



## End of Year Report 2021: Brush Cutting and planning

This has been another challenging year for us all however, we have been busy during the year. We have recruited new trustees, run guided walks and improved the ecology of the line. A new website is ready to be launched and we have ambitious plans for 2022.



Our 3 new trustees, Stephen Jeffery, Chris Brunskill and Emma Banks have been integrated into the team and are now leading exciting projects. We have also recruited Julie Fullstone to be our Treasurer. She will be an excellent addition and is aiding planning and financial prudence.

Sadly, two of our long term trustees have retired. Jim Thompson was a founder of the charity and his expertise in ecology and land management will be hard to replace. Kim Adams has been the driving force in organising our guided walks and writing guides in addition to raising funds and developing our social media presence. Both will be greatly missed but will continue to volunteer on an ad hoc basis.

The trustees have continued to meet monthly via Zoom and more recently in person. We have organised a variety of activities including guided walks and regular monitoring and maintenance of the route. This year we were able to hold our AGM in June at Alresford station and were delighted to meet again in person.

If you are interested in helping us or joining in any activities please sign up for our newsletters by becoming a **Friend of the Way**.

We rely totally on donations and grants. Please donate via our website. When doing internet shopping you can support us at no cost via Give As You Live and Amazon Smile. Sign up via [www.thewatercressway.org.uk](http://www.thewatercressway.org.uk)

### Activities:

- A series of guided walks in the summer as part of the 8 Walk challenge to complete the whole trail
- Regularly updated the website and social media. On Facebook we set up The Watercress Way group of 256 members plus 1467 followers. On Instagram and Twitter we now have 875 and 82 followers respectively.
- Maintained the Wonston bridge site and improved the route through Sutton Scotney



- Helped maintain the railway paths and improve the ecology. We assisted the Worthy Conservation Volunteer group on habitat improvements at Worthy Down Platforms. Aviva Volunteer Day July 2021. Clearance at Couch Green November 2021
- Conducted tree surveys to identify at risk ash trees on the Martyr Worthy section
- Designed and wrote a new website so we can maintain it more easily and be more responsive to public need
- Prepared a Business Plan to assist in planning our future activities and to support grant applications
- Made a successful bid to Watercress and Winterbourne to fund our activities in 2022 and to improve our volunteer base
- Trustee Stephen Jeffery produced a calendar of The Watercress Way for sale in local shops and online. Profits going to the charity



#### **Local Engagement:**

- Started to re-established contact with local pubs and businesses to act as sponsors as commerce opened up again
- Obtained funding from Hellards Estate Agents for a guide book which will be published in 2022
- Agreed new rights of way along the disused railway line at Top Field, Kings Worthy and helped plan a new path. Worked with Winchester City Council and Kings Worthy Parish Council to implement the plans
- Met with HCC and Itchen Valley Parish Council to make progress on disabled access to the Martyr Worthy mile of the disused Watercress Line following the hiatus of the last year



### **Plans for 2022**

- Install 3 benches generously donated by Alresford Rotary Cub
- Organise and run 10 events to serve the local Community using a grant from Watercress and Winterbourne
- Continue to re-established contact with local pubs and businesses to act as sponsors as commerce opens up further
- Install a mag post funded by Winchester City Council for children to examine leaves and insects
- Run our dawn to Dusk Day in April and a series of guided walks during the summer
- Continue to enhance the biodiversity of the trail through volunteer sessions



### **Mike Collis and Trustees**

**The Watercress Way**  
**Registered Charity Number 1167675**  
**For the year ended 5th April 2021**

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
<b>Income and Expenditure account</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Donations		243.70	3807.59
General grants and sponsorship		405.00	419.20
Restricted grants	1	<u>500.00</u>	<u>5000.00</u>
		1148.70	9226.79
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Projects: Boards and benches		451.90	894.32
Administrative costs		222.93	98.50
Insurance		327.04	319.20
Maintenance		116.40	14.28
Printing		-71.50	631.16
Equipment sundries		159.99	76.79
Tool stock write down		493.00	493.00
Tool purchases		<u>213.82</u>	<u>31.96</u>
		1913.58	2559.21
Net expenditure/ income		<u>-764.88</u>	<u>6667.58</u>
<b>Balance Sheet at 5th April 2019</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Stock of Tools	2	1479.28	1972.28
<b>Cash at bank</b>			
General funds		2408.14	2094.55
Restricted funds		<u>6383.00</u>	<u>6902.77</u>
		8791.14	8997.32
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors	3	65.70	-
Accruals		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		65.70	0.00
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>10204.72</u>	<u>10969.60</u>
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>			
General fund brought forward		4819.13	2663.42
Restricted fund brought forward	4	<u>6150.47</u>	<u>1638.60</u>
		10969.60	4302.02
Movement in year - General fund		-997.41	2155.71
Movement in year - Restricted fund	4	<u>232.53</u>	<u>4511.87</u>
		-764.88	6667.58
General fund carried forward		3821.72	4819.13
Restricted fund carried forward	4	<u>6383.00</u>	<u>6150.47</u>
		<u>10204.72</u>	<u>10969.60</u>

**Approved by the trustees of The Watercress Way on the .....2021**

Jackie Porter - Chair

Kay Mead - Treasurer



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**Notes to the accounts**

**1. Restricted grants**

These grants can only be used for the purpose specified on the grant application and for which the grant is made.

**2. Equipment**

The trust has a stock of maintenance equipment which is shown in the accounts at cost. The stock comprises the following individual items:

	£
Loppers	47.94
High pruners	25.98
Pruning saw	32.90
Brush cutter and blades	658.46
Brush cutters (2)	1700.00
Less: write down for wear and tear	-986.00
	<u>£1,479.28</u>

**3. Creditors**

This the amount invoiced and paid after the year end for the Ordnance Survey licence.

**4. Restricted grants received and applied in the year**

	Brought Forward	Transfer	Received	Applied	Carried Forward
	£		£	£	£
<b>Hampshire County Council</b>					
Miscellaneous	93.50	-18.87		74.63	0.00
Interpretation boards	35.27	112.00		35.27	112.00
<b>Boomtown</b>					
Sleeper Benches - 3	147.70	-147.70			0.00
Disabled access study/work	800.00				800.00
<b>Rotary Club of Winchester</b>					
Disabled access study	500.00			342.00	158.00
<b>Rotary Club of Alresford</b>					
Memorial benches	4500				4500.00
<b>Hellards</b>					
Pocket Guide book			500.00		500.00
<b>Winchester City Council</b>					
Posts	74.00	239.00			313.00
	<u>6150.47</u>	<u>184.43</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>451.90</u>	<u>6383.00</u>