

# NATURAL KIRKLEES

England & Wales · Charity number 1174259

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-08-15

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN KIRKLEES BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

**Activities:** Umbrella organisation for volunteer groups in Kirklees promoting conservation and biodiversity. Providing free insurance and tool share for groups working on Kirklees Green spaces..

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Kirklees

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£34,363	£36,842	-	-
2024-09-30	£40,292	£10,315	-	-
2023-09-30	£36,020	£37,509	-	-
2022-09-30	£22,956	£12,449	-	-
2021-09-30	£10,000	£13,990	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Adrian Pitts</b>	Chair	2025-07-23
Christine Senior		2019-03-21
Claire Howe		2024-12-04
David John Rudd		2020-11-19
Edwin Ronald Day		2017-08-15
Gill Young		2024-12-04
JOAN VEVERS		2017-08-15
Julie Hirst		2021-11-17
Phil Slater		2020-09-01
Stuart Richard Taylor		2023-11-09

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report and Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2025**



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## **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2025**

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**Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

# Natural Kirklees

## Trustees' report for the year ended 30 September 2025

### Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Edwin Day	Chair	
Julie Hirst	Treasurer	
Joan Vevers	Secretary	
Christine Senior		
Phil Slater		
David Rudd		
Timothy Duke		Resigned 1 October 2024
Kat Woolley		Resigned 16 October 2024
Stefanie Rofke		Resigned 2 October 2025
Stuart Taylor		Appointed 9 November 2023
Adrian Pitts		Appointed 23 July 2025
Claire Howe		Appointed 4 December 2024
Gill Young		Appointed 4 December 2024

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### Independent examiner

Simon Bostrom FCIE

### West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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### Objectives and activities

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To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Kirklees by promoting biological diversity.

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

#### The charity's main activities

Umbrella organisation for volunteer groups in Kirklees promoting conservation and biodiversity. Providing free insurance and tool share for groups working on Kirklees green spaces.

#### Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular giving help and support to the 130 member volunteer groups who work tirelessly to improve their green space, hold events to raise funds and most importantly bring the local community together. When updating the member database in July 2024 the input from member groups identified they give in excess of 50,000 volunteer hours spent improving green spaces and looking after the environment. We continue to assist these groups providing advice and guidance on working practices, grants and opportunities to exchange experiences etc.

#### Achievements and performance

The past year has seen some significant challenges resulting from the financial constraints on Kirklees Council in terms of the service delivery provided by the council's Parks & Green Spaces team with significant reductions in staffing and hence activity provided in the green spaces within Kirklees. Our own volunteer resource issues were addressed by establishing 2 contracts for administration and technical support.

While this has incurred significant cost, it has enabled the charity to survive and recruit new trustees and provide both a succession plan and enabled us to maintain the additional services we provide above our core activities.

We continue to provide an extensive monthly newsletter and hold member meetings each quarter and have moved the hosting of our website to provide a more secure platform and while there is still work to be done going forward to update the web site in terms of content, we have restabilised the basis as we enter the new financial year.

The public liability insurance facility we provide members has been renewed for a further year with 96 members availing themselves of £10m cover for their activities working in the green spaces.

We have extended our tool store facility offer of loans of gardening tools to beyond our membership to any group who hold public liability insurance and this enables schools etc. to borrow tools and litter picking equipment without the need to become associate members. The stores are located at Beaumont park and next to Bagshaw Museum in Wilton Park.

The highlights of the year included being entered in the Skipton Building Society local branch's Community Giving Scheme and we were awarded £600 which in turn we passed to Friends of Norman Park who the trustees considered offered the best proposal to attract more visitors to the green space. We also held our own small grant scheme this year and awarded 11 member groups sums ranging from £100 to £750 for projects to improve the green spaces they work in.

In addition, we provided £300 for wild flowers in support of the project being sponsored by Keep Britain Tidy in Heckmondwike via the excellent work member group Keep Hecky Tidy undertake in this case to provide plants within the local area to improve the pride for the local community in the town. Unfortunately another group had a bridge damaged by vandalism and we provided £300 to assist in the repairs.

