

BONIFACE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1168111

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-07-07

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE, PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN AN ALL PURPOSE, TRAFFIC FREE TRAIL, FOR GENERAL USE BY PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS AND WHEELCHAIR AND MOBILITY SCOOTER USERS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CREDITON, THE VILLAGE OF NEWTON ST CYRES AND THE CITY OF EXETER, IN THE COUNTY OF DEVON.

Activities: To promote creation and construction of all purpose path for benefit of cyclists walkers and mobility scooters in local area of benefit

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Disability, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30		£0	£336	-
2024-06-30		£0	£90	-
2023-06-30		£400	£39	-
2022-06-30		£400	£52	-
2021-06-30		£400	£0	-
2020-06-30		£1,800	£0	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nicholas John Dyer	Chair	2018-08-23
PAUL TAYLOR LLB		2016-07-16
STEPHEN PARKER		2016-07-16

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1 JULY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2025

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Paul Taylor

Stephen Parker

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A chair and an administrator/treasurer have each been appointed, and sub committees for various tasks are appointed as and when required. Under

the constitution Trustees retire by rotation at each AGM and are eligible for reappointment.

The Charity currently has three Trustees. This number is considered sufficient to meet the Charity's current objectives.

Objects of the Charity and Aims and Objectives.

The objects clause of the Constitution reads as follows

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The Association wishes to support and promote a significant large scale, long term project with the ultimate aim of securing a motor vehicle-free all purpose trail from Crediton to Exeter passing through the village of Newton St Cyres in Devon. This will comprise approximately 6 miles in distance.

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Public consultation carried out by the Association has shown much support for the proposed project with intrinsic benefits to the public at large. The scheme will offer an alternative for pedestrians, pedal cyclists, and wheelchair and motorised mobility scooter users to what is currently a very busy and dangerous main road, the A377. For most of its length the main road is narrow with no pavement for pedestrians and along which there have been numerous serious accidents over the years, some involving fatalities to cyclists as well as car users. On line and printed surveys carried out by the Association in 2016 showed large-scale public support and demand for the trail.

Initial consultations with an engineer with specialist experience in this type of project, resulted in the engineer's opinion that there should be no insurmountable burdens in the project in terms of construction, and that the

scheme would be workable in practice. The construction methods would largely comprise a tarmac path of suitable width, with stock proof fencing for most of the route with a small number of small scale bridges over streams, a limited amount of excavation, improvement to an existing railway bridge, and it is likely that one river bridge may be required. The view that most of this preferred route was workable was confirmed by consultants appointed by Devon County Council (DCC), now that the project has reached this level of consultancy stage, with the precise extent of the engineering challenges requiring further assessment.

Land owners have been very supportive of the project and a number of land owners along the proposed route of the path have confirmed an intention in principle to grant legal agreements without payment to facilitate construction and use of the trail along their respective sections of the route. An initial comprehensive land owner agreement covering the whole length of that part of the route which runs past the village of Newton St Cyres was completed in April 2020. This comprises an agreement for a twenty five year lease of land conditional upon funding and planning permission. It is recognised that this agreement will need at least to be revised depending on the requirements of the appropriate authorities, and if DCC eventually takes over construction of the trail (as now seems likely if the whole length of the trail between Crediton and Exeter is to be built) new agreements between DCC and relevant landowners will be required.

Relevant Parish, District and County Councils have been notified of the project and discussions have taken place with Councillors and various officers regarding the project.

Background activities prior to the current year

Please refer to our Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2024 for activities and progress prior to the current year.

Activities during the year

The Association is aware that in order to obtain the necessary planning permissions and other consents to enable the trail to be constructed it will be necessary to comply with all statutory requirements as to route and as to engineering specification and if, as is likely, it is to be adopted by DCC to be maintained at the public expense, it will need to be constructed to adoptable standards.

The Association has accepted that it is unlikely to be able itself to raise the substantial funding required to meet these requirements and standards. Accordingly, looking forward, the Association's main focus will be to continue to work with DCC and other relevant Councils, authorities and interest groups to advance the project, to press for the trail to follow the best possible route, to assist DCC if required in negotiations with local landowners and to press DCC to produce a viable scheme with a view to its being presented for funding at the earliest opportunity.

