

THE RIVER WEY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1177871

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-04-10

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

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Activities

Objects: (1) PRESERVE ENHANCE CONSERVE RESTORE AND PROMOTE THE MAN-MADE AND NATURAL FEATURES OF THE SOUTHERN BRANCH OF THE RIVER WEY ITS TRIBUTARIES AND VALLEY RELEVANT TO THEIR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY GEOLOGY AND ECOLOGY.(2) TO STIMULATE INTEREST RESEARCH AND APPRECIATION OF THE RIVER WEY(3) TO CARRY OUT RESEARCH RELATING TO THE RIVER WEY AND PUBLISH THE RESULTS THEREOF(4) TO PROMOTE CREATE AND CONSTRUCT PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE RIVER WEY ALL FOR THE EDUCATION AND BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC

Activities: The Trust is active on the Southern Branch of the River Wey (and tributaries) in Hampshire, Surrey and West Sussex, from its source to its confluence with the Northern Wey at Tilford.It carries out conservation work, education and interpretation, covering the ecology, archaeology and history, landscape and the quality of the river itself.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire
- Surrey
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£26,393	£24,311	-	-
2024-04-30	£9,001	£11,100	-	-
2023-04-30	£14,512	£7,809	-	-
2022-04-30	£1,420	£1,678	-	-
2021-04-30	£802	£1,666	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANGELA BETTY LANGTON GLASS	Chair	2019-10-03
ANTHONY JOHN WILLIAMS		2019-10-03
Alistair John Young		2021-02-04
Debra Curnow-Ford		2023-10-04
Dr John Richard Camin Carne		2022-10-06
Emma Charlotte Bird		2020-10-01
Jeanette Sheila Kirby		2025-05-28
Kathryn Kavanagh		2022-02-03
MICHAEL CROUCHER		2021-02-04
Neville David Merritt		2024-05-16
Peter John Harris		2020-10-01
ROGER JAMES MILLER		2021-02-04
SIMON BLEACH		2021-02-04

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The River Wey Trust (CIO 1177871)

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30th April 2025, which are set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



C M Meech FCA
Chartered Accountant
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30th August 2025

The River Wey Trust

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Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2024
Income				
Subscriptions	1,358		1,358	912
Gift Aid (note 1)	0		0	0
Grants received	500	16,979	17,479	3,544
Donations	2,870	1,400	4,270	790
Sale of merchandise	15		15	65
Fund raising activity	1,406		1,406	1,791
Nominal value of land	0		0	1
Interest received	1,866		1,866	1,898
	<u>8,015</u>	<u>18,379</u>	<u>26,393</u>	<u>9,001</u>
Expenditure				
Administration	606		606	472
Donation	68		68	18
Fund raising activity	468		468	839
Repairs, maintenance & projects	854	15,429	16,282	128
Water testing & related projects	4,337	2,550	6,887	9,643
	<u>6,333</u>	<u>17,979</u>	<u>24,312</u>	<u>11,100</u>
Net income/expenditure	<u>1,682</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>2,082</u>	<u>-2,099</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2025

Fixed Assets (note 2)		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Current Assets			
Cash book account		13,578	11496
CCLA Deposit account		39,000	39000
		<u>52,578</u>	<u>50,496</u>
		<u>52,580</u>	<u>50,498</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted Funds		46,539	44858
Restricted Funds		6,041	5640
		<u>52,580</u>	<u>50,498</u>

Notes:

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 May 2023** To **30 April 2024**

Charity name: **The River Wey trust**

Charity registration number: **1177871**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To conserve the South River Wey, research its resources, publish results and construct public access
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Industrial archaeological remains preservation. Improve river bed fish habitation sites. Water vole regeneration project. Major bank clearance project. Water quality checking and reporting. Public educational presentations
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charities Commission