# Natural Kirklees

## Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2025

### Achievements and performance continued

Similar to 2024, we also sponsored the Countryside Marquee at the Honley Show providing local member groups to showcase the work their volunteers do in the local towns, villages, schools etc. The weather behaved itself and it proved an enjoyable and successful day. To balance our presence at events throughout the area we also provided the opportunity for the public to visit our tool store at Bagshaw Museum as part of the Heritage Days programme and offered to show the public how to sharpen their garden tools. We also received a sack of purple crocus bulbs thanks to Pennine Rotary in Huddersfield which were duly well received by groups throughout Kirklees.

Back in 2022, we attempted to launch a new constituted growing group at the council premises near Peace Pit in Huddersfield and working with the Council Volunteer Coordinators, Support to Recovery, Huddersfield University and the volunteers that attend the site each Monday we have finally achieved our ambition. Unfortunately, the site's availability is uncertain but working with the council we would hope the group will continue even though it may have to relocate. The site provides the opportunity for member groups to grow their own plants on a community basis but equally important for volunteers to enjoy a quiet space to work, relax or socialise in a safe location. Natural Kirklees will fund the facility while funds allow or until the site facility is relocated.

Over the past year, we have been unable to impact and support member groups trying to get permission to undertake or achieve the work they do with the council over the past year, as well as we have in the past, we now have additional trustees and external contracts that should see us progress and prosper going forward. While the council remain under financial constraints the uncertainty and service delivery reshaping process is nearing an end and therefore we are as confident as we can be regarding our future support of the member groups for the tremendous work they do.

### Financial review

The net payments for the year were £2,479, including net receipts of £763 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £3,242 on restricted funds.

### Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £3,325.

The ongoing support to members by way of providing public liability insurance is seen as the primary financial aspect of Natural Kirklees role. Should the council be in a position where they cannot provide adequate funding, Natural Kirklees is unlikely to be able to raise sufficient funds by other means. The trustees therefore aim to maintain a reserve at each year-end, which will enable the charity to enable us to continue to facilitate the payment for the public liability insurance policy plus the general and technical administration of the charity and hosting of our web site for a period of almost 3 years to the renewal date on 19th September 2028. We therefore intend to reserve a sum, equivalent to one additional year's insurance plus the general and technical administration of the charity and hosting of our web site to 30th September 2027.

The cost for the coming financial year will be addressed within the annual budget but additionally a reserve will be held for this sum to ensure Natural Kirklees can not only pay its essential costs for the new financial year but additionally for an additional year (2026-7) and as such a reserve within restricted funds at 30 September 2025 will be held of £28,000.

Approved by the board of trustees on 6/11/2025

Julie Hirst (Trustee)

# **Natural Kirklees**

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Natural Kirklees**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 30 September 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

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

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 Charities Act;
- 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.

Simon Bostrom FCIE

6/11/2025

### **West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

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**Natural Kirklees**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants	(2)	-	33,600	33,600	38,000
Bank interest		763	-	763	1,542
Grants returned		-	-	-	750
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>763</u>	<u>33,600</u>	<u>34,363</u>	<u>40,292</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Insurance		-	21,492	21,492	535
Tool store		-	40	40	-
Website		-	1,287	1,287	53
Administration		-	4,644	4,644	20
Events and activities		-	1,371	1,371	1,783
Accounting		-	528	528	420
Small grants programme	(3)	-	7,480	7,480	7,504
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>36,842</u>	<u>36,842</u>	<u>10,315</u>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		763	(3,242)	(2,479)	29,977
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<u>2,562</u>	<u>75,312</u>	<u>77,874</u>	<u>47,897</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(4)	<u>3,325</u>	<u>72,070</u>	<u>75,395</u>	<u>77,874</u>

**Natural Kirklees**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 30 September 2025**

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	3,325	72,070	75,395	77,874
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>3,325</u>	<u>72,070</u>	<u>75,395</u>	<u>77,874</u>

<b>Prepayments</b>	2025
	£
Prepayments	7,304
	<u>7,304</u>

<b>Liabilities</b>	2025
	£
Accruals	528
	<u>528</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 6/11/2025

Julie Hirst (Trustee)

# **Natural Kirklees**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 30 September 2025**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