The Association has previously been pleased to note that the Boniface Trail is included in the draft Devon Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) although only in the "longer term" group of trails as far as its priority is concerned rather than the "short term" or "medium term" groups. In the Autumn of 2024 DCC announced the holding of an online Consultation to determine the views of the public and interested groups as to the route the trail should take when built. The Consultation invited responses on two options, namely whether the trail should follow a less direct route mainly along existing public lanes to the east of the River Creedy (the "Quiet Lanes" route) or a route largely alongside the main A377 road (the "A377 Alignment"). The Association prepared and submitted a detailed response to the Consultation strongly supporting the A377 Alignment route and setting out the reasons for doing so, and also pressing for the priority of the trail in the LCWIP to be moved into at least the medium term group if not the short term group.

At a public meeting held in March 2025 DCC announced that the majority of the large number of responses to the Consultation favoured the Quiet Lanes route but with a substantial minority preferring the A377 Alignment. It was also confirmed that DCC's Cabinet had formally approved the LCWIP but with the Boniface Trail remaining in the longer term group.

DCC and their consultants had previously suggested that the cost of promoting and constructing the section of the trail from Crediton to Newton St Cyres might be in the region of £11 million to £13 million and that there were significant engineering and other challenges at the Exeter end of the route due to the convergence of road, railway and river. The Association suggested at the March 2025 meeting that DCC should consider dividing the trail into phases with a view to constructing the section from Crediton to Newton St Cyres first as that would be easier to construct and (despite the substantial expense) less costly than the Newton St Cyres to Exeter section.

Public Benefit

The Trustees declare that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and they confirm that the objects of the Charity have appropriate public benefit.

In carrying out its activities during the year the Charity has had due regard to its objects and has served the public by continuing to promote the objects of the Association and has worked to promote support from local government, thus furthering the objects of the Charity which will ultimately benefit the public.

The Trustees can summarise how it is anticipated that the project will benefit the public as follows:

- a) It will provide a facility open to all persons which does not presently exist.

- b) It will be accessible to a wide range of potential users comprising pedal cyclists, pedestrians, and those with mobility impairments.
- c) Any person living within, or visiting, the geographical area will be able to enjoy the facility.
- d) Walking and cycling are widely regarded as having benefits for public health and well-being.
- e) The proposed route of the path is in a place of high natural beauty thus providing further benefits to well-being.
- f) The path will bring large improvements in terms of safety to the public, with a large percentage of respondents to the Charity's initial survey having expressed the view that the only currently available equivalent route along the A377 is particularly unsafe for cyclists and pedestrians.
- g) The project will improve air quality particularly in the Crediton area.

Financial Review of the Year

No grant monies have been received during the year as the Association's expenditure has been minimal while the outcome of the long-delayed public consultation remains outstanding. Expenditure during the year has been limited to website hosting and Land Registry fees. There remains cash in hand in the sum of £12730 as at the year end for the purposes of discharging any further consultancy and legal or other professional fees which may be incurred and other general expenditure which may be required in order to achieve the construction of the trail.

As mentioned above the Trustees consider it likely that funding may be forthcoming in the longer term from DCC, utilising appropriate allocated funding streams and central government initiatives for this type of project.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Nick Dyer (Chair)

29 April 2026



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Boniface Trail Association

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/07/24	To	Period end date 30/06/25
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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 £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
Geosphere mapping software					90
Website hosting fees (refund to B Lunnon)	305			305	-
Land Registry fees	31			31	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	336	-	-	336	90
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	336	-	-	336	90
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 336	-	-	- 336	- 90
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,066	-	-	13,066	-
Cash funds this year end	12,730	-	-	12,730	13,066

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	12,730	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,730	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Nick Dyer	Nick Dyer (Trustee and Chair)	29/04/26

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Relevant Parish, District and County Councils have been notified of the project and discussions have taken place with various officers regarding the project.

Background activities prior to the current year

By way of prior background in July 2020 the Association held an on-line meeting with DCC Officers for Cycleway Engineering and Design and Highways Development and respective County and District Councillors in an attempt to progress the project. This was followed by a site meeting along a major part of the route in September 2020 between Trustees of the Association and the appropriate DCC Officers. These meetings together resulted in DCC volunteering to provide input in terms of design, planning and promotion of the project.

