

SALTBURN VALLEYS CIO

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Details

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE SALTBURN VALLEYS TO PRESERVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTIONAL HERITAGE IN THE SALTBURN VALLYS IN BUILDINGS (INCLUDING ANY STRUCTURE OR ERECTION, AND ANY PART OF A BUILDING AS SO DEFINED) OF PARTICULAR BEAUTY OR HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL OR CONSTRUCTIONAL INTEREST.TO FURTHER SUCH EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES SHALL IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DETERMINE.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THESE CLAUSES "SALTBURN VALLEYS" IS DEFINED AS THE AREAS OF OPEN SPACE AND WOODLANDS SITUATED IN AND AROUND SALTBURN- BY-THE- SEA, NORTH YORKSHIRE AND WHICH INCLUDE HAZEL GROVE, SALTBURN VALLEY GARDENS, SALTBURN GILL AND A SERIES OF ATTACHED WOODLANDS.

Activities: The Saltburn Valleys CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) promotes the conservation, protection and improvement of the land, gardens, woodlands, walkways, play areas, waterways, wildlife and natural environment, historic monuments and properties in the Saltburn Valleys.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Redcar And Cleveland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-01	£8,866	£5,131	-	-
2024-04-01	£15,128	£13,516	-	-
2023-04-01	£1,900	£1,717	-	-
2022-04-01	£9,798	£8,916	-	-
2021-04-01	£750	£1,986	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PHILIP THOMSON	Chair	2022-11-30
David Stovell		2023-03-13
Ian Sproxton		2020-11-20
Jane Burke		2021-11-19
Katie Sapphire-Star		2022-11-30
Kenneth Bladen		2021-01-26

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Annual Report 2024-2025

I started last year's Annual Report with the reflection, 'this has been another eventful year in the history of the Saltburn Valleys CIO' and so has that year continued into this.

We began with one of our reaching out stalls at the Farmers' Market in the town centre. Telling our story and building support has been an ongoing continuing aspiration. Membership has risen considerably from 339 to 476, even after the inevitable some 30 membership lapses. This ever increasing administration workload has been competently accommodated by Jane Burke.

Keeping in touch with the community is key to communicating what the CIO is doing and receiving thoughts from residents and visitors about the three valleys.

Further stalls have been held including at the successful Well Being event in the Saltburn Valley Tea Garden.

The continuing wish to improve the website has been aided by the interest shown by Katie Sapphire-Starr as has also the CIO Facebook.

Continued support from Pam Bennett in production of the Newsletter has been most welcome.

Much of the messages being carried highlight the vastly important contribution of volunteers. The Saltburn Valley Gardens team, working every Tuesday, has addressed several of the abandoned sections of the Saltburn Valley Gardens, returning many areas to a level of maintenance not seen for many years.

Work by the Countryside Volunteers, under the guidance of a Council leader, are active weekly in Rifts Wood and occasionally in Hazel Grove, whilst the Lower Path Gardens volunteer team under the leadership of Geoff Harrington continue to work assiduously in sustaining that recaptured floral abundance. Saltburn in Bloom has retained its interest in looking after the bandstand area, Robert Proctor leads on looking after the War Memorial and area and Saltburn Friends of the Valley continues its wonderful management of the Woodlands Centre.

The actual maintenance of the War Memorial itself has reverted to the Borough Council, which has allocated funding to memorials across the borough. A watching brief is however, maintained.

Certain Board Members oversee specific areas of the valleys and report on issues that require addressing. Alan Simpkins and Margeret Whitehead looking after Saltburn Gill, Ken Bladen and Ian Sproxtton, Hazel Grove, Robert Proctor the Valley Gardens and Jane Burke covering Rifts Wood. Our thanks are recorded for this ongoing work.

Alan, the formal representative of Tees Valley Wildlife Trust, has led two walks in the Gill and much has been learned from his long association with this valley, particularly in respect of his knowledge of the fungi found there.

Here the Council Countryside team has been active in maintaining public footpaths and preparing for bridleway bridge reconstruction in 2026.

That team has also been active in Hazel Grove constructing a narrow pedestrian bridge to allow continued access from the West entrance after considerable bankside wash away. This has been fortuitous in coinciding with the rerouting down Hazel Grove of the last section of the long distance Langbaugh Loop, away from the Windy Hill Farm and deteriorating cliff edge original route.