##### **Taxation**

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

**Natural Kirklees**  
**Notes to the accounts continued**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2025**

<b>2 Grants and donations</b>	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Kirklees Council	-	33,000	33,000	33,000
Third Sector Leaders	-	-	-	5,000
Skipton Building Society	-	600	600	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>33,600</u>	<u>33,600</u>	<u>38,000</u>

**3 Grant making**

<b>Project or activity</b>	2025	2024
	Grants to	Grants to
	institutions	institutions
	£	£
ABWP Group	100	-
Clayton West Millennium Trust	600	-
Cleckheaton in Bloom	550	-
Friends of Crow Nest Park	500	-
Friends of Norman Park	600	-
Friends of Rectory Park	750	-
Golcar Lily Environment Group	680	-
Huddersfield Woodscape	300	-
Keep Hecky Tidy	300	-
Kirkheaton Environment Trust	100	-
Marsden Walkers are Welcome	750	-
River Holme Connections	600	-
Skelmanthorpe Comm Centre	300	-
Stocks Moor Village Association	600	-
Windy Bank Gardening Club	750	-
East Bierley Village Preservation Society	-	350
Friends of Cliffe House	-	750
Friends of Cowcliffe Recreation Area	-	750
Friends of Crow Nest Park	-	294
Friends of Honley Old Woods	-	750
Golcar Lily Environment Group	-	690
Grange Moor Community Association	-	300
Growing Works	-	750
Huddersfield & District Badger Group	-	750
Keep Hecky Tidy	-	250
Lepton Village Preservation Society	-	250
Mirfield in Bloom	-	750
River Holme Connections	-	600
Urban Tree Huggers	-	270
<b>Total</b>	<u>7,480</u>	<u>7,504</u>

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**Notes to the accounts continued**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2025**

<b>4 Restricted funds</b>	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Kirklees Council	70,902	33,000	35,983	-	67,919
Third Sector Leaders	4,410	-	259	-	4,151
Skipton Building Society	-	600	600	-	-
	<u>75,312</u>	<u>33,600</u>	<u>36,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,070</u>

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Purpose of restriction</b>
Kirklees Council	Towards the costs of insurance, tool share scheme, website, publicity and promotional events. Also monies for distribution as part of a small grants programme.
Third Sector Leaders	Towards the expenses an activities of the Peace Pit growing area.
Skipton Building Society	To be awarded to a member group via application and vote by trustees.

**5 Trustee expenses**

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

**Trustee remuneration and benefits**

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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#### **Achievements and performance**

The past year has been more challenging than expected. Following Covid, we had, not only high hopes of a return to, perhaps a new normal, but one where we could expect the environmental volunteering sector to get back playing an important part in the parks and green spaces in Kirklees. However, as the year progressed we realised that fewer volunteers are coming forward and the local council finances, being in a difficult state have impacted their work in these areas. However, despite this we have received a grant to keep our finances secure and for which we are very grateful

On a positive side our membership stands at 130 full and associate members and we provide public liability insurance to 96 of those member groups. This is by far the major benefit our members perceive of our services. We also continue to provide free garden maintenance tool hire to members from 2 locations in Wilton and Beaumont Parks.

We were also able to sponsor the countryside marquee at the Honley Show in June where we enabled 12 members to showcase their work and which was considered very successful by both participants and the show committee. We have also been able to fund aspects of a project at a council owned growing area, to enable members to grow their own plants this past season

Our quarterly meeting of members have been very well attended with a number of guest speakers and we are actively involved in a research project in relation to Community Gardens, with Huddersfield University.

While we maintain a web site directory of member groups and a lot of information and documents to help our members and signpost interested members of the public, our newsletter is now our main means of communication and reaches nearly 500 subscribers and is used to publicise events, fund raising opportunities, member activities and of course our own means of disseminating information.

As our reputation continues to grow, we are now contacted by businesses and other third parties and we have been able to direct companies who want to provide opportunities for their staff to volunteer to various member groups, we also received free seed packets and one of the local Rotary Clubs donated 5000 purple crocus bulbs.

This has certainly been our most active year in what remain difficult times.

# **Natural Kirklees**

## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2024**

### **Financial review**

The net receipts for the year were £29,977, including net receipts of £1,542 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £28,435 on restricted funds.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £2,562.