The Association continued to meet in order to progress matters with particular emphasis on DCC's input, since this was likely to have a major positive influence on the future status of the project in terms of acquiring planning approval and funding.

The Association has been glad to note the work of the recently formed A377 Action Group, which is a campaign group composed of relevant ward Parish Council Chairs, District and County Council Ward members and appropriate DCC Officers. The aim of this group is to campaign for improved road safety along the A377, an issue which is intrinsically linked to the Boniface Trail project. The Group promotes two main campaigns, one being better speed control and traffic calming along the A377, and the other being the advancement of the Boniface Trail Project itself.

The first significant development from the Group's work was that in November 2021, DCC agreed to allocate funding of £20,000 for an outline feasibility study of the route from Crediton to Exeter with focus on the route between Crediton and Newton St Cyres (but with the hope that the Association may be able to persuade DCC to extend this focus further along the route towards Half Moon). The appointed Consultants, WSP,

had a background meeting with the Association in March 2022. At the meeting WSP confirmed that on the instructions of DCC they would work towards producing a consultancy report on the project which was expected during summer 2022. The Association continued to meet and liaise with the A377 Action Group and the consultants WSP.

At further meetings of the A377 Action Group two options for schemes were produced, one being a “quiet lanes” route (ie the enhancement of existing country lanes) the other being a route close to the A377, closely following the preferred route which the Association has been working on. It would appear that there is little public support for the quiet lanes option for reasons of feared congestion and likely conflict between agricultural and other vehicles on the one hand and pedestrians, cyclists and other users on the other, and the fact that it would be an indirect route distant from the main road which would not link the communities of Smallbrook or Half Moon to Newton St Cyres (resulting in likely lack of use by many of those the route was intended for). Following a further meeting in March 2023 the more comprehensive second option was accepted as a scheme that could be achievable and DCC agreed to instruct WSP to carry out further work to prepare a report on the two alternative schemes for presentation at a public consultation.

Activities during the year

During the year ending 30 June 2024 the Crediton Cluster Group (consisting of local town and parish councils) has effectively taken over the work of the A377 Action Group so far as it relates to the Boniface Trail. Members of the Association attended a meeting of the Crediton Cluster Group at which representatives of the DCC and their consultants WSP were present. DCC/WSP suggested that from their investigations to date the cost of promoting and constructing the section of the trail from Crediton to Newton St Cyres, most of which was likely to be on highway land or verge, might be in the region of £11 million to £13 million. WSP shared at

the meeting their initial plans indicating the route the trail might follow using the A377 option, much of it following the route already identified by the Association. The Association was glad to hear that WSP had carried out an initial investigation of the whole route as far as Cowley on the edge of Exeter and had not concentrated solely on the Crediton to Newton St Cyres section as had originally been suggested. It was pointed out that there were significant engineering and other challenges at the Exeter end of the route due to the convergence of road, railway and river. DCC stated that they were intending to hold a public consultation on the two alternatives, namely the “quiet lanes” route and the A377 route but it was not confirmed whether the consultation would be face-to-face or online.

Members of the Association attended a further meeting with DCC and WSP at which it was confirmed that the Boniface Trail was now included in the list of ten routes for construction/improvement listed in the Devon Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). At the meeting the Association presented a virtual “fly through” of their proposed route using its online mapping tool and engaged in a detailed discussion of the route with the support where appropriate of Google Maps and Google Street View. The particular challenges at the Exeter end of the route and the various options for resolving them were a particular focus of the discussion.

Whilst it is recognised that the “quiet lanes” option would require much less funding than the A377 route and would probably therefore be achievable at an earlier date the expectation of the Trustees is that it would receive little support from the public. It is hoped therefore DCC will be prepared to promote a more comprehensive route largely following the Association’s preferred route.

The funding situation has been discussed at relevant meetings. Whilst it is likely that no immediate funding is directly available from DCC save that to continue the consultancy study, if a viable scheme can be shown to be achievable and meet government objectives, then bids can be made to fund the scheme from central government and other grant providers. The

inclusion of the Boniface Trail in the LCWIP is an encouraging development in this direction.

Unfortunately there have been delays in the holding of the public consultation, apparently partly due to resource issues, but as at the end of June 2024 it is understood from DCC and WSP that it should be held in Autumn 2024. It is unclear whether it will be held face-to-face or online, but in either case the Association intends to play its part in the consultation.

