees At the 2020 AGM John Morgan ceased to be a trustee, Robert (Bob) Phillips had been appointed during the year and was elected, Robin Yates, Peter Jones and David Haigh retired by rotation and were re-elected.

Covid 19 drastically affected the work and income of the trust throughout the year. This is commented on throughout the report.

First Furlong Peter Jones continues to bear the main burden of planning and organising this work. Covid affected our restoration on the First Furlong of course but because the work was outdoors we generally were able to continue work parties, albeit with fewer numbers, by strictly adhering to distancing and other rules and planning work tasks accordingly.

Filling the offside profile has now been completed by a combination of our own efforts and that of a contractor who was working adjacent to FF. Previously dredged earth had been stockpiled in a field on the on the towpath side by kind permission of Mr. Galbraith the landowner and named Mt Galbraith in his honour. We have no land access to the offside so a pontoon was acquired, the water level raised, the dredgings filled into sandbags, barrowed to the towpath, transferred to the pontoon and laid on the offside. A great exercise which, once we got the hang of it, worked like the proverbial 'well-oiled machine'. No one fell in although cameras were kept on constant alert!

The majority of the length however was completed much more quickly by the contractor working for 'Waterhouses'. He cleared Mt Galbraith and used additional waste soil from his work. The bank was then sown with a rough mix grass seed and is already 'greening up'.

Just when we thought we would never have to touch another concrete block ever (laying 23,800 or so being enough for any group of navvies (no matter how dedicated!) we discovered a problem of 'floating blocks'. Water trapped under the lining had built up sufficient pressure to push up the blocks in the bed in a few places and this meant that some side lining had also slipped down. This has now been rectified, the blocks in the bed re-laid where possible, any gaps filled with Postcrete, and blocks on the banks re-positioned.

The Waterhouse's, whose boundary runs along the offside bank, very kindly agreed the boundary at the western end towards Bridge 173 could be moved back by 2m which allows us better access along the top of the bank. We agreed to re-erect the fence and plant a hedge along the fence line.

Stop Planks There have been more problems than anticipated with sealing these and a number of different methods have been tried. By the time you read this report though, we confidently expect to have solved the problem and will be refilling FF with water ready to start stillage testing.

Connection to CRT Water. Getting the extension agreement in place has proceeded slowly due to CRT staff being on furlough. However, what we hope is the final draft agreement has now been submitted for approval. It will be our responsibility to remove the Bund between FF and CRT water and at our cost of course. Removal will be subject to their engineers' criteria and will be supervised by them. Not unreasonable when you think about it – the last thing CRT want is the accidental draining of the northern reaches! We have a quote for £18,000 and have started an appeal to raise this money.

Hincaster Tunnel Agreement Largely due to Covid very little work, apart from strimming to keep the path open, could be completed over the last year or so. In any case, we have decided to adopt a more

ecologically sound maintenance regime by only strimming after plants have seeded in the Autumn. The result is an abundance of wildflowers in the stretch from Well Head Lane to the tunnel and up and over the Horse Path. Supervision of this area is now being overseen by Dave Haigh.

Crooklands Stables, the Paddock & Steps

Just recently the steps between Bridge 166 and the Stables, down from the road, have been completely rebuilt to a high standard by Bob Philips and a team with materials supplied by CRT. The Paddock had been badly neglected but has now been mown and wildflower areas shaped. It is planned to plant up with some naturally occurring shrubs at the back end of the year.

Boat Operations Ian Treanor writes: Due to Covid all sailings were cancelled for the season so no income or activity reports.

The Boat Safety Certificate for NB Waterwitch expired in February 2020 but could not be renewed until March 2021 and is now valid until March 2025. The boat was in good condition at the time of examination. I envisage only minor maintenance being required for 2021 and will review whether we need to lift and re-black the hull in Spring 2022.

Due to its size Waterwitch cannot comply with covid restrictions without operating at a loss (3 passenger instead of 12!). Sailings are due to recommence on the 25 July subject to any further Government guidelines/restrictions.

We conducted a successful recruitment campaign during March and April 2021 which has led to the numbers of boat crew being bolstered by 12, and the new trainees will be introduced to the rota for the remainder of this season. 5 of these recruits are experienced boaters and took their Certificate of Boat Management qualification over the weekend of 22nd & 23rd May 2021

Looking forward, the boat will cover the 2 day Westmoreland Show in September in addition to regular Sunday sailings and any charters that we may pick up during the summer. There will also be some sailings during the week of Heritage Open Days in September.