The ongoing support to members by way of providing public liability insurance is seen as the prime financial aspect of Natural Kirklees' role. Should the Council be in a position where they cannot provide adequate funding, Natural Kirklees is unlikely to be able to raise sufficient funds by other means. The trustees therefore aim to maintain reserves at a level which equates to two future years of charitable expenditure in relation to the provision of the public liability for members, the web site and general administration. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to the cost of the insurance for those members covered at the time of any failure of the agreement with the council and ensure that basic support and governance costs are covered.

Approved by the board of trustees on 23/10/2024

Julie Hirst (Trustee)

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Sarah Coates MAAT

04/11/2024

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**Natural Kirklees**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2024**

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		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants	(2)	-	38,000	38,000	35,000
Bank interest		1,542	-	1,542	1,020
Grants returned		-	750	750	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>1,542</u>	<u>38,750</u>	<u>40,292</u>	<u>36,020</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Insurance		-	535	535	22,023
Tool store		-	-	-	5,560
Website		-	53	53	1,041
Administration		-	20	20	17
Events and activities		-	1,783	1,783	542
Accounting		-	420	420	240
Small grants programme	(3)	-	7,504	7,504	8,086
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>10,315</u>	<u>10,315</u>	<u>37,509</u>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		1,542	28,435	29,977	(1,489)
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<u>1,020</u>	<u>46,877</u>	<u>47,897</u>	<u>49,386</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(4)	<u>2,562</u>	<u>75,312</u>	<u>77,874</u>	<u>47,897</u>

**Natural Kirklees**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 30 September 2024**

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
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<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	2,562	75,312	77,874	47,897
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>2,562</u>	<u>75,312</u>	<u>77,874</u>	<u>47,897</u>

**Liabilities**

	2024
	£
Accruals	13,528
	<u>13,528</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 23/10/2024

Julie Hirst (Trustee)

# **Natural Kirklees**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 30 September 2024**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

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Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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**Notes to the accounts continued**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2024**

2 Grants	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Kirklees Council	-	33,000	33,000	35,000
Kirklees Council Peace Pit	-	5,000	5,000	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>

**3 Grant making**

Project or activity	2024 Grants to institutions £	2023 Grants to institutions £
100 Miles of Hedgerow	-	320
Badger Sett Protection	-	750
Bee Habitat	-	588
Contemplation Area	-	750
East Bierley Village Preservation Society	350	-
Flower Borders	-	750
Friends of Cliffe House	750	-
Friends of Cowcliffe Recreation Area	750	-
Friends of Crow Nest Park	294	-
Friends of Honley Old Woods	750	-
Get Together Gardening	-	430
Golcar Lily Environment Group	690	-
Grange Moor Community Association	300	-
Growing Works	750	-
Huddersfield & District Badger Group	750	-
Keep Hecky Tidy	250	-
Knotweed Treatment	-	500
Lepton in Bloom	-	500
Lepton Village Preservation Society	250	-
Mirfield in Bloom	750	-
Peace garden	-	748
River Holme Connections	600	-
School Woodlands	-	600
Street Sign Planters	-	500
Top Pond Liner	-	750
Urban Tree Huggers	270	-
Village Gardens	-	750
Wildflowers on the River Colne	-	150
Total	<u>7,504</u>	<u>8,086</u>

**Natural Kirklees**  
**Notes to the accounts continued**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2024**

<b>4 Restricted funds</b>	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Kirklees Council	46,877	33,750	9,725	-	70,902
Kirklees Council Peace Pit	-	5,000	590	-	4,410
	<u>46,877</u>	<u>38,750</u>	<u>10,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,312</u>

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Purpose of restriction</b>
Kirklees Council	Towards the costs of insurance, tool share scheme, website, publicity and promotional events. Also monies for distribution as part of a small grants programme.
Kirklees Council Peace Pit	Towards the expenses an activities of the Peace Pit growing area.

**Trustee expenses**

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

**Trustee remuneration and benefits**

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

<b>Funds held as agent</b>	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£
Reap What You Sow (Kirklees)	-	1,000	1,000	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Additional information</b>
Reap What You Sow (Kirklees)	Monies held for part of the year, as the group had no bank account.