Robert Proctor in addition to overseeing the Valley Gardens has a specific interest in Saltburn Miniature Railway, which brings thousands of visitors to the valley in its own right and also maintains the rail track and all surrounding land, to such a high level that a Northumbria in Bloom Gold Award was made this year to SMR. Well done indeed.

Jane Burke oversees Rifts Wood. This area of ancient woodland is unfortunately continuing to experience intermittent anti-social behaviour with much littering and firing particularly in

the viaduct vicinity. Increased signage has been erected during the year to highlight the need for cyclists to dismount and respect the serenity of the footpaths through the valley.

Work is being considered to improve access at the Miners' Steps and rerouting the Cleveland Way exit on to Victoria Terrace instead of through Cherry Tree Walk on to Albion Terrace.

A prime focus during the year has been the continuing work to develop an appropriate bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to assist in creating an improvement in the Valley Gardens such that it can be removed from the Historic England 'At Risk' Register.

Whilst an aspiration to submit an appropriate bid by mid-2025 has not been achieved, work has begun and extensive discussion undertaken to consider a changing funding world and an ever changing prioritisation of land owner's resource allocation, namely that of Redcar & Cleveland Council which is financially challenged in its service delivery.

Currently work has been undertaken to prepare a Heritage Lottery Enquiry, prior to submitting an application for a stage 1 funding programme. This is a much smaller grant than previously applied for, having a ceiling of £250,000. The preparation for this has been well assisted by a Redcar & Cleveland Officer Jo Whistler, supported by a newly appointed Project Director Graham Shaw, both of whom have worked closely with the Board.

In preparation for the bid, close working with all volunteer groups within Saltburn Valley has been a prerequisite and together reaching out to the community to work together in once again beginning that journey to find funding to reclaim relevant aspects of heritage and improve accessibility for residents and visitors alike.

The initial emphasis has been, and will be, on the Spa Stone area and the Italian Garden, and seeking to create improved access overall.

In parallel, work has been ongoing to ensure that a Management Plan for the Valleys Gardens and ultimately all of the different sections of Saltburn valley, is in place, with one particular intention being the re-achieving of a Green Flag status.

This is a requirement now to ensure that a maintenance is in place for any works listed in any HLF bid.

During the year the Board has not operated at a full compliment with only 9 elected serving members.

The position of Treasurer remained vacant for a period, with Ross Weddell kindly providing a caretaking role, and was finally filled after the co-option of Colette Vanham.

Officers have met regularly, and Robert Proctor, Vice Chair, David Stovell, Secretary and Collette Vanham now form a good team. Our thanks to them for their shared leadership and support.

Thanks are recorded to Tony Lynn for continuing to provide valuable photographic archival support, which has been very helpful in our publications, brochure and banner and also in the much delayed information lectern for the Albert Memorial.

Ken Bladen has provided valuable technical support, particularly in facilitating virtual meeting participation.

Drisc Wardle, representing Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish Council, has a given continuing support in the production of marketing material, be it brochures or lectern art work. Margaret Whitehead, representing Skelton and Brotton Parish Council, has brought her catering skills to ensure Members refreshment needs are well catered for, at Board meetings and workshops.

Kristof Fatsar, Historic England's Regional Landscape Architect for the North, Stewart Ramsdale representing Tees Heritage and Robert Hoof, Assistant Director Redcar & Cleveland, Neighbourhood Services, Growth, Enterprise and Environment, have all brought different skills and experience to support the workings of the CIO and we are indeed fortunate to have such a diverse range of talent and experience.

Work on access to the Albert Memorial proved to be a continuing challenge and initial construction has required several remedial attempts to provide a permanent provision.

Planting out of the formal bedding areas, the remaining snagging works and a prevention of work on the surrounding land because of health and Safety restrictions have all contributed to the delay in installation of the long awaited information board. This has been further delayed by a requirement to have planning approval.

The results from the Borough wide tree survey are still awaited.

Replanting of the correct species of replacement cherry trees is awaited and much of the vista retention work is on hold, again through constraints of Health and safety strictures but also Borough tree team availability.

Work with the tree team and the Countryside team, led by Naomi Green has been positive.

Looking ahead, work will continue on web site development, particularly with new drone footage of the valleys covering all seasons.

A clear protocol does need to be established with the Council in respect of Risk Assessments, how they are carried out and what procedures for Method Statement production ensues, are set out and implemented.

David is working with Bluespace to secure funding for improved access and there is to be a new exercise in water sampling in Skelton Beck to monitor water quality.