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Financial Review of the Year

No grant monies have been received during the year as the Association's expenditure has been minimal while the outcome of the long-delayed public consultation remains outstanding. Expenditure during the year has been limited to meeting room hire fees. There remains cash in hand in the sum of £13,066 as at the year end for the purposes of discharging any further consultancy and legal or other professional fees which may be incurred and

other general expenditure which may be required in order to achieve the construction of the trail.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Nick Dyer (Chair appointed 9 July 2024)

21 October 2024



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For the period from	Period start date 01/07/23	To	Period end date 30/06/24
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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 £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Crediton Town Council Grant	-	-	-	-	400
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	400
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	400
A3 Payments					
Geosphere mapping software	90	-	-	90	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	90	-	-	90	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	90	-	-	90	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 90	-	-	90	400
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,156	-	-	13,156	-
Cash funds this year end	13,066	-	-	13,066	400

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	13,066	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Nick Dyer (Trustee and Chair)	21/10/24

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To promote, encourage, provide and maintain an all purpose, traffic free trail, for general use by pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchair and mobility scooter users, in whole or in part between the town of Crediton, the village of Newton St Cyres and the city of Exeter, in the County of Devon.

This Charity is expected to promote a significant large scale, long term project, with the ultimate aim of securing an all purpose trail from Crediton to Exeter passing through the village of Newton St Cyres in Devon. This will comprise approximately 6 miles in distance.

Public consultation has shown to date much support for the proposed project with intrinsic benefits to the public at large. The scheme will offer an alternative for pedestrians, pedal cyclists, and wheelchair and motorised mobility scooter users, to what is currently a very busy and dangerous main road, the A377, a road where in many places there are no proper pavement facilities and along which there have been numerous serious accidents over the years some involving fatalities to cyclists as well as car users.

On line and printed surveys carried out in 2016, at the inception of the Charity, showed an impressive demand for the project amongst the public.

Initial consultations with an engineer with specialist experience in this type of project, resulted in the engineer's opinion that there should be no unsurmountable burdens in the project in terms of construction, and that the scheme would be workable in practice. The construction methods would largely

comprise a tarmac path of suitable width, with stock proof fencing for most of the route, with a small number of small scale bridges over streams, a limited amount of excavation, improvement to an existing railway bridge, and it is likely that one river bridge may be required, which would be the biggest expense of the project. As mentioned further below, the view that most of this preferred route was workable was confirmed by consultants appointed by Devon County Council, now that the project has reached this level of consultancy stage, with the precise extent of the engineering challenges requiring further assessment.

Land owners have been very supportive to the project and a large number of land owners along the proposed route of the path have agreed an intention in principle to grant legal agreements to facilitate construction and use of the path along their respective parts of land without capital payment. The first and most comprehensive land owner agreement covering the whole length of that part of the route which runs past the village of Newton St Cyres was completed in April 2020. This comprises an agreement for a twenty five year lease of land conditional upon funding and planning permission. It is recognised that revisions to the agreement and lease may be necessary depending on the requirements of the appropriate authorities.

Relevant Parish, District and County Councils have been notified of the project and discussions have taken place with various officers regarding the project. As at the year end the project is now at the stage where regular meetings are taking place between interested Councillors and relevant officers of Devon County Council, who are now seeing the project as a feasible scheme. Support and discussions have progressed throughout the year.

Activities within the Year

By way of prior background, in July 2020, the Association held an on-line meeting with Devon County Council Officers for Cycleway Engineering and Design and Highways Development, and respective County and District Councillors, in an attempt to progress the project. This was followed by a site meeting along a major part of the route in September 2020, between Trustees of the Association and the appropriate Devon County Council Officers. These meetings together

resulted in the offer from Devon County Council to provide assistance and guidance in terms of design and planning of the project.

The Association has continued to meet regularly to seek to progress matters with particular emphasis on Devon County Council's input, since this is likely to have a major positive influence on the future status of the project in terms of acquiring planning approval and funding.