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers assist with river bank clearance and are taking an increasing role in water quality testing, which is an increasing aspect of the Trust's activities, reporting centrally in an important citizen science national project.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Trust continues to investigate suitable ways to improve the area's fish habitation improvement in association with the Environment Agency, and is engaged in localised river bank clearance and conservation of medieval water meadow sites.</p> <p>In concert with various agencies, the Trust is engaging in wide-spread mink control to allow reintroduction of water voles to the river banks.</p> <p>Innovative educational presentations are made to schools , groups and the wider population.</p> <p>Water quality and sampling checks at many sites are being introduced, with increasing volunteer participation. Results are reported centrally as part of a national citizen science project to control river pollution</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trust is financially viable, with sufficient reserves for planned activities
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held for planned projects
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£50,498
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Organisations nominating trustees:</p> <p>Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society</p> <p>East Hampshire District Council</p> <p>Hampshire County Council</p> <p>Headley Parish Council</p> <p>Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council</p> <p>Coopted trustees</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The River Wey Trust
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1177871
Charity's principal address	Passfield Lodge Passfield Road Passfield Liphook GU30 7RU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Angela Glass	Chair		Coopted
2	Robert Belcher	Treasurer		Coopted
3	John Carne	Secretary		Coopted
4	Roger Miller			Coopted
5	Simon Bleach			Coopted
6	Alistair Young			Coopted
7	Debbie-Curnow-Ford			Hampshire County Council
8	Peter Harris			Bramshott and Liphook Heritage Society
9	Emma Bird			Coopted
10	Michael Croucher			Bramshott and Liphook Heritage Society
11	Sally Cameron			Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council
12	Kat Kavanagh			Coopted
13	James Wood			Headley Parish Council
14	Anthony Williams			East Hampshire District Council

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>JRC Carne – electronic signature</i>	
Full name(s)	John Richard Camin Carne	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	12 December 2024	

The River Wey Trust**Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds	2023
Income				
Subscriptions	912		912	1,195
Gift Aid (note 1)	0		0	0
Grants received	1,750	1,794	3,544	9,350
Internal allocation		0	0	1,000
Donations	790		790	250
Sale of merchandise	65		65	20
Fees received	0		0	0
Fund raising activity	1,791		1,791	1,898
Nominal value of land	1		1	0
Interest received	1,898		1,898	799
	<u>7,207</u>	<u>1,794</u>	<u>9,001</u>	<u>14,512</u>
Expenditure				
Administration	472		472	391
Donation	18		18	18
Fund raising activity	839		839	826
Repairs, maintenance & projects	128		128	2,380
Water testing & related projects	36	9,607	9,643	2,088
Internal allocation	0		0	1,000
	<u>1,493</u>	<u>9,607</u>	<u>11,100</u>	<u>6,703</u>
Net income/expenditure	<u>5,714</u>	<u>-7,813</u>	<u>-2,099</u>	<u>7,809</u>
Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2024				
Fixed Assets (note 2)			<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Current Assets				
Cash book account			11,496	13596
CCLA Deposit account			<u>39,000</u>	<u>39000</u>
			<u>50,496</u>	<u>52,596</u>
			<u>50,498</u>	<u>52,597</u>
Represented by				
Unrestricted Funds			44,858	39144
Designated Funds			<u>5,640</u>	<u>13453</u>
			<u>50,498</u>	<u>52,597</u>

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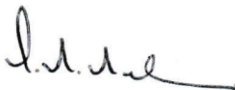
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4th November 2024

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Annual Public Meeting 1 November 2023

Canada Room Millenium Hall, Liphook

Minutes

Attendees: A Glass, A Thornhill, A Pope, A&J Gustard, A Williams, J Wood, R Miller, P Harris, E Bird, P Jordan, K Kavanagh, D Curnow-Ford, S Cameron, J&M Carne, R Belcher, S Bleach, J Kirby, J Smith

Apologies: A Young, M Croucher

Chair:

Once again, we have had a very busy year. My thanks as always go to our very able Trustees, including our Secretary, who give so much of their time and effort to ensuring that our stretch of the River Wey is maintained and tested on a constant basis, to ensure that it is safe, and that the water quality is as good as it can be. They are joined by a willing band of volunteers who help them in this task, and who have done so for many years since the River Wey Trust's foundation, and without whom the maintenance of the river would be much more difficult.