**NATURAL KIRKLEES**

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# Natural Kirklees

## Trustees' report for the year ended 30 September 2023

### Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Edwin Day	Chair	
Julie Hirst	Treasurer	
Joan Vevers	Secretary	
Christine Senior		
Phil Slater		
David Rudd		
Timothy Duke		
Kat Woolley		Appointed 26 October 2022
Stefanie Rofke		Appointed 26 October 2022

**Charity number** 1174259 Registered in England and Wales

<b>Registered and principal address</b>	<b>Bankers</b>
The Depot Beaumont Park Huddersfield HD1 7AY	Virgin Money 40 New Street Huddersfield HD1 2BT

### Independent examiner

Sarah Coates MAAT

### West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

Stringer House  
34 Lupton Street  
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### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 15 Aug 2017 and is governed by a constitution.

### Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

# **Natural Kirklees**

## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2023**

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Kirklees by promoting biological diversity.

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

#### **The charity's main activities**

Umbrella organisation for volunteer groups in Kirklees promoting conservation and biodiversity. Providing free insurance and tool share for groups working on Kirklees green spaces.

#### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular giving help and support to the 127 member volunteer groups who work tirelessly to improve their green space, hold events to raise funds and most importantly bring the local community together. In normal, unrestricted years the final outcome is in excess of £1,000,000 in volunteer time improving green spaces and looking after the environment, conservation, education and guidance on working practices, grants, exercise, fresh air, good company and a healthy feeling.

#### **Achievements and performance**

While the Covid epidemic left a few of our members with too few resources to continue, many are now back working as hard as before the pandemic. Natural Kirklees continues to give support in terms of providing full members, free public liability insurance and all risks cover for tools where they are stored in a green space. The charity also provides gardening and litter picking tools free to members from our stores at Wilton Park and the newly acquired, waterproof container at Beaumont Park providing a facility that covers the entire geographic area.

Meetings are held each quarter to enable members to learn about the charity's plans and performance, to network among fellow member groups and to listen to selected speakers who provide talks on various aspects relating to the environment or volunteering. A newsletter is also sent to members and interested members of the public, council staff and other parties and the subscriber numbers now exceed 400. A small grant scheme also ran at the beginning of the planting season and 14 grants were paid out to a total value of £8,086

Natural Kirklees is funded almost entirely by grants from Kirklees Council and this has put us in a strong position financially to secure our foreseeable future. Our membership now stands at 127 groups following a review to ensure all members were still active, of which 93 take advantage of our insurance scheme.

With the pandemic hopefully, mostly confined to history we also organised a volunteer showcase over the Coronation weekend in May, to highlight our member groups activities and we also promoted the charity at the Honley Agricultural Show in early July. This is an activity we intend to expand on next year.

The constraints on the finances of Kirklees Council continue to cause concern but we have signed a new 3 year agreement from 1st April 2023 which although never guarantees our funding, gives us reassurance that we can continue to provide our current services. We are also investigating the possibility of working with member groups and council staff to create a plant growing area for the benefit of our members and the health and wellbeing of their volunteers.

# **Natural Kirklees**

## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2023**

### **Achievements and performance continued**

We ask our insured members to evaluate how many volunteer hours they spend working in Kirklees Parks and Green Spaces and the result is a magnificent figure in excess of 50,000.

We are also being contacted by other charities, council departments and Universities about our work as our reputation grows. All in all a very successful year.

The cost of insurance in 2023 relate to both the 2022 and 2023 premiums as our accounts are based on a receipts and payments basis. The 2022 cost was noted as an unpaid liability in the 2022 accounts. The actual cost in 2023 has risen by 1/3rd as a result of our agreeing to increase the public liability cover from £5m to £10m in line with Kirklees Council's request for the increased cover value, when volunteers work on council owned land.

### **Financial review**

The net payments for the year were £1,489, including net receipts of £1,020 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £2,509 on restricted funds.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £1,020.

The ongoing support to members by way of providing public liability insurance is seen as the prime financial aspect of Natural Kirklees' role. Should the Council be in a position where they cannot provide adequate funding, Natural Kirklees is unlikely to be able to raise sufficient funds by other means. The trustees therefore aim to maintain reserves at a level which equates to two future years of charitable expenditure in relation to the provision of the public liability for members, the web site and general administration. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to the cost of the insurance for those members covered at the time of any failure of the agreement with the council and ensure that basic support and governance costs are covered.