The Association has been greatly assisted by the work of the recently formed A377 Action Group, which is a campaign group composed of relevant ward Parish Council Chairs, District and County Council Ward members and appropriate Devon County Council Officers. The aim of this group is to campaign for improved road safety along the A377, an issue which is intrinsically linked to the Boniface Trail project. The Group promotes two main campaigns, one being better speed control and traffic calming along the A377, and the other being the advancement of the Boniface Trail Project itself. The first significant development from the Group's work was that in November 2021, Devon County Council agreed to allocate funding of £20,000 for an outline feasibility study of the route from Crediton to Exeter with focus on the route between Crediton and Newton St Cyres (but with the hope that the Association may be able to persuade Devon County Council to extend this focus further along the route towards Half Moon). The appointed Consultants, WSP, had a background meeting with the Association in March 2022. At the conclusion of the meeting it was agreed that WSP would seek to produce a consultancy report on the project which was expected during summer 2022. The Association has continued to meet and liaise with the A377 Action Group and the consultants WSP. At further meetings of the A377 Action Group two options for schemes were produced, one being the enhancement of the existing quiet lanes, the other being a route close to the A377, closely following the preferred route which the Association have been working on. Following a further meeting in March 2023, whilst it would appear that there is much public opposition to the "quiet lanes" option, for reasons of feared congestion and likely conflict between agricultural and other vehicles on the one hand and pedestrians, cyclists

and other users on the other hand (resulting in likely lack of use by the latter), the more comprehensive second option was accepted as a scheme that could be achievable and Devon County Council agreed to instruct WSP to carry out further work to prepare a report for the two alternative schemes, to be presented at a public consultation.

The expectation of the Trustees is that the “quiet lanes” option will receive little or no support from the public, therefore committing Devon County Council to progress a more comprehensive route which is close in position to what the Association have been campaigning for.

The position of funding has been discussed at relevant meetings. Whilst it is likely that no immediate funding is directly available from Devon County Council, save that to continue the consultancy study, if a viable scheme can be shown to be achievable and meet government objectives, then bids can be made to fund the scheme from central government and other grant providers.

Additionally the Association continues to participate in discussions called Climate Conversations instigated by Mid Devon District Council. Mid Devon District Council has recognized the climate emergency. As a result of discussions, some key roads in Crediton have been mentioned as being possibly classified to provide priority for cyclists over other road users.

Looking forward, the Association will continue to work with Devon County Council and other relevant Councils, authorities and interest groups to advance the project and to press Devon County Council to hold a public consultation as soon as possible in the hope that a viable scheme can be presented for funding.

Public Benefit

The Trustees declare that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Trustees confirm that the objects of the Charity have appropriate public benefit.

In carrying out its activities during the year, the Charity has had due regard to its objects and has served the public by continuing to promote the objects of the Association and has worked to promote support from local government, thus furthering the objects of the Charity which will, ultimately, benefit the public.

The Trustees can summarise how it is anticipated that the project will benefit the public as follows:

- a) It will provide a facility which will be open to all persons, which, in the particular location, does not presently exist.
- b) It is accessible to a wide range of potential users to encompass pedal cyclists, pedestrians, and those with mobility impairments.
- c) Any person living within, or visiting, the geographical area will be able to enjoy the facility
- d) Walking and cycling are widely regarded to have benefits for public health and well being.
- e) The proposed route of the path is in a place of high natural beauty, providing further benefits to well being.
- f) The path will bring large improvements in terms of safety to the public, with a large percentage of respondents to the Charity's initial survey having expressed the view that the only currently available equivalent route along the A377 is particularly unsafe
- g) The project will improve Air Quality particularly in the Crediton area.

Financial Review of the Year

During the year grant activities have been limited largely due to the fact the project is likely to be at the stage where it will be in a position to attract larger scale funding in the foreseeable future. The Association remains optimistic regarding longer term funding as noted above. One small grant of £400 was received from Crediton Town Council, as per the previous year. Operating costs for the year have been limited to small hall hire fees to cover personal meetings. There remains cash in hand in the sum of £13,156 as at the year end for the purposes of pursuing further land owner agreements and planning permission costs if and when necessary.