In addition to our efforts on the river, there has been outreach to, and liaison with different groups, to whom we have given our support, and with whom we interact. Alistair Young has also taken his augmented reality sandbox far and wide this year, which has also helped to advertise the Trust, and all that it stands for.

Of the parcels of land that the Trust owns, Allees meadow in Bramshott is perhaps the jewel, and it is where a lot of time is spent generally maintaining the meadow. It had been hoped that in 2023, the land would be used for the grazing of sheep, but that intention has fallen by the wayside for the time being. We are very grateful to Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council for their grant in kind, that has enabled us to help maintain the area more easily.

We very much enjoyed seeing so many people at our annual Pimm's Party, which was held this year in the lovely setting of The Old Mill in Bramshott, by kind permission of Janet and Ian Airey. We had a new musical entertainer, Jack Trinder, who gave us a variety of music on that hot and sunny day while picnics were eaten, and strawberries and cream consumed.

2024 marks the 40th Anniversary of the founding of The River Wey Trust by Adrian Bird, and the evolution of the Trust from the foundations that he built. We are so grateful to Adrian for his foresight in ensuring the continuation of the preservation of the river, the history of the rural life of Bramshott and Liphook, and the keen architectural eye that he cast over the heritage of this lovely place. The strong family tie remains, with daughter Emma a very active Trustee. We will celebrate all that Adrian achieved at our Pimm's Party by the River, next year.

2022 Annual Public Meeting Minutes:

It was noted that these Minutes erroneously contained the minutes of the September 2022 Executive Sub-Committee at Appendix 2, rather than the year's formal executive report. The Minutes were unanimously approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting, with no matters arising.

Treasurer:

A synopsis of the accounts was presented. A copy of the audited accounts is at Appendix 1.

It had been noted that Allees Meadow was not included as an asset, but this had been remedied in the 2023-24 accounts as a £1 nominal asset

The treasurer explained that online banking had been agreed with Lloyds Bank, a PayPal account had been set up to allow payment of expenses and receipt of income, and a card reader account had been established to allow cashless receipt of subscriptions, sales and sundries.

Executive Report:

S Bleach, Facilitator of the Executive Sub-Committee, presented a comprehensive summary of the Report, a copy of which is at Appendix 2.

He brought to attendees’ attention the recent advances in water testing the trust is carrying out, its adoption by other organisations along the river and the centralisation of results which are so important in restricting riverine pollution by sewage disposal companies. He outlined the Trust’s active involvement with several other organisations in a Water Vole Recovery Programme along the River Wey; the first phase involves the eradication of the alien invasive American Mink which has decimated native water voles as well as predated on many other natives species. Three ‘smart’ mink traps are to be positioned between Liphook and Frensham, overseen by volunteers.

The recent expansion of the Trust’s activities and the number of volunteers has led to the need for grants from external sources: it is appreciated that fund-raising is a time-consuming specialist field and the Trust is attempting to recruit a volunteer to take on this important task.

Any Other Business:

There was no further business

Presentation – “Water Meadows”:

R Miller presented an illustrated discussion of the history and workings of water meadows to increase hay production, concentrating especially on those fed by the southern branch of the River Wey in the Liphook area. He highlighted the conservation work that had been initiated and overseen by Adrian Bird, the founder of the River Wey Trust, which has led to the restoration of the river in many places.