Approved by the board of trustees on 30/10/2023

Julie Margaret Hirst (Trustee)

# **Natural Kirklees**

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Natural Kirklees**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 30 September 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

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

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 Charities Act;
- 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.

Sarah Coates MAAT

30/10/2023

### **West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

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**Natural Kirklees**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2023**

	Notes	2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants	(2)	-	35,000	35,000	22,100
Insurance refund		-	-	-	956
Bank interest		1,020	-	1,020	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>1,020</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>36,020</u>	<u>23,056</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Insurance		-	22,023	22,023	535
Tool store		-	5,560	5,560	126
Website		-	1,041	1,041	6,709
Administration		-	17	17	18
Events and activities		-	542	542	-
Accounting		-	240	240	240
Knotweed eradication work		-	-	-	375
Small grants programme	(3)	-	8,086	8,086	4,446
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>37,509</u>	<u>37,509</u>	<u>12,449</u>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		1,020	(2,509)	(1,489)	10,607
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		-	49,386	49,386	38,779
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(4)	<u>1,020</u>	<u>46,877</u>	<u>47,897</u>	<u>49,386</u>

**Natural Kirklees**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 30 September 2023**

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	1,020	46,877	47,897	49,386
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>46,877</u>	<u>47,897</u>	<u>49,386</u>

**Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Container Storage  
 Various tools

**Liabilities**

Accruals

	2023
	£
	<u>420</u>
	<u>420</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 30/10/2023

Julie Margaret Hirst (Trustee)

# Natural Kirklees

## Notes to the accounts continued

### for the year ended 30 September 2023

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

##### Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

#### 2 Grants

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Kirklees Council	-	35,000	35,000	22,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>22,100</u>

#### 3 Grant making

Project or activity	2023 Grants to institutions £	2022 Grants to institutions £
100 Miles of Hedgerow	320	-
Badger Sett Protection	750	-
Bee Habitat	588	-
Contemplation Area	750	-
Flower Borders	750	-
Get Together Gardening	430	839
Knotweed Treatment	500	-
Lepton in Bloom	500	-
Peace garden	748	-
School Woodlands	600	-
Street Sign Planters	500	-
Top Pond Liner	750	-
Village Gardens	750	-
Wildflowers on the River Colne	150	-
Brightening Up The Village	-	260
Friends In Natural Kirklees LINK	-	750
Grange Moor Miniature Park Project	-	750
Grow Our Own	-	609
Jubilee Wildflower Meadow with Commemorative Bench	-	500
Soil Experiment	-	116
Safe and Save - Spen Beck & Mann Dam	-	523
Willow Deer	-	100
	<u>8,086</u>	<u>4,446</u>

**Natural Kirklees**  
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<b>4 Restricted funds</b>	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Kirklees Council	49,386	35,000	37,509	-	46,877
	<u>49,386</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>37,509</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,877</u>

**Fund name**

Kirklees Council

**Purpose of restriction**

Towards the costs of insurance, tool share scheme, website, publicity and promotional events. Also monies for distribution as part of a small grants programme.

**5 Related party transactions**

**Trustee expenses**

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

**Trustee remuneration and benefits**

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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# Natural Kirklees

## Trustees' report for the year ended 30 September 2022

### Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Timothy Duke	Chair	To 27 January 2022
Joan Vevers	Secretary	
Edwin Day	Treasurer	To 17 November 2021
	Chair	From 27 January 2022
Julie Hirst	Treasurer	Appointed 17 November 2021
Christine Senior		
Phil Slater		
David Rudd		

**Charity number** 1174259

### Principal address

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### Bankers

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### Accountants

#### West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 15 August 2017.

### Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

# **Natural Kirklees**

## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2022**

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Kirklees by promoting biological diversity.

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

#### **The charity's main activities**

Umbrella organisation for volunteer groups in Kirklees promoting conservation and biodiversity. Providing free insurance and tool share for groups working on Kirklees green spaces.

#### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular giving help and support to the 133 member volunteer groups who work tirelessly to improve their green space, hold events to raise funds and most importantly bring the local community together. In normal, unrestricted years the final outcome is in excess of £1,000,000 in volunteer time improving green spaces and looking after the environment, conservation, education and guidance on working practices, grants, exercise, fresh air, good company and a healthy feeling.