Continuing funding from both Parish Councils is much appreciated and allows coverage of our administration costs.

A particular ongoing challenge is sustainability, not just in maintenance in the valleys but also in the active membership of the CIO.

Whilst membership is growing we do need to be encouraging greater involvement at volunteering level, both on the ground and in the meeting rooms.

All members are encouraged to consider what skills they have and what they can bring to the collective endeavours of existing volunteers to augment their efforts and also to sustain a viable presence in the years ahead.

Philip Thomson

Chair

SALTBURN VALLEYS CIO 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025				
INCOME		Unrestricted	restricted	
4/1/2024	OPENING BALANCES	£ 1,437.41	£ 12,078.47	
4/1/2024	TOTAL			£13,515.88
	University of Teesside		£ 6,929.64	
	donations/PC Grant		£ 670.00	
	Donations		£ 60.00	
	Grant	£ 893.00		
	Donations	£ 312.83		
EXPENDITURE				
	website maintenance	£ 285.60		
	Microsoft 365	£ 59.99		
	Hall hire	£ 147.75		
	Lower Path Planting		£ 385.24	
	Markel UK	£ 100.80		
	Borderlands	£ 85.72		
	Brochures	£ 1,048.00		
3/31/2025	CLOSING BALANCES	£ 915.38	£ 19,352.87	
3/31/2025	TOTAL			£20,268.25

Borderlands		
Lower Path		
Albert Memorial		
SMNMPC		
Various		
Gbiz & Data	Restricted use funds	
	War Memorial	£ 7,230.74
SCAA	Hazelgrove Fund	£ 2,128.32
	Cenotaph Planting	£ 97.02
Insurance	Saltburn Gill	£ 100.00
extra expenditure	FoLP	£ 2,807.15
Two Face Design	Borderlands	£ 6,929.64
	Albert Memorial	£ 60.00
		£ 19,352.87

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Annual Report 2023-2024

This has been another eventful year in the history of the Saltburn Valleys CIO.

Newly elected member Sue Featherstone was welcomed on to the Board following the 2023 AGM which also confirmed David Stovell as a full elected Board member. David has taken on the role of Secretary to the CIO since the AGM and we thank him for undertaking this very important work.

There have also been some changes in organisational representation on the Board. Historic England has replaced Mike Collins, temporarily standing in for Chris Mayes, with Kristof Fatsar. Kristof is the Regional Landscape Architect for the North, working with Heritage at Risk Parks and Gardens in the geographical areas he covers, and his role on the Board is to help to advise and mentor the SVCIO, on behalf of Historic England. Redcar & Cleveland Council has replaced Kevin Wilson, who has retired from the Council after many years of valuable service. Robert Hoof, Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services, Growth, Enterprise and Environment has been temporarily represented by Jay Hosie but now sits permanently on the Board. Tees Valley Wildlife Trust Director, Jeremy Garside has retired and his temporary deputy, Mark Fishpool, who contributed much during his tenure, has been replaced by Alan Simpkin. All of whom are welcomed on to the Board, joining representatives from Tees Heritage, Stewart Ramsdale, Skelton and Brotton Parish Council, Margaret Whitehead and Saltburn, Marske & New Marske Parish Council, Drisc Wardle.

Unfortunately, during the year, the position of Community Development Officer was removed from the management structure of the Council so Tracee Hall-Young, who had been a strong support for the CIO over many years, sadly had to leave this advisory role. Jamie Reed, Place Development support officer left the Council to join a new combined authority on Tyneside. Jamie had been the Council officer responsible for liaising on the delivery of the Albert Memorial refurbishment project, the funding of which the CIO had secured from Tees Valley Combined Authority.

The work of the Board during the year focussed in part on recovery from the previous failed HLF bid, led latterly by Redcar & Cleveland Council. Members will recall that the inclusion late in the day of a Visitor Centre which had no Business Plan and the absence of a Council Valley Gardens Management Plan were the deciding factors in the turning down of the application.

Considerable time has been taken up with reassessing how progress could be made in finally removing the Valley Gardens from the 'At Risk' Register.

This has been an interesting journey and has introduced members to more officers from Historic England and the National Lottery Fund in the process.

Discussions have considered what level of requests should be being made to the Heritage Lottery and this has been tempered by the latest qualifying criteria. The current thinking is to apply for the 'up to £250,000' category.