Social and Publicity Wendy Humphries and Carol Haigh report - Both the Westmorland shows were cancelled, and it was not possible to hold any social events. The trust has purchased new leaflet holders, these will be put in place when covid restrictions are eased; with permission from landowners. We have volunteers to look after the leaflet holders and keep them stocked. Leaflets were distributed locally before the lockdown and will continue now. Once cafes, caravan sites, marinas etc. are open we will be looking for volunteers living close to these amenities to take the leaflets out to the proprietors. It is important that leaflets are widely distributed as this is the best publicity for the Trust and the boat trips.

A boating member holds a stock of leaflets on his boat the 'Snail' and as well as distributing these has been acting as a mobile information point for which we thank him. Other suggestions for distribution welcomed. Publicity in newspapers etc. Carol Haigh has compiled a list of publications and is sending news stories/articles to them on a regular basis; there has been some success in getting these published. A story about boat crew was particularly successful.

Fund the Bund

The new appeal was published in Waterwitch magazine and sent to other publications. There has been success with the appeal and over £1,000 has been raised so far but clearly some way to go yet. Any thoughts on promoting this appeal – not to mention donations – will be very welcome.

Other publicity events

We do have lots of ideas for publicity events and hope to implement them after covid restrictions are lifted.

We did manage some events in 2020 however for example the Heritage Open Days (HOD) in September. These were in doubt but were eventually allowed to proceed. The Trust held 3 walks as part of HOD: Gunpowder Walks from Crooklands to Endmoor along the tramway to view the few remains of the Gunpowder Works.

A walk along the route of the abandoned Lancaster Canal near Brindle. Led by Nigel Hardacre who had done a lot of research and hopes to do the walks again next year.

We have plans for more HOD events in September this year.

The trust held a Zoom webinar on the 23rd of March. Nigel Hardacre spoke and showed pictures of the abandoned Walton Summit, the three mile stretch of the Lancaster Canal where it joins the Leeds and Liverpool canal at Johnson's Hillock.

The Craft & Food show on the Westmorland show ground (a replacement for the annual Country Festival) was held in early June and we attended with our new Gazebo. The two day event, even with numbers limited, was none the less a busy couple of days and we are pleased to say we recruited some new members.

Waterwitch Magazine Wendy Humphreys, our temporary editor, produced two high standard issues and we thank her for that. We do however need a new person to assist Wendy and perhaps takeover producing the magazine in the future. Wendy is also Chair of the Inland Waterways Association Lancashire and Cumbria Branch and attends our trustee meetings as well as being involved with our Publicity and Social activities. We don't know how she fits it all in!

Liaison with other Organizations:

Canal & River Trust As has been said above, due to covid activities have been much subdued over the last eighteen months or so but are slowly getting back to normal now. There are a number of projects planned for example on heritage structures they own such as raising a sunken winching post just south of the Stainton Aqueduct and refastening on Rubbing metals on bridges 166 and 172. These mutually beneficial projects are done in collaboration with CRT officers, particularly their Heritage officer, Operations manager and Ecologist. CRT engineering staff have also proved helpful when planning the removal of the Bund for example.

Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership

The partnership of local authorities from Cumbria and Lancashire, IWA, CRT and LCT work to support the canal corridor and the partners meet on a quarterly basis. Although the long-term aim of the Partnership is the restoration of the northern reaches in the short term it undertakes projects that raise awareness of the benefits of the canal corridor and increase its usage. The current project is the Towpath Trail, a project to create a multiuser pathway from Kendal to Lancaster. A section from Well Head Lane to Field End bridge has already been completed and other sections are in the pipeline. Funded by NLHF a design partnership has been employed to produce a scheme to publicise the canal corridor between Stainton and Sedgwick with a series of imaginative Interpretation Panels that are due to be installed in September.

Inland Waterways Association

Wendy Humphreys represents IWA at our trustee meetings. More information about the activities of the IWA are to be found in our Monthly Bulletin or on their website www.waterways.org.uk.

They also sponsor the Silver Propeller Award and have recently designated the Northern Reaches as a Silver Propeller destination and have now added Aston Basin.

The Milepost Scheme Started as one of the bicentenary projects in 2019 its aim is to replace the missing milestones and has been on hold due to covid. It is hoped it will be completed in this year.