Appendix 1

The River Wey Trust

Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds	2022
Income				
Subscriptions	1,195		1,195	865
Gift Aid (note 1)	0		0	108
Grants received		9,350	9,350	50
Internal allocation		1,000	1,000	0
Donations	250		250	0
Sale of merchandise	20		20	15
Fees received	0		0	352
Fund raising activity	1,898		1,898	0
Interest received	799		799	30
	4,162	10,350	14,512	1,420

Expenditure

Administration	391		391	456
Donation	18		18	0
Fund raising activity	826		826	0
Repairs, maintenance & projects	2,380		2,380	1,223
Water testing		2,088	2,088	0
Internal allocation	1,000		1,000	0
	<u>4,615</u>	<u>2,088</u>	<u>6,703</u>	<u>1,679</u>
Net income/expenditure	<u>-453</u>	<u>8,262</u>	<u>7,809</u>	<u>-259</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2023

Fixed Assets (note 2)

Current Assets		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Cash book account		13,597	5787
CCLA Deposit account		<u>39,000</u>	<u>39000</u>
		<u>52,597</u>	<u>44,787</u>
		<u>52,598</u>	<u>44,788</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted Funds		39,144	39647
Designated Funds		<u>13,453</u>	<u>5141</u>
		<u>52,597</u>	<u>44,788</u>

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Appendix 2

Executive Sub-committee report for the APM – November 2023

Introduction

The pattern of a successful and exciting time for the Trust, that was established last year, has continued this year. The high level of activity has been maintained and awareness of the Trust has been increased. Work and kick-testing at Allees Meadow has continued throughout the year; the water-testing initiative has expanded; the RWT and

the enhanced reality sandbox have been presented at a large number of events; many new contacts in the river protection and conservation arena have been made; and an exciting Water Vole recovery project has just begun. Although several projects that started last year have not come to fruition overall the Trust's activity levels have increased and its reputation has been broadened and enhanced. Hopefully, we are continuing to protect the future and longevity of the Trust.

Activities during the year

Allees Meadow:

- Four work parties have been held this year. A temporary bridge was installed over the water carriers at the Tunbridge Lane end of the site, there has been significant tree and debris clearance along the bank of the river and work has started on clearing the upper water carrier.
- The BLPC has approved a grant-in-kind of four-man days per year for this year and the following three years. This resource will be used for fallen tree and scrub clearance and grass cutting. The Trust would like to thank both the Parish Council and their ground works team, for their assistance.
- Last year, the trustees agreed to spend up to £5,000 over two years, on maintenance of the meadow. £800 was spent last year and a further £480 has been spent so far this year on clearing and 'chipping' the brash from the fallen trees.
- The trustees are considering several new projects at the meadow. These include completing the clearance of the upper carrier and exposing the remains of the sluice, completing the clearance of all the remaining scrub and improving the surface of the parking area. Funding opportunities from local councils will be explored. Hopefully the trust will be able to combine these funds with those of the Trust, to complete this work.
- Three new information signs have been installed at the meadow, to provide some background to the history of the meadow and other explanatory information.
- A 'mink print' trap has been installed on the river. This has revealed the presence of mink at the meadow.
- The project to permit the grazing of sheep on the meadow, that began last year, has not come to fruition. The legal arrangements were put in place, but the farmer appears to be no longer interested in progressing the project. For the future, a consortium of sheep farmers (to reduce fencing costs) has been mooted. This will be considered once the clearance work at the meadow, has been completed.

Griggs Green:

- The negotiations with one of the homeowners at Griggs Farm Court, regarding the granting of an easement for access over land owned by the Trust, have continued throughout the year. A draft planning application was submitted to the trustees, and this was subsequently amended to take into account our concerns. Also, agreement on the amount to be paid for granting the easement has been agreed. The homeowner has recently submitted a formal planning application to EHDC and the outcome is awaited.

Land at Radford Bridge:

- As last year, there has been no progress or communication regarding the proposed development by Green Construct (Liphook) Ltd.
- The Trust is becoming increasingly concerned about the expansion and potential spread of Japanese Knotweed on this site. The Trust has written to the owners about our concerns, but has not received a reply. The trustees discussed this issue at their meeting in October. It was noted that eradicating the knotweed is likely to cost several tens of thousands of pounds. Accordingly, the trustees agreed that: (1) the RWT should not consider taking ownership of the land unless the knotweed infestation has been completely cleared (2) the financial reserve previously maintained for improving the land (should it come into RWT ownership) should be reduced to £10,000 (3) the Trust should consider how the balance of the funds previously reserved, can be utilised for improvements at Allees Meadow and other projects.
- The Trust has continued to communicate with Thames Water and Damian Hinds MP, regarding the condition of the suspended sewage pipe on the site. Thames Water have still not visited the site to assess the problem, and have suggested that they need the land owner's permission to do so. As far as we are aware, they, like the trust, have received no response to attempts at communicating with the land owners. The trustee representing Hampshire County Council has recently contacted Thames Water directly on this matter.