In order to progress towards a bid several factors have to be in place, namely relevance to heritage, the needs of the project, sustainability and compliance with investment principles, which include protecting the environment, inclusion, access and participation.

Many of these are already being addressed through our activities which support our constitutional objectives, and a new application is hoped to be tendered by mid 2025.

Considerable working together has been engendered with Redcar Council during the course of the year. The Council's welcomed new strategy of Volunteer support and encouragement throughout the Borough has led to some positive developments with volunteer groups here.

The Valley Gardens Volunteers have engaged closure working together with Neighbourhood Team officers on practical day to day matters, but also in developing Risk Assessment procedures and undergoing training on hand tools and being provided with PPE. This involvement has extended across many of the volunteer groups who are active in Saltburn valleys. Building working relations is key to the future viability of the valleys. The vacuum which has existed in recent years is gradually being reduced. There remains much work to be done, however.

Many meetings have been held in the Community Hall and Library with relevant Officers and volunteers, and many walkabouts have been shared, with a focus for the time being on the Valley Gardens. This has laid the groundwork for further discussion and co-operation.

For all the consultancy work undertaken over many years, not all is accessible and much of the recommendations has not been implemented. The need for all documents to be identified and archived is an ongoing piece of work and this is similarly being pursued within Redcar Council itself through its Scrutiny process.

Some of the missing documents include Green Flag annual visit assessments. The non-compliance led to withdrawal of this recognition, and it is one particular aspiration to reclaim the award. The absence of an agreed up to date Management Plan disqualifies any reapplication.

With Board members also being volunteers in other organisations, such as the Valley Gardens Volunteers, the Countryside Volunteers, Saltburn in Bloom and Friends of Saltburn Valley an important holistic approach is engendered and the synergies arising from the working across organisations is quite apparent, although more work in this respect needs to be done.

The extent of the neglect of the Valley Gardens and the positive work done to date by volunteers is evidenced by the tackling of lack of management of some specific areas, the surroundings of the Albert Memorial, the Italian Garden bankside and Camp Bank. The separation of the management of the Valley Gardens and Rifts Wood between Countryside Services and Clean and Green is being questioned, the restriction on limits where RCBC staff are able to work, i.e. on slopes, is being challenged. Liaison with RCBC staff is steadily improving and the provision of training, insurance cover, PPE and tools is a significant progress.

Whilst the Albert Memorial restoration work was almost completed last year, the remaining snagging works and immediate approach path restoration has taken an inordinate time to address, with a considerable overspend. This remains to be resolved but we might almost be there, and it has just been advised that the main contractor will be returning to address the issues arising from the paintwork on the columns and façade.

The appointment of a new Arboriculture Officer, Graham Shaw, has assisted in the work that we have been engaged in, namely the management of woodland, in particular the Italian Garden area and at Cherry Tree Walk. The latter has seen forward planning in recent years with our initiative to provide for replanting in anticipation of diseased tree die off.

Unfortunately, the trees provided by the Council in early 2023 have proved to be the wrong species to sustain the particular tree features in this singular avenue. With the assistance of guidance from Kristof Falstar more appropriate species will be planted soon under Graham's management and so address the long term appropriateness of this feature of Saltburn valley. The attempt to establish a Tree Register three years ago was regrettably never successful but continues to be an aspiration. The planned tree survey due to be undertaken throughout the Borough in 2025 may be the stimulus to resurrect this piece of work.

The recent appointment of Naomi Green, Countryside and Ecology Manager, will see further working together. Projects in Saltburn Gill and in Hazel Grove are already, in such a short period of time, scheduled, and a walkabout this coming Monday will see an appraisal of what can be undertaken in our campaigning to have restoration work on pathways in the Valley Gardens.

Progress has not always been achieved at the pace we would prefer, and some other projects are taking much longer than anticipated. The Fitness Trail, led by Katie Sapphire-Starr continues in the development stage despite hours of consultation on its delivery. This is now renamed as a Healthy Heritage Trail in order to be compliant with new funding guidance and feedback from further advisory discussions. We shall persevere.

The Sensory Garden project has similarly been challenged by funding criteria and revaluation of practical constraints. David continues to lead on this supported by Pam Bennett.

David has also been instrumental in initiating and leading on another project of the Sound Walk. In discussions with Base Camp some £7,500 was secured to deliver this project involving close working with Borderlands. Delivered over two sessions in the Rose Walk, this experience has led Board members to consider the possibility of annual event.

