

## Trustees Annual Report for the Period April 2020 to March 2021

### Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association

Address: 130 Derby Road Langley Mill Derby DE16 3AA

Charity registration number 1173704

#### Charity Objectives

The restoration, reconstruction, preservation and maintenance of the Erewash canal and associated waterways. Its buildings, towing paths, structures and craft and the conservation of its natural character as a navigable inland waterway for the benefit of the public

To provide educational and training facilities to members and the public in all aspects of canals through the heritage of the built and natural environment and emphasise the importance of safety requirements in a waterway environment.

The association is run solely by volunteers and has no paid members but does buy in expertise, eg accountancy services, as required. There is no volunteer expense policy but volunteers can claim expenses for items bought for use to further the association aims. The two main volunteer groups are a work party at Langley Mill, who meet each Friday morning, and the Lock cottages team.

We work closely with the Canal & River Trust, handling an evergrowing list of maintenance issues and repairs. All the weekly work parties are staffed by volunteers who give generously of their time in all weathers to ensure the Erewash canal is as user friendly and as well maintained as possible. Many members use their own tools and many have donated items to the work party.

The lock cottage team worked hard to keep the cottage safe to use during the covid outbreaks. Generally the cottages are open one Sunday a month and during bank holidays with special Santa openings in December. Members also give talks about the canal to outside groups and will open specially to accommodate any interested groups. The planned installation of a flushing toilet and a dedicated electricity supply will help to progress future development plans and the stable is in the process of being refurbished.

Unfortunately the activities of both groups were somewhat curtailed during the last year due to covid restrictions.

The association continues its policy of assisting other canal associations and organisations. In December it helped Friends of Cromford Canal with a litter pick at the Langley Mill end of the Erewash canal, one of the highlights of which was the motor scooter pulled out of the canal, just below Anchor Bridge! Continuing the cooperative theme, ECP&DA has made its Zoom meeting facility available to both Derbyshire Museums and Heritage Forum and the Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs.

ECP&DA has been a member of the Derbyshire Museums and Heritage Forum since October 2017 and the Chairperson is a committee member. Among the subjects currently under discussion are the reopening of attractions post lockdown, financial support and attracting and retaining volunteers, matters close to most organisations' hearts. Being involved with DMHF gives an insight into how other organisations, including the professionals, deal with the various problems we are all experiencing at present.

There are plans to redevelop the former Stanton iron works site into a business park, providing up to 2,8m square feet of industrial and warehousing space, reintroducing the existing railway line into the area and providing about 3,375 jobs. This is a joint plan between two local companies, Ward and Trust Utility Management. Whilst we do not think this will affect the Erewash canal, the Chairperson was invited to join the Community Liaison Group, the first meeting of which was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

The main income of the association is derived from mooring fees, membership payments and the lock cottage takings. The main outgoings are insurance, CRT rent and utilities. We have no investments but do own two properties and a workboat - all of which are used primarily by members for meetings and fundraising activities. We hold no assets belonging to any other groups.

During the financial year 2019/20 the association was fortunate enough to receive a £35009 donation from Kennelpac which came about as part of an environment agency enforcement undertaking against Kennelpac. During 2020-21 the association received a £10,000 grant from Erewash Borough Council as part of a covid support package. These grants enabled the society to build up a good financial reserve and funded the establishment of a dedicated electrical supply to the Lock Cottages. Further refurbishment is planned in this area as the Lock cottages are an important and growing source of income for the association. Plans

include repointing the stonework and repainting the cottages. The tanks for the proposed toilet have already been purchased.

The association currently has no formal reserve fund although this is a legal requirement. Currently enough funds are held to cover any unforeseen matters but, now that this omission has been brought to light, a budget setting regime will be established. The underpinning trend is for outgoings to be greater than income and we cannot rely on donations of this nature if we are to maintain and meet our objectives and trustees will be seeking to address this situation.

The association currently has no formal trustee recruitment or induction procedures and all the current trustees are association members.

The association is a Charitable incorporated organisation with voting members other than its Charity trustees.

There are currently 8 trustees but there can be up to 12. At each AGM one third of the trustees retire by rotation and vacancies are filled by the decision of members at the AGM. The quorum for general meetings is 5% or six members, whichever is the greater, and at least 50% of trustees. The quorum for Trustee meetings is 50%.

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

<b>Name of Trustee</b>	<b>Position Held</b>
Mr N Cornwell	Chairperson/Mooring Officer
Mr J Nixey	Vice Chairperson
Mrs K Wilson	Treasurer (March-August)
Mrs G Martin	Treasurer (September-March)
Mrs Y Shattower	Secretary
Mrs S Cornwell	Membership secretary
Mr P King	Publicity Officer
Mr D Swain	Archivist/Webmaster
Mr G Stenson	Lock Cottage Team Leader

## Declaration

I declare, in my capacity as charity trustee, that:

The trustees have approved the report above

Authorised me to sign on their behalf

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Cornwell', written over a horizontal line.

Mr N Cornwell

Chairperson

29/12/21



**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period from

Period start date  
01/04/2020

To

Period end date  
31/03/2021

**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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Mooring fees	7,746	-	-	7,746	7,857
Membership	1,724	-	-	1,724	3,384
Club 70 lottery	630	-	-	630	1,020
Sandiacre Cottage takings	390	-	-	390	3,326
Raffle	-	-	-	-	612
Funding gift sales misc	941	-	-	941	4,968
Donations	2,876	-	-	2,876	37,807
Government support	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
AWCC	128	-	-	128	308
Boat Electric	203	-	-	203	243
Boat Licence	231	-	-	231	674
Interest	395	-	-	395	464
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>25,264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,264</b>	<b>60,663</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25,264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,264</b>	<b>60,663</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Sandiacre Cottage	10,526	-	-	10,526	3,558
Landley Mill	724	-	-	724	916
Club 70 Lottery	180	-	-	180	335
Misc	181	-	-	181	-
Pentland Boat	-	-	-	-	997
Office/fees/licences	2,048	-	-	2,048	6,379
CRT rent	8,025	-	-	8,025	17,655
Insurance	3,464	-	-	3,464	6,572
Refunds	-	-	-	-	2,562
Rates	335	-	-	335	523
Heating	-	-	-	-	214
Electric	1,733	-	-	1,733	2,374
AWCC	-	-	-	-	303
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>27,216</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,216</b>	<b>42,388</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>27,216</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,216</b>	<b>42,388</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,952</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,952</b>	<b>18,275</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>56,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,900</b>	<b>38,625</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>54,948</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,948</b>	<b>56,900</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank	2,144	-	-
	BMM bank account	12,437	-	-
	Mansfield B S	40,367	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>54,948</b>	-	-
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Boat - Pentland	Unrestricted	200	20,000
	Pump	Unrestricted	10,000	8,000
	Ride On Mower	Unrestricted	270	400
	Woodchipper	Unrestricted	2,400	2,000
	Dumper Truck	Unrestricted	-	500
	Sandiacre Lock Cottage	Unrestricted	65,000	65,000
	Langley Mill Cottage & Workshop	Unrestricted	27,000	27,000
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		G Martin	G Martin	27/12/2021

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on the attached pages.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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For and on behalf of Rogers Spencer

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Dated: 4/1/22