The Complete Guide to the Lancaster Canal continues to be popular and our thanks go to John Laws who not only managed the revision of the 6th edition but also distributes them. He also despatches all other sales items

Membership Report

	As of 30 June 2021	30 June 2020
Total Membership	348	326
Individuals	124	114
Concessions	16	16
Joint/Family	98	83
Life Members	84	88
Hon Members	22	22
Affiliated	4	3

And welcome to six New Members in June

Mr W Hall	Stockton on Tees
Mr A & Mrs L Bottomley	Morecambe
Ms J Huntley	Milnthorpe
Mrs L Bennett	Milnthorpe
Mrs C Jones-Benjamin	Milnthorpe
Mr G Green	Carlisle

Volunteers

And last but very very much not the least - the trustees wish to express our enormous appreciation and thanks to all our volunteers in whatever role they play. The Trust is run entirely by volunteers and so could not exist without their support and efforts.

As always, we are very keen to enrol more volunteers, not just for the outdoor work but also for the crucial admin tasks which keep the Trust operating. So if you can offer any help we would be most grateful to hear from you. Talk to Robin or any of the Trustees if you would like to get more involved.

Remember that the monthly E-newsletter – now renamed Monthly Bulletin – is circulated to everyone who has given us their email address. If you want to keep up to date with what's going on, information about work parties and other activities simply email chair@lancastercanaltrust.org.uk. We will of course keep your address secure and only ever use it for official communications from the LCT.

Robin Yates on behalf of the Trustees of Lancaster Canal Trust

LANCASTER CANAL TRUST

Treasurer's Report 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Owing to a generous legacy of £40,000 we had a surplus for the year of about £38,000 and our net liquid funds stand at about £124,000. This represents a deficit of about £2,000 on our normal activities.

The pandemic has virtually wiped out our public facing activities and seriously reduced our internal ones. There has been no income from boat trips, talks and social events; guide book sales are reduced by a combination of reduced boating activities and market saturation.

The accounts have been approved by our inspector and will be submitted to the charity commission.

Just to run through the main changes in income ...

- Membership Subscriptions - £5,232 including Gift Aid recovery. A decrease
- Buy A Block - £40. This campaign has finished
- Fund The Bund – the latest campaign - £1,191 with gift aid to be recovered
- Trip Boat Donations – the total of £642– this all from claim back from GASDS (gift aid for small donations).
- Guide Book Sales – £2,934 - a significant reduction, as above
- 100 Club Subscriptions - £1,016, a reduction, representing 80% of subscriptions sold
- Investment Income £959 – A reduction in the interest rate
- Legacies & Bequests – A single legacy of £40,000
- General Donations - £577 – An increase
- Talks – No income

What did we spend our money on? - main differences include

- Upper Reaches Projects, only £1,242 spent due to cancellation of many working parties
- Trip Boat Running Costs £1,132 – The only reduction is in fuel costs; insurance, CRT licence and maintenance still required
- Events – No expenditure
- Promotional Material - £355 – Mainly the web site

- Land Transfer - £1085. Thanks to the generosity of the owner we now have ownership of the land for the First Furlong and onwards to Wellheads Lane. The only cost being the land transfer fee

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Financial Activities
April 2020 - March 2021

	TOTAL
Income	
Discounts given	-97.50
Fund Raising	
6th Ed Guide Book Discount	-217.75
6th Ed Guide Book Sales	2,108.90
6th Edition Guide Book Adverts	65.00
Buy a Block	
Buy a Block - Gift Aided	30.00
Gift Aid Recovered	10.00
Total Buy a Block	40.00
Fund The Bund	
Fund The Bund - Gift Aided	1,130.00
Fund The Bund - Non-gift aided	61.00
Total Fund The Bund	1,191.00
Other Book Sales	123.00
Plaque Sales	25.50
Post & Packing Sales	8.50
Total Fund Raising	3,344.15
Investment Income	1,017.41
Services	34.00
Voluntary Income	
100 Club Subscriptions	902.00
Donations	
Chartered Trips	1.00
GASDS Recovered	641.25
Other	735.01
Other - Gift Aided	580.00
Total Donations	1,957.26
Gift Aid from Subscriptions	268.62
Legacies & Bequests	40,000.00
Membership Subscriptions	335.00
Renewals	4,628.00
Total Membership Subscriptions	4,963.00
Total Voluntary Income	48,090.88
Total Income	£52,388.94
TOTAL	£52,388.94
Expenditures	
Cost of Charitable Activities	
Bank Charges	69.86
Land Transfer Charges	1,085.00
LCRP	
Funding Contribution	2,500.00
Total LCRP	2,500.00