Much support has been given to the Friends of the Lower Path in their continuing, much lauded, work to revitalise and sustain the magnificence of this section of Hazel Grove. Support has been given by Ross in accountancy and David and Stewart through planning guidance during the preparations for the mural installation on the storage building North West face. This is the old toilet block that Saltburn Valleys secured sponsorship of £6,500 for from Host and Stay and which was donated to Redcar Council for the alterations work carried out on the refunctioning of the building. Support has also been given by David and Stewart in discussions on the installation of a three owl sculpture.

Throughout the year Ross Weddell has provided excellent minute taking at the 8 Board meetings and has supported note taking at the regular Officers' meetings. Further he has established the Action Plan matrix to monitor progress on the decision making of the Board. Our grateful thanks are extended.

The heritage of the valleys is well documented by Tony Lynn who is a constant source of historical wealth, contributing wherever necessary and currently in the new brochure and the consultation stall at the Farmers' Market in a week's time.

The new brochure is again produced by Drisc and she and Stewart have provided the main narrative. A key tool in spreading the word on the work the CIO is undertaking and reaching out to the community to seek support for that work.

In reaching out to the community Ian Sproxton has continued to maintain and develop the web site and Robert Proctor has led on the CIO Facebook.

Newsletters are regularly published and thanks are recorded to Pam Bennett for continuing her association with the CIO and producing this important circular.

Membership has stagnated recently and currently stands at 339. This may be because of the failure of the HLF bid. Jane Burke continues to provide a very efficient service as Membership Secretary and is always keeping us right on protocols and data compliance.

The finances of the CIO are administered by Ross and these are set out clearly in his end of year statement. There are certain ring fenced funds and these are appropriated with the designation relating to the source of funding requests. Our grateful thanks are recorded to the two local parish Councils for their continuing financial support and encouragement.

There is no membership fee to join or renew.

This is not a proposal being made in the short term to change.

However, during the year, in an attempt to raise funds for marketing and communication and for supplementing the proposed information Board costs for the new lectern at the Albert Memorial two appeals were made to members for funds. The response was very disappointing. Perhaps I can use this opportunity to ask members to consider making a donation and providing resources which the CIO can put to good use.

In addition to the application to HLF other grant funding will be sought to support other projects as previously mentioned, and some matched funding is commonly requested. Funds for this use would be most welcome.

During the year a successful application was made to become a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations and discussions are ongoing with Tees River Trust.

At the last AGM agreement was reached to alter the constitution to require 25 members to be present at an AGM in order to assist with obtaining a quorum. The alteration to the constitution was duly made and the Charities Commission records to be updated.

With some members unable to physically attend every Board meeting the practice of hybrid meetings with a virtual attendance option continues and thanks are given to Ken Bladen for facilitating this IT offer.

During the year some notable happenings included the publishing of the eagerly awaited Biodiversity Strategy by Redcar & Cleveland Council, a document primarily compiled by Jeremy Garside. This will encourage the work being done in the valleys to maintain green spaces and support the collective interest in the community in preserving and enhancing the local biodiversity. The Countryside Volunteers notably continue to organise an annual butterfly survey and the Cleveland Bat Group, of which Katie is secretary, is looking to have an information board in the Valley Gardens about bats. The Saltburn Miniature railway transported record numbers of school children and relayed significant new lengths of track, sustaining its attraction as one of the must go to offers in the North East.

Further cleansing and maintenance of the War Memorial was undertaken and repairs to the Skelton Beck storm damage, although this repair took almost a year and a half to complete.

Updated drone footage of the valleys is being sought for the web site.

Requests have been received for plaques on benches in the valley gardens and discussions are ongoing about increasing the numbers of benches to an approved style. Policy guidance from the Council is awaited.

Alan has organised a Saltburn Gill walk recently, and it may be that this and other walks will be considered in the coming year.

The imminent Saltburn Valleys stall at the Farmers' Market on Saturday 9th November will seek to continue to publish the work of the CIO and consult on the valleys' usage and the two projects already mentioned, the Sensory Trail and the Heritage Fitness Trail.

At some point in the near future the final public opening of the Albert memorial will take place. With all snagging work undertaken and the new lectern in place we will close another chapter in the annals of the valleys.

At the opening we will again be privileged to consume some excellent cake baked by Margaret who provides refreshments at every Board meeting and looks after us all on every occasion.

The challenges we saw in the establishment of the Saltburn Valleys Steering group in 2008 and the formally constituted Saltburn Valleys CIO in 2017 remain evident today.