Fish Protection project at Pitt Farm:

- Last year, the Trust was investigating a project proposal for the supply and planting of suitable trees and saplings at Pitt Farm in Frensham. The objective was to provide tree cover on the banks of the Wey, thereby enhancing fish protection. After further investigation, it was confirmed that it would not be practical to provide effective fencing to stop the cows that are kept in the field, from eating and destroying any new trees and saplings. Therefore, the trustees agreed not to proceed with this project.

Kick-testing:

- The Trust continues to perform monthly kick-tests at Allees Meadow. All the tests have produced positive results with the level of invertebrates exceeding the minimum acceptable levels. Many new 'friends' have attended these sessions and have joined the RWT as a result.

Water quality testing:

- The water quality testing programme has again proved to be one of the most exciting developments of the year. The number of testing volunteers and the number of testing sites has greatly expanded. In addition, the protocols and equipment used by the RWT (developed by Water Rangers in Canada) have been adopted by organisations operating beyond the southern branch of the Wey, and this has improved awareness of, and the reputation of the Trust.

- Godalming Town Council provided a grant of £7,850 to the RWT to enable it to establish a testing hub and to fund work that will allow for the combining of results along the Wey catchment. The hub has been established, additional local sponsorship has been obtained, and testing at numerous sites has begun. Additionally, web development has taken place to provide data and demonstrate upstream and downstream comparisons at various points on the river. Although this work is outside the Trust's traditional geographical area of interest, it is in the Wey catchment. It has enabled the Trust to spread the word about water quality testing.

- As evidence of this, the Trust has received interest from groups in Bordon, Alton and Weybridge, who are keen to learn more about water quality testing.

- Additionally, Haslemere Town Council provided a grant of £2,500 to enable the RWT to establish a testing hub in Haslemere, which is now up and running.

- Working with Zero Carbon Guildford, the Trust is investigating setting-up an E.coli test lab in conjunction with Surrey University, which would be accessible to all the testers in the catchment. A fund raising 'River Run' in September raised £1,750 to start funding this initiative.

- The RWT's work on water quality testing has led to the acceptance of the RWT's methodology right across the country and has raised the profile of the Trust. Our trustee Kat Kavanagh (CEO of Water Rangers) has been asked to facilitate a seminar on the subject in Coventry and to speak at the Rivers Trust conference in November. Our thanks go to Kat and Water Rangers for all the work they have been doing on water quality testing on behalf of the RWT.

Water Vole Recovery Programme:

- The RWT, in association with the National Trust's South Downs West team, Surrey Wildlife Trust, the Haslemere Biodiversity Group, the Deadwater Valley Trust and others, has agreed to participate in a water vole recovery programme in the River Wey catchment.

- This follows a successful similar scheme in East Anglia, where the majority of invasive alien North American mink have been eradicated, allowing natural regeneration of the water vole population, in addition to reducing other wild life predation. Special 'smart' traps are used, to allow the humane despatch of mink and the release of other species.

- The programme will initially concentrate on the south branch of the River Wey. Work has recently started with the installation of several mink traps in Haslemere. The programme is planned to spread along the whole of the Wey and to link with a similar programme covering Greater London.

- The trustees confirmed a decision of the Executive Sub-committee that the Trust should take part in the first phase of the programme, at a budgeted cost of £1,500. Three mink traps will be operated at Allee's Meadow, Spreakley in Frensham, and Mellow Farm in Dockenfield.

Public Events:

The RWT has been represented at more than thirty public events this year. This is largely due to efforts trustee Alistair Young who has presented the 'augmented reality sandbox', together with details about the Trust's activities, to local schools, public fairs, scout groups and at many other events. In addition, presentations have been made at the Oxford University Natural History Museum, the Royal Institution and the Henley Rowing Museum.

