



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 April 2021 To 31 March 2022

Charity name: Friends of the Marden Valley

Charity registration number: 1173673

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	(1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the River Marden and its tributaries, from its source to its confluence with the River Avon (North East of Chippenham), together with its surrounding habitats, its wildlife, both flora and fauna of its catchment basin, and (2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment as well as the history of the River Marden Valley.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Continued maintenance of the River Marden and its tributaries in particular the Abberd Brook area. Conducting and recording an active series of on-line meetings and webinars. Commissioning of a survey of wildlife in the area. Holding a well-attended river day in Calne. Replacing a damaged information board and creating a new one. Planning major improvement of the Abberd Brook with experts from the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust. Completion of a wildflower garden and an orchard near a local community centre. Continued monitoring of the condition of the river and its tributaries and the health of its wildlife. Informing the Environment Agency of pollution and spills. Published a declaration of rights of the Marden Valley to increase awareness of environmental issues.
Statement confirming	Para 1.18	In planning, organizing and implementing

whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		all the activities of the charity the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and affirm that the primary purpose of the charity is to make the Marden Valley and its immediate surroundings an amenity for the public.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Approximately 30 volunteers contributed over 300 hours in total in the period as outdoor activities continued to be somewhat constrained by Covid restrictions.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity continued to engage with young persons in outdoor activities and conservation. The group known as the River Warriors held regular meetings to assist in cleaning the Abberd Brook area and in increasing awareness of the wildlife in the area whenever covid lock down constraints allowed. Meetings of the trustees, members and partners continued on line (zoom) and a number of talks were recorded and posted on line including: Fish and Friends: Wildlife in the River Marden April 15 2021 Tree planting Carbon and Climate May 12 2021 Pollinators: Their crucial role June 15 2021 Butterflies of Morgan's Hill July 21 2021 River Marden Day 6 November 2021

		These continue to be viewed and downloaded by the public.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	£4,600 of cash grants were raised in the period. In addition further support was obtained, in particular from the Calne Town Council which provided materials and installation of information boards, supported the river day activities and paid for liability insurance. As well support from corporate sponsors who provided land and equipment for the development of an orchard.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity had a positive balance of £4,715 at the end of the period with liabilities (accounts payable) of £2,500 giving current assets of £2,215 at the end of period.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity held just £100 in reserve at the start of the period as covid constraints meant a reduced level of activity and expenditure. In anticipation of a more activities and greater expenditure it is expected that a policy of holding a reserve equivalent to about 10% of expenditures will be prudent.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£400
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	During this period the charity was funded by public funds (approx. 20% from Wiltshire Council, 80% from Calne Town Council). In future it is planned to access other (non-public funding) and initial indications are positive in this regard.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	appointed by trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		The charity developed and adopted a safeguarding policy in this period.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of the Marden Valley
Other name the charity uses	Friends of Abberd Brook
Registered charity number	1173673
Charity's principal address	Flat 15 Castle House Castle Street Calne SN11 0EY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert MacNaughton	Secretary		
2	Ian Leslie Thorn	Chair		
3	Tamzyn Long	Trustee		
4	Andrew Steven Jones	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

During this period James Gray, Member of Parliament for North Wiltshire agreed to take on the role of Honorary President of the Charity.

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew Steven Jones	Ian Leslie Thorn
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	1 April 2022	

Financial Statements
For
The Friends of the Marden Valley
Registered Charity Number 1173673
For the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Summary and notes to financial statements

The charity received two grants in the period.

The first for £1,000 from the Calne Area Board of Wiltshire Council was to fund a survey and to prepare a report on the biodiversity, landscape and habitats within the catchment area of the River Marden. This work was largely conducted in the period and an invoice from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for £1,000 was received and recorded as an account payable at the end of the period until the work was finalised.

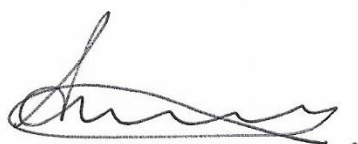
The second grant was from the Calne Town Council for £3,600. This was for installation of Information Boards concerning the wildlife to be found in the Abberd Brook area and how it may develop in the future. Improving the flow and habitat quality of Abberd Brook. Production of video and resource materials to educate residents (especially schoolchildren) about the Marden Valley. Some administration and insurance costs to ensure our online presence and environmental improvement and clean-up activities. While progress was made in all these areas only one invoice (£500, for the production of artwork for the information board) was processed in the period.

Overall, the net assets of the charity increased in the period by £3,100.

No trustees or related parties were funded by the charity and all expenditures were in accordance with the aims of the charity.

The trustees consider the charity is in a viable and financially sound position with assets exceeding anticipated expenditures.

Prepared by



Andrew S. Jones

Treasurer, Friends of The Marden Valley

1 April 2022

Financial Statement
The Friends of the Marden Valley
1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Income Statement

Date	Source	Income
25/01/2022	Wiltshire Council Grant	£ 1,000.00
22/02/2022	Calne Town Council Grant	£ 3,600.00
	Total Income in Period	£ 4,600.00
Date	Expenditure	Expenses
25/02/2022	Payment for Artwork for Information Board	£ 500.00
	Total Expenditure in period	£ 500.00
	Net income in period	£ 4,100.00

Balance Sheet

		SOP	EOP	Change in period
Assets				
Bank account	opening balance	£ 115.23		
	closing balance		£ 4,215.23	
	total	£ 115.23	£ 4,215.23	£ 4,100.00
Total Assets		£ 115.23	£ 4,215.23	£ 4,100.00
Liabilities				
Accounts payable				
10/01/2022	To Wiltshire Wildlife Trust		£ 1,000.00	
Total Liabilities		£0	£ 1,000.00	£1,000
Net assets				
	start of period	£115.23		
	end of period		£ 3,215.23	
	Change over period	£115.23	£ 3,215.23	£3,100.00