Longer term financial objectives would be to raise additional funds for the planning application for the first intended phase, and for construction itself, and the Trustees consider it a high possibility that funding may be forthcoming in the longer term from Devon County Council, utilising appropriate allocated funding streams and central government initiatives for this type of project. Possible avenues of longer term, larger scale, funding, would include as follows:

Developers' contributions under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Community Infrastructure Levy

Landfill Tax Credits

Local Enterprise Partnership

Local fundraising/donations/crowd funding.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Paul Taylor (Chair)

1st July 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BONIFACE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2022	To	Period end date 30-Jun-23
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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 £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Crediton Towbn Council Grants	400	-	-	400	400
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	400	-	-	400	400
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	400	-	-	400	400
A3 Payments					
Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Rent	39	-	-	39	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	39	-	-	39	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	39	-	-	39	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	361	-	-	361	400
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,795	-	-	12,795	12,047
Cash funds this year end	13,156	-	-	13,156	12,447

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Bank	13,156	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,156	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Paul Taylor (Trustee/Chair)	18/08/2024

BONIFACE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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BONIFACE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1 1JULY 2021 TO 30 JUNE 2022

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Structure Governance and Management

The Charity Is a CIO using the model Constitution for voting by members other than trustees.

Membership is composed of representatives from local Parish Councils, District Council and County Council representatives and local sustainable transport interest groups to fit the purpose of the objects of the Charity.

Members and Trustees meet together on average 6 weekly.

One Chairman, an Administrator and Treasurer have each been appointed, and sub committees for various tasks have been appointed, in the areas of route of the intended project, legal matters, and publicity and website. It is intended these positions will be reappointed at each AGM. Under the constitution Trustees retire by rotation each AGM and formally are elected for Reappointment.

The Charity currently has 4 Trustees. This number is considered sufficient to meet the Charity's current objectives and allow for any future continuity in the event of replacement.

Objects of the Charity and Aims and Objectives.

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Public consultation has showed to date much support for the proposed project with intrinsic benefits to the public at large. The scheme will offer an alternative for pedestrians, pedal cyclists, and wheelchair and motorized mobility scooter users, to what is currently a very busy main road, the A377, a road where in many places there are no proper pavement facilities.

On line and printed surveys carried out in 2016, at the inception of the Charity, showed an impressive demand for the project amongst the public.

Initial consultations with an engineer with specialist experience in this type of project, resulted in the engineer's opinion that there should be no major burdens in the project in terms of construction, and that the scheme would be workable in practice. The construction methods would largely comprise a tarmac path of suitable width, with stock proof fencing for most of the route, with a small number of small scale bridges over streams, a limited amount of excavation, and it is likely that one river bridge may be required, which would be the biggest expense of the project.

Land owners have been very supportive to the project and a large number of land owners along the proposed route of the path have agreed an intention in principle to grant legal agreements to facilitate construction and use of the path along their respective parts of land without capital payment. The first and most comprehensive land owner agreement was completed in April 2020.

Relevant Parish, District and County Councils have been notified of the project and discussions have taken place with various officers regarding the project.

Activities within the Year

In July 2020, the Association held an on line meeting with Devon County Council Officers for Cycleway Engineering and Design and Highways Development, and respective County and District Councilors, in an ordattempt to progress the project. This was followed by a site meeting along a major part of the route in September 2020, between Trustees of the Association and the appropriate Devon County Council Officers. These meetings together resulted in the offer from Devon County Council to provide assistance and guidance in terms of design and planning of the project, and also to provide a legal appraisal of the first land owner agreement, which covers a major part of the first intended phase, from the County Council's appointed lawyers in this field.

The Association has continued to meet regularly to seek to progress matters with particular emphasis on Devon Couty Council's input, since this is likely to have a major positive influence on the future status of the project in terms of acquiring planning approval and funding. To a degree, progress during the year remained affected by COVID restrictions, but as the year has progressed members and Trustees have been able to meet in person.

The Association has been greatly assisted by the work of the recently formed A377 Action Group, which is a campaign group composed of relevant ward Parish Council Chairs, District and County Council Ward members and appropriate

Devon County Council Officers, The aim of this group is to campaign for improved road safety along the A377, an issue which is intrinsically linked to the Boniface Trail project. The Group promotes two main campaigns, one being better speed and traffic calming along the A377, and the other being the advancement of the Boniface Trail Project itself. One very significant development from the Group's work is that Devon County Council agreed in November 2021 to allocate funding of £20,000 for an outline feasibility study of the route from Crediton to Exeter with focus on the route between Crediton and Newton St Cyres (but with the hope that the Association may be able to persuade Devon County Council to extend this focus further along the route. towards Half Moon). The appointed Consultants had a background meeting with the Association on 4th March 2022. As at the year end a report from the consultants is expected to be released shortly and the Association is pressing Devon County Council for the forthcoming report.