#### **Achievements and performance**

With the relaxation of rules relating to the Covid 19 pandemic, our member groups were able to recommence or step up their activities within the Parks, Green Spaces and Villages within Kirklees. Natural Kirklees continue to give support in terms of providing public liability insurance for their activities and cover for their tools when stored in a public place, free to members.

We continued to provide loans of tools via our two tool stores at Beaumont and Wilton Parks and increased our stock of litter pickers as schools and other groups were keen to follow on the good work they commenced during lockdown. We obtain our funding via Kirklees Council and have rekindled the working relationship with the Parks and Green Spaces team, holding quarterly meetings with the Volunteer Coordinators and the managers of this team as and when relevant.

This year has also seen the relaunch of our Facebook site and a complete redesign and publication of our web site, retaining the information on our member groups but focusing on volunteer opportunities and adding information to help groups undertake their day-to-day activities. Most importantly we have recommenced our quarterly members meetings which have received increased attendances and a diversification of relevant guest speakers, for instance on Public Rights of Way and Recycling. We continue to provide a frequent, at least monthly, newsletter to our members and wider public subscribers.

Thanks to the funding of Kirklees Council we have also been able to offer grants to 9 of our members who applied to our 2022 small grant scheme, providing plants, tools, benches, soil testing kits, bat surveys, anti-graffiti treatment and trees. As the financial year closes we now have 133 members and provide 92 with public liability insurance.

Our relationship with the council, although funded by them, remains on an independent basis and we are at the stage of a final draft of a new 3 year agreement, guaranteeing our future, as best as is possible in current circumstances, until 2025.

#### **Financial review**

Net payments for the year were £10,607, all relating to restricted funds.

## **Natural Kirklees**

### **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2022**

#### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves at the year end were £0.

The charity has no formal reserves policy. All project funds are restricted and the group have no liabilities beyond the running of the funded activities.

Approved by the board of trustees on 25/10/2022

Edwin Day (Trustee)

**Natural Kirklees**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2022**

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants and donations	(2)	100	22,000	22,100	10,000
Insurance refund		-	956	956	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>100</u>	<u>22,956</u>	<u>23,056</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Insurance		100	435	535	9,707
Tool store		-	126	126	1,320
Website		-	6,709	6,709	417
Administration		-	18	18	66
Events and activities		-	-	-	30
Accounting		-	240	240	300
Knotweed eradication work		-	375	375	2,150
Small grants programme		-	4,446	4,446	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>100</u>	<u>12,349</u>	<u>12,449</u>	<u>13,990</u>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		-	10,607	10,607	(3,990)
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		-	<u>38,779</u>	<u>38,779</u>	<u>42,769</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	-	<u>49,386</u>	<u>49,386</u>	<u>38,779</u>

# Natural Kirklees

## Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2022

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	-	49,386	49,386	38,779
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,386</u>	<u>49,386</u>	<u>38,779</u>

<b>Liabilities</b>			£	
Insurance (2022/23)			11,578	
Accounts preparation			<u>240</u>	
			<u>11,818</u>	

### Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 25/10/2022

Edwin Day (Trustee)

# **Natural Kirklees**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 30 September 2022**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

##### **Taxation**

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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<b>2 Grants and donations</b>	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Kirklees Council	-	22,000	22,000	10,000
Donations	100	-	100	-
	<u>100</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>22,100</u>	<u>10,000</u>

<b>3 Restricted funds</b>	Balance b/f £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Kirklees Council	38,404	22,956	11,974	-	49,386
Kirklees Council (Knotweed)	375	-	375	-	-
	<u>38,779</u>	<u>22,956</u>	<u>12,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,386</u>

**Fund name**

**Purpose of restriction**

Kirklees Council	Towards the costs of insurance, tool share scheme, website, publicity and promotional events. Also monies for distribution as part of a small grants programme. (The fund also had liabilities of £11,578 at year end for insurance policy renewals).
Kirklees Council (Knotweed)	Towards the costs of Japanese Knotweed eradication.