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Financial Activities
April 2020 - March 2021

	TOTAL
Subscriptions Paid	114.00
Upper Reaches Project	
Millness Building & Wharf	45.64
Maintenance	11.99
Total Millness Building & Wharf	57.63
Restoration - First Furlong	
FF Relining 2018	
Contractors	74.40
Equipment Purchase	143.70
Materials	313.71
Miscellaneous	15.00
Plant & Equipment Hire	485.40
Total FF Relining 2018	1,032.21
FF Stop Planks 2020	152.66
Total Restoration - First Furlong	1,184.87
Total Upper Reaches Project	1,242.50
Web Site	328.52
Working Parties	
Equipment	2,943.94
General	9.00
Materials	175.20
Total Working Parties	3,128.14
Total Cost of Charitable Activities	8,468.02
Cost of Fundraising	
Cost of 6th Ed Guide Books Sold	184.39
Cost of Other Books Sold	70.00
Misc. Costs	104.80
Postage	139.73
Publicity Events and Talks	26.00
Total Cost of Fundraising	524.92
Cost of Voluntary Income	
Membership Admin	7.80
Trip Boat	
Boat Insurance	443.52
Boat Licence (C&RT)	541.61
Boat Other Running Costs	145.48
Total Trip Boat	1,130.61
Waterwitch Newsletter	
Distribution	973.85
Printing	1,346.00
Total Waterwitch Newsletter	2,319.85
Total Cost of Voluntary Income	3,458.26

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Financial Activities
April 2020 - March 2021

	TOTAL
Governance	
Accountancy	290.43
AGM	429.66
Insurance	1,194.05
Total Governance	1,914.14
Total Expenditures	£14,365.34
NET OPERATING INCOME	£38,023.60
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£38,023.60

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Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2021

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
Restricted Funds	
General Plant & Equipment	
Cost	7,300.00
Cum. Depreciation	-7,300.00
Total General Plant & Equipment	0.00
Total Restricted Funds	0.00
Unrestricted Funds	
General Account	
General Plant & Equipment	
Cost	12,741.60
Cum. Depreciation	-12,741.60
Total General Plant & Equipment	0.00
Trip Boat	
Cost	8,962.75
Cum. Depreciation	3,037.25
Total Trip Boat	12,000.00
Trip Boat Equipment	
Cost	1,085.05
Cum. Depreciation	-1,085.05
Total Trip Boat Equipment	0.00
Working Party Equipment	
Cost	1,202.11
Cum. Depreciation	-1,202.11
Total Working Party Equipment	0.00
Total General Account	12,000.00
Total Unrestricted Funds	12,000.00
Total Tangible assets	£12,000.00
Total Fixed Asset	£12,000.00

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	TOTAL
Cash at bank and in hand	
CAF 90-Day Deposit (deleted)	0.00
Restricted Funds	0.00
Unrestricted Funds	0.00
Total CAF 90-Day Deposit (deleted)	0.00
CAF Bank	38,031.92
CAF Donate	0.00
Current Account - NatWest	60.30
Restricted Funds	12.00
Unrestricted Funds	
General Fund	0.00
Total Unrestricted Funds	0.00
Total Current Account - NatWest	72.30
PayPal	0.00
Petty Cash	
Adjustments	0.00
Floats	25.00
Paypal Undeposited	-100.23
Treasurer	21.06
Trip Boat	25.00
Total Petty Cash	-29.17
United Trust Bank	83,860.21
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£121,935.26
Debtors	
Accounts Receivable	645.58
Total Debtors	£645.58
Current Assets	
Legacies Due	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	0.00
Prepayments	0.00
Stock	16,577.66
Uncategorised Asset	0.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Current Assets	£16,577.66
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£139,158.50
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
Accounts Payable	214.87
Total Trade Creditors	£214.87

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Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2021

	TOTAL
Current Liabilities	
Trailboat Festival 2015	0.00
VAT Liability	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	£0.00
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£214.87
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£138,943.63
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£150,943.63
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£150,943.63
Charity funds	
Share Capital Account	154,981.16
Unrestricted Net Assets	-42,061.13
Surplus/(Deficit)	38,023.60
Total Charity funds	£150,943.63

Independent examiner's report

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Charity number	1167020

Respective responsibilities of committee and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	J M Cherry	Date:	15th August 2021
Name:	Janet M Cherry		
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