Additionally the Association is participating in a series of discussions called Climate Conversations instigated by Mid Devon District Council. Mid Devon District Council has recognized the climate emergency. One discussion item has been to allow and encourage certain roads in Mid Devon to be classified such that cyclists have priority over other road users and some key roads in Crediton have been mentioned in this context.

Looking forward, the Association will continue to work with Devon County Council and other respective Councils and any other relevant authority and interest groups to advance the project with particular interest to seek further funding from Devon County Council.

Public Benefit

The Trustees declare that they have held due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Commission accept that the objects of the Charity have appropriate public benefit.

In carrying out its activities during the year, the Charity has had due regard to its objects and served the public by continuing to promote the objects of the Association and work to promote support from local government, thus furthering the objects of the Charity which will, ultimately, benefit the public.

The Trustees can summarise as to how it is anticipated the project will benefit the public as follows:

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- d) The benefits of walking and cycling are widely regarded to have benefits to public health and well being.
- e) The Trustees consider the particular route of the path is in a place of high natural beauty, providing further benefits to well being.
- f) The path will bring large improvements in terms of safety to the public, with particular regard to a large percentage of respondents in the Charity's initial survey expressing the view that the only currently available equivalent route along the current established A377 is particularly unsafe
- g) The project will improve Air Quality particularly in the Crediton area.

Financial Review of the Year

During the year small grant activities have been restricted due to COVID restrictions but the Association remains optimistic regarding longer term funding as noted above. One small grant of £400 was received from Crediton Town Council, as per the previous year. Operating costs for the year have been limited to small hall hire fees to cover personal meetings. There remains cash in hand in the sum of £12,795 as at the year end for the purposes of pursuing further land

owner agreements and planning permission/consultancy costs when the appropriate opportunities arise.

Longer term financial objectives would be to raise additional funds for the planning application for the first intended phase, and for construction itself, and the Trustees consider it a high possibility that funding may be acquired in the longer term from Devon County Council, utilising appropriate allocated funding streams and central government initiatives for this type of project. Possible avenues of longer term, larger scale, funding, would include as follows:

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Supermarket "bag tax" donation schemes

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Central Government Sustainable Transport funding schemes

Allocated cycleway funding from County Council

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Paul Taylo (Chair)



8th January 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BONIFACE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/07/2022		30-Jun-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Crediton Towbn Council Grants	400	-	-	400	400
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	400	-	-	400	400
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	400	-	-	400	400
A3 Payments					
Newton St Cyres Parish Hall Rent	52	-	-	52	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	52	-	-	52	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	52	-	-	52	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	348	-	-	348	400
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,447	-	-	12,447	12,047
Cash funds this year end	12,795	-	-	12,795	12,447

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Bank	12,795	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,795	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK	OK	OK
Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

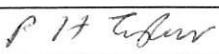
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Paul Taylor (Trustee/Chair)	08/01/2024

BONIFACE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1 1JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021

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Membership is composed of representatives from local Parish Councils, District Council and County Council representatives and local sustainable transport interest groups to fit the purpose of the objects of the Charity.

Members and Trustees meet together on average 6 weekly, currently on line

One Chairman, an Administrator and Treasurer have each been appointed, and sub committees for various tasks have been appointed, in the areas of route of the intended project, legal matters, and publicity and website. It is intended these positions will be reappointed at each AGM. Under the constitution Trustees retire by rotation each AGM and formally are elected for Reappointment.

The Charity currently has 4 Trustees. This number is considered sufficient to meet the Charity's current objectives and allow for any future continuity in the event of replacement. The Trustees were grateful to the services of Clive Smith who retired as a Trustee during the year, having given the Association the benefit of much knowledge of interest in the project to date and Clive has kindly offered to continue to share his wealth of experience on matters at the Exeter end of the project.

Objects of the Charity and Aims and Objectives.

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Public consultation has showed to date much support for the proposed project with intrinsic benefits to the public at large. The scheme will offer an alternative for pedestrians, pedal cyclists, and wheelchair and motorized mobility scooter users, to what is currently a very busy main road, the A377, a road where in many places there are no proper pavement facilities.