**4 Related party transactions**

**Trustee expenses**

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

**Trustee remuneration and benefits**

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

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# Natural Kirklees

## Trustees' report for the year ended 30 September 2021

### Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Timothy Duke	Chair	
Joan Vevers	Secretary	
Mary Kenworthy		Resigned 19 November 2020
Edwin Day	Treasurer	
Christine Senior		
Phil Slater		
David Rudd		Appointed 19 November 2020

**Charity number** 1174259

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### Structure, governance and management

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### Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

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# **Natural Kirklees**

## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2021**

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Kirklees by promoting biological diversity.

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

#### **The charity's main activities**

Umbrella organisation for volunteer groups in Kirklees promoting conservation and biodiversity. Providing free insurance and tool share for groups working on Kirklees green spaces.

#### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular giving help and support to the 113 member volunteer groups who work tirelessly to improve their green space, hold events to raise funds and most importantly bring the local community together. In normal, unrestricted years the final outcome is £1,000,000 in volunteer time improving green spaces and looking after the environment, conservation, education and guidance on working practices, grants, exercise, fresh air, good company and a healthy feeling.

#### **Achievements and performance**

Our Charity has been of particular help this year. The local Council has had to impose many restrictions on the use of Green spaces and Parks and we have had to keep our member groups informed of these and interpret how the restrictions affect our members activities. We have acted as mediators and points of contact as the local authority has moved staff into other roles to fight the pandemic.

We have continued to hold our quarterly meetings by Zoom and been available to our members to sort out their problems, liaise with the local authority and be there for just a chat if required. When restrictions were lifted in stages again we have given advice and provided Covid related risk assessments to enable our members to restart their activities in a safe manner.

Throughout the whole of the lockdown periods we have sent out regular newsletters to keep members aware of developments, keep them in touch with each other and try and keep things as normal as possible. We are now back to meeting in person and most restrictions have been lifted by the Council.

The activity in the past year has been severely impacted due to the Covid-19 virus and as a result both our income and expenditure have been a lot less than planned. Our income derives from a Kirklees Council grant that was less than in previous years due to the inevitable inactivity but is not seen as an issue going forward. The trustees have reassessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

#### **Financial review**

Net payments for the year were £3,990, all relating to restricted funds.

#### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves at the year end were 'nil' as all activities are funded.

The charity has no formal reserves policy. All project funds are restricted and the group have no liabilities beyond the running of the funded activities.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 14/10/2021

Edwin R Day (Trustee)

## Natural Kirklees

### Receipts and payments account

#### for the year ended 30 September 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants	(2)	-	10,000	10,000	25,000
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Insurance		-	9,707	9,707	7,855
Tool store		-	1,320	1,320	889
Website		-	417	417	919
Administration		-	66	66	51
Events and activities		-	30	30	-
Accounting		-	300	300	252
Knotweed eradication work		-	2,150	2,150	475
Small grants programme		-	-	-	3,333
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>13,990</u>	<u>13,990</u>	<u>13,774</u>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>		-	(3,990)	(3,990)	11,226
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		-	42,769	42,769	31,543
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	<u>-</u>	<u>38,779</u>	<u>38,779</u>	<u>42,769</u>

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## Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2021

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Yorkshire Bank	-	38,779	38,779	42,769
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,779</u>	<u>38,779</u>	<u>42,769</u>

### Assets retained for the charity's own use

Computer, printer and accessories

### Liabilities

Independent examination

£
240
<u>240</u>

### Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 14/10/2021

Edwin R Day (Trustee)

# **Natural Kirklees**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 30 September 2021**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

##### **Taxation**

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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**Notes to the accounts continued**  
**for the year ended 30 September 2021**

<b>2 Grants</b>	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Kirklees Council	-	10,000	10,000	25,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>

<b>3 Restricted funds</b>	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance c/f £
Kirklees Council	40,244	10,000	11,840	38,404
Kirklees Council (Knotweed)	2,525	-	2,150	375
	<u>42,769</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>13,990</u>	<u>38,779</u>

**Fund name**

**Purpose of restriction**

Kirklees Council

Towards the costs of insurance, tool share scheme, website, publicity and promotional events. Also monies for distribution as part of a small grants programme.

Kirklees Council (Knotweed)

Towards the costs of Japanese Knotweed eradication.

**4 Related party transactions**

**Trustee expenses**

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

**Trustee remuneration and benefits**

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.