The support of members is pivotal in securing the future of the valleys and that is so much encouraged. With such support and encouragement, the Board will continue to aspire to deliver the Objects embedded in our Constitution.

Philip Thomson

Chair

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Chair's Annual Report 2022-2023

Another twelve months have elapsed, and the Board has again been very active.

The great disappointment of failing to secure funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund has been a challenge to come to terms with.

Without that funding little other resource is available other than that provided by Tees Valley Combined Authority for the Albert Memorial refurbishment.

After all the monies invested in management plans by the CIO it was unfortunate that the Council did not have a credible one in place to satisfy the scrutiny of the HLF panel.

We welcomed as full Board members this year Ross Weddell and Katie Sapphire Star and co-opted David Sovell on to the Board. Ross has played a significant role in maintaining a professional Minutes service.

We temporarily lost Chris Mayes through maternity leave and subsequently totally as he moved on in Historic England.

Hybrid Board meetings continue as some members have a distance to travel and saving on time and giving consideration to the environment by reducing travel have been positive factors. Thanks to Ken Bladen for his technical support in continuing to facilitate these.

The Albert Memorial refurbishment has now been completed although there are snagging issues to be addressed. This relates to the main structure but works to infrastructure remain to be addressed, with access pathways not being made up yet, which is vital for appropriate access and for addressing anti-social behaviour.

A very successful event was held to inter a time capsule commemorating that stage of the refurbishment and we were pleased to welcome dignitaries from local authorities, representatives from companies associated with the refurbishment and pupils from Huntcliff School, who assisted with the interment.

The vistas being reopened by the Valley Garden Volunteers is a particular piece of valuable work being undertaken by the team members. Anyone can join the volunteers and there is an unlimited demand to be met in bringing the valleys back into anything approaching the high standard of maintenance that once was enjoyed.

It is an aspiration to have the Green Flag awarded again and discussions continue on this.

Board members have agreed to keep an eye on specific areas in the valleys; Mark Fishpool and Margaret Whitehead, Saltburn Gill; Robert Proctor Valley Gardens; Jane Burke and Ian Sproxton Rifts Wood; and Ken Bladen Hazelgrove.

The new Board continues to work well together. We were pleased to welcome Mike Collins from Historic England, taking a holding position until a replacement for Chris has been secured. Mike came to Saltburn to meet Ian and myself and was very impressed with the work that Saltburn Valleys was setting out to achieve but was clearly concerned about the deterioration in maintenance of Valley Gardens which he described as being 'on the cusp'.

Regular Newsletters are produced and I hope these are helpful for members. Thanks to Pam Bennett for their production.

The website is continually updated, thanks to Ian Sproxton, and the SV Facebook is maintained thanks to Robert Proctor.

Maintenance work on the War Memorial was further delayed as the Council prevaricated over providing insurance cover for volunteers. The maintenance has now been resolved by the Council allocating some of its War memorial funding to Saltburn. However, the work is yet to be started.

Membership stands at 327 is hardly changed from last year with a small movement in members. Thanks are due to Jane Burke who continues to provide strong membership support. Jane's contribution reflects the work ethos of the CIO but brings with it the challenge of engagement and drawing upon the talent which clearly exists.

Support from Skelton and Brotton Parish Council and Saltburn, Marske and new Marske Parish Council has been much appreciated.

The web site continues to fly the flag for the CIO with continuing updating and improvement delivered by Ian.

Katie Sapphire-Star and Mark Fishpool are developing the promotion and consultation process for the Fitness Trail project, Robert proctor continues to look after our Facebook media, Tony Lynn provides, as ever an invaluable support when any historical input is required.

David Stovell has taken a lead in looking for funding and a particular project, a Sensory Garden, is one of these.

Stewart Ramsdale is working on a planning application for the proposed mural on the storage block at the Hazel Grove Lower Path Gardens

The accounts, which will be proposed separately, have again been well maintained with grateful thanks to Paul Spight for that work, which he has been carrying out for 6 years. We are sorry to be losing Paul and the CIO has greatly benefited from his detailed dedication.

The Valley garden Volunteers are proving a major contribution to the raising of standards but additional active volunteers are required and members are asked to consider what time they can provide to support this work.

We have benefited from the contributions made by Redcar and Cleveland Council representatives, Kevin Wilson, as full Board member and Jamie Reed and Tracee Hall-Young as supportive officers.