On line and printed surveys showed an impressive demand for the project amongst the public.

The Charity has appointed a consultant engineer with specialist experience in this type of project. Our consultant engineer could see no major issues in the project in terms of construction and provided an opinion that the scheme would be workable in practice. The construction methods would largely comprise a tarmac path of suitable width, with stock proof fencing for most of the route, with a

small number of small scale bridges over streams, a limited amount of excavation, and it is likely that one river bridge may be required which would be the biggest expense of the project.

Land owners have been very supportive to the project and a large number of land owners along the proposed route of the path have agreed an intention in principle to grant legal agreements to facilitate construction and use of the path along their respective parts of land without capital payment.

Relevant Parish, District and County Councils have been notified of the project and discussions have taken place with various officers regarding the project.

Activities within the Year

Whilst inevitably the COVID restrictions have had a noticeable effect like many others the Association has been able to take advantage of meeting on Zoom and remains in regular communication and is even able to hold a remote meeting with Council Officers, as mentioned below.

Following completion of the first and most comprehensive land owner agreement in April 2020, the Association has continued to pursue the further legal agreements for the first anticipated phase of the project, with progress being effected to a degree by COVID restrictions.

One of the next longer term objective would be to acquire planning permission for the first anticipated phase of the project, further to a Pre-Application submission with Mid Devon District Council in January 2018.

The Association continues to have further discussion and liaison with the Devon County Council. The Cabinet of Devon Council resolved in April 2020 to allocate several cycleway project for funding, and the Boniface Trail project has been listed formally as a proposed project. It is understood that no direct funding from central Government is available at present but that may be available within the 2023/24 financial year. There may be funding opportunities from COVID initiated central Government schemes. It is fair to say that the County Council is advancing other cycleway schemes which are more advanced in priority, but the Association is encouraged on the whole by the recognition of the project by Devon County

Council. Following this approval a Zoom meeting was held in July 2020, between various trustees and various Devon County Council Officials, and the respective Mid Devon District and Devon County Councillors. One outcome of the meeting was that DCC generated a document “DCC Core design principles for shared use trails”. Although part of this document is generic, part of it is specific to the route under consideration for the Boniface Trail. Another successful outcome from that meeting was that the Boniface Trail is being considered as a project to attract contributions from future developers of sites close to the proposed route under statutory planning requirements. In principal continued professional support and input was expected from DCC on the planning and engineering aspects.

This support was further boosted by a site meeting in September 2020 with the respective Highways Development Officer, and Cycleways Engineering Officer from Devon County Council, with a willingness to feed back with opinions regarding the project, and this was supported by the offer of Devon County Council passing the main legal agreement to date to their appointed lawyers for consideration. Inevitably there has been a delay in feedback in these matters due to COVID related events.

Public Benefit

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The Commission accept that the objects of the Charity have appropriate public benefit.

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- g) The project will improve Air Q particularly in the Crediton area.

Financial Review of the Year

During the year small grant activities have been restricted due to COVID restrictions but the Association remains optimistic regarding longer term funding as noted above. One small grant of £400 was received from Crediton Town Council. There remains cash in hand for the purposes of pursuing further land owner agreements and planning costs.

Longer term financial objectives would be to raise additional funds for the planning application for the first intended phase, and for construction itself. Possible avenues of longer term, larger scale, funding, would include as follows:

Developers' contributions under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Community Infrastructure Levy

Landfill Tax Credits

Remaining European Union Tourism Promotion Funding

Local Enterprise Partnership

Local fundraising/donations/crowd funding.

Volunteer Labour/skills

Business sponsorship

Lottery

Heritage

Sports Council

Supermarket “bag tax” donation schemes

Crowd funding

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Taylor

Chair

30th April 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BONIFACE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 07/01/2020	To	Period end date 30-Jun-21
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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 £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Crediton Towbn Council Grants	400	-	-	400	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	400	-	-	400	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	400	-	-	400	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	400	-	-	400	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,047	-	-	12,047	-
Cash funds this year end	12,447	-	-	12,447	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Bank	12,447	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,447	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Paul Taylor	Paul Taylor (Trustee/Chair)	30/04/2022