There is much left unaccounted for in a very busy year but the last comment, and indeed, of possibly greatest importance, is that Ian is standing down as Company secretary. He has been a great contributor to the success of the CIO in his three years of service in this role. He was instrumental in developing the Expression of Interest for the HLF bid and he has invested much time in developing the web site and he has been a most valuable servant to the CIO.

More work has been done during the year to engage with like minded groups in the town and this will continue in the coming months.

The challenges we saw in the establishment of the Saltburn Valleys Steering group in 2008 and the formally constituted Saltburn Valleys CIO in 2017 are still evident today. With the support of members, the Board will continue to aspire to deliver the Objects embedded in our Constitution.

Philip Thomson

Chair

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Carried forward/£	Unrestricted/£	Restricted/£	Bank Total/£	Notes
From 31/03/22	850.53	10,547.30	11,397.83	

Incoming Resources				
SM&NM Parish Council	1,500.00			Website, Admin, Marketing
Skelton & Brotton PC.	400.00			Management Support
SM&NM Parish Council		469.49		Friends of the Lower Path
Saltburn Rotary		50.00		Friends of the Lower Path
RCBC Members		420.75		Friends of the Lower Path
Hazel Grove Residents		250.00		Friends of the Lower Path
Donation		100.00		Friends of the Lower Path
Total In	2,750.53	11,837.54	14,588.07	

Expenditure				
Lower Path Plants /Tools	4.99	2,052.69		Friends of the Lower Path
Website Maintenance	313.60			Gbiz it + ICO Data Protection
Hall Hire	129.00			AGM/ Workshops/Meetings
Microsoft 365	59.99			Renewal
Information Board	750.00			Albert Memorial
Volunteer Tools	459.47			Volunteers in the 3 Valleys
Total Out	1,717.05	2,052.69	3,769.74	
Balance 31/03/23	<u>1,033.48</u>	<u>9,784.85</u>	<u>10,818.33</u>	

Restricted Funds	Balance/£
War Memorial	7230.74
Hazel Grove	2128.32
Saltburn Gill	100.00
Cenotaph Planting	97.02
Lower Path	228.77
Restricted Total	9784.85

Prepared by Paul Spight (Treasurer) email :- treasurer@saltburnvalleys.org.uk

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Annual Report 2020-21

This has been another challenging year.

We have all been affected by the presence of Covid-19 and its influence on day to day living.

Saltburn Valleys, like many other organisations, has become accustomed to Board meetings held remotely and has rarely had the opportunity to be out and about in the valleys, which we care deeply for.

There have been periods when actual physical surveys have been possible and four separate walkabouts of Board members have been conducted during the past twelve months, gathering information to assist in our forward planning.

It may be useful to remind ourselves of the objects agreed when Saltburn Valleys CIO was formally constituted in 2017.

“The Saltburn Valleys CIO promotes for public benefit the conservation and enhancement of the land, gardens, woodlands, walkways, play areas, waterways, historic monuments and properties in the Saltburn Valleys as well as promoting public knowledge, enjoyment, health and education at and about the valleys and their environs including whatsoever architectural, artistic, archaeological, constructional and environmental heritage and interest may exist within.”

We have continued to plan a way to fulfill these objectives and to remove Saltburn Valley Gardens from the ‘At Risk’ register of Historic England.

Discussions within the Board and with the community have been ongoing, wide in their interest and informed by surveys conducted and the commissioning of several reports.

The Board has been meeting on a very regular basis and thanks are extended to all who have participated.

A new Company Secretary has undertaken, with enthusiasm and endeavour, right from the outset, all the onerous work accompanying the role.

We have also been supported, through co-option, by the CIO Membership Officer and membership continues to grow. Our accounts are maintained and regularly reported on. Our social media and web site are maintained and well visited. Communications have been further augmented by regular Newsletters and latterly a new brochure has been produced. Thanks are due to all those who have led in these areas and to those who have supported, particularly with text narratives and photographs.

At one point during the year we had a full complement of elected Trustees, although one regrettably had to stand down during the year. In addition to elected Trustees, the Board has six nominated Trustees

providing representation from outside bodies. These organisations are Historic England, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust, Tees Heritage Trust, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, Saltburn, Marske & New Marske Parish Council and Brotton Parish Council. Thanks are recorded to all those representatives who have brought a wide ranging and in-depth knowledge to discussions and decision making.

In addition to being represented on the Board, Redcar & Cleveland has continued to support the work of the CIO through officer allocation from the Place Investment Team. A further change in support officer was experienced during the year. Fortunately, continued discussions have maintained a continuity which has kept the impetus of striving for progress to address years of reduced support which has seen the valleys degenerate and the regrettable loss of heritage features. Thanks are recorded to both officers for their commitment and support during the year.

Work has continued with the conducting of surveys and the gathering of information which will assist in the submission of grant funding applications. A detailed Disabled Access Audit gave very supportive information on the vast number of improvements required in the Valley Gardens, in particular. Footpath surveys have highlighted the substantial deterioration in the condition of pathways and in some instances the disappearance of access along them.

An Expression of Interest (EoI) was prepared during the year and submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund. This application, for 2.65 million pounds, for a three year delivery programme was a first step in a planned fifteen year programme. The EoI was well researched and constructed, led by a very committed Company Secretary. The Application was successful. Now the work begins to prepare for a full submission which will be submitted at the end of March. Workshops have already been scheduled to examine all the varied aspects that the bid requires to be addressed in a very detailed and demanding submission.

Every effort from the Board and SVCIO members will be required to deliver this project work if the bid is to be successful.

The Albert Memorial restoration work, assisted by funding from Tees Valley, has reached the stage of final design agreement prior to planning submission, with work intending to be completed early next year. Meanwhile, access continues to be cordoned off for safety reasons.

Volunteers have continued to support the Borough Council and have contributed substantially to the maintenance of woodland and garden areas in the valleys. Volunteers have worked in Rifts Wood, the Meadow, the Woodlands Centre, Valley Gardens, War Memorial, Bandstand and Lower Path. The transformation of the latter was recognised in a Mayor's Award in the summer.

Saltburn celebrated its 160th year and much was made of the environment and the contribution nature makes to the community and no more so than during the pandemic. The CIO contributed to the display in the Community Hall. Thanks to all those who offered and gave help.

160 trees were to be planted as one aspiration. Funding has been secured to allow that programme to begin. Additional trees will be planted to expand and

extend Cherry Tree Walk as one part of this exciting programme, where already 232 trees have been identified for planting. A record of trees fallen and planted is maintained on the CIO web site, with a policy to plant at least one tree for every one removed from the valleys, whenever that occurs.

In all organisations the maintenance of proper accounts is a fundamental requirement. This has been well administered by the Board Treasurer and the annual accounts have been prepared accordingly.

Thanks are recorded for the support given by both Parish Councils in assisting in the work of the CIO.

In a contribution to keeping the history of the valleys alive, two information boards were organised. One of these stands in the Lower Path and another is shortly to be placed in Hazel Grove.

Thanks are recorded for continuing guidance and support from our previous Company Secretary.

Thanks are recorded to a Trustee standing down. Councillor Jim Wingham has contributed much to Saltburn over many years and his presence on the Board since 2017 has seen a reflection of that experience. The Board are very grateful.

Remembrance Sunday has just passed. At Saltburn a vast crowd attended. The War Memorial, as with all other local ceremonies, took a central place. Saltburn Valleys CIO is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of this very special Listed memorial. We shall continue that care. We shall not forget.

Philip Thomson

Chair



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
SALTBURN VALLEYS CIO

No (if any)
1174428

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **04/01/20** To **03/31/21**

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					
S.M.&NM. Parish Council Grant	500	-	-	500	800
Skelton & Brotton P.C.	-	-	-	-	200
Donations by Members	50	-	-	50	20
Saltburn 500 Club	-	200	-	200	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	550	200	-	750	1,020
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	550	200	-	750	1,020
A3 Payments					
Hall Hire	-	-	-	-	100
Ancient Hazel Project	-	806	-	806	4,135
ICO Registration	40	-	-	40	40
Secretary Services	60	-	-	60	627
Cenotaph Surrounds	-	403	-	403	50
Website & Media	677	-	-	677	274
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	777	1,209	-	1,986	5,226
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	777	1,209	-	1,986	5,226
et of receipts/(payments)	-227	-1,009	-	-1,236	-4,206
A5 Transfers between funds	79	-79	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	869	10,883	-	11,752	15,958
Cash funds this year end	721	9,795	-	10,516	11,752

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	Barclays Bank	721	9,795	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	721	9,795	-
(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
	Philip Thomson	PHILIP GORDON THOMSON	04/20/21
	Paul Spight	PAUL HEDLEY SPIGHT	04/20/21