- The Trust intends to investigate whether it would be practical to acquire a suitable vehicle for demonstrating the sandbox and invertebrate sampling at public events, in the future.
- The sandbox was presented throughout the summer school holidays at Dapdune Wharf in Guildford. The RWT gazebo, containing the sandbox and a sample of invertebrates, appeared on a prominent site at the National Trust's open day at Dapdune Wharf and was attended by several hundred people, including many enthusiastic children.
- These presentations have raised the awareness of the RWT, resulted in the recruitment of new 'friends' and have raised funds for the Trust through donations.

Other matters:

- The Trust continues to send a representative to the steering group meetings of the catchment-based Wey Landscape Partnership (WLP). This enables us to see what the larger organisations are doing and provides exposure to new initiatives and ideas related to the river. There has been considerable interest in the Trust's water quality testing programme, from other members of the partnership. Three trustees attended the WLP annual event in Woking on 30th October, which provided an opportunity to network with other groups concerned about the River Wey.
- The WLP has asked the Trust to assist in the coordination of water quality testing in the catchment and will begin working with the South East Rivers Trust in January, as part of their Water Quality Monitoring group.
- The Trust continues to monitor local planning applications, commenting where relevant. No new proposals, requiring comment from the Trust, have arisen this year.
- The number of 'friends' of the Trust has continued to increase. Payment of subscriptions by direct debit has been introduced and 'gift aid' receipts are being followed up.
- The Trust has decided to recruit a volunteer fund-raising coordinator with the objective of matching the Trust's requirements for project funding with the many funding opportunities that are available.
- The Trust has recently introduced a 'Conflicts of Interest' policy for all trustees, to improve governance and bring our procedures in line with best practice.
- Finally (again!) 'friends' are reminded that the trust has an excellent website. This is being continuously updated and contains lots of helpful information about the trust and its activities. The website can be found at www.riverweytrust.org.uk

Future Plans

- the proposed projects at Allees Meadow will be progressed as quickly as possible, hopefully before spring next year, and additional funding will be sought.
- in the longer term, the development plan for Allees Meadow including a riverside pathway will be pursued
- working parties will be organised at the meadow as and when necessary
- in addition to the projects at Allees Meadow, other new projects using existing RWT funds will be investigated and combined with outside funding, where possible
- the Trust will continue to negotiate with the homeowner regarding the request for an easement over the Trust's land at Griggs Green
- monthly kick-testing will be continued at Allees Meadow
- the Trust will aim to build on the success of this year by continuing to work on the water testing project, not only on the south branch of the River Wey, but also in conjunction with other groups outside the Southern Wey catchment, and the networking opportunities that result will be followed up
- the Trust will participate in the Water Vole recovery programme by installing and operating three mink traps on the river and will report all results to the relevant parties
- the augmented reality sandbox will be demonstrated and will be used to promote the Trust and its activities (and hopefully raise funds)
- the Trust will recruit a volunteer fund-raising coordinator
- the Trust will continue to seek to expand its membership.

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It has been a busy and exciting year, with a wide range of activities including the introduction of a water-testing programme: all the work undertaken is helping to sustain the Trust's future and to protect the legacy of Adrian Bird, whose enthusiasm and knowledge launched the charity.

Allee's meadow -Five work parties had taken part in the year, clearing the ground and improving the entrance. Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council was thanked for the work of their ground works team which had provided invaluable support with their mechanical equipment. A £5,000 2-year maintenance budget had been agreed, £800 of which had been spent on necessary tree surgeon activities. A proposal that a small flock of ewes should be allowed to graze the land is being progressed.

Griggs Green/ Land at Radford Bridge – A possible easement for access to a property at Griggs Farm Court is progressing and “ No right of Way” signs have been erected on the land to formalise the Trust's legal ownership of it to the public and to discourage walkers from using it.

There is no news on potential GreenConstruct development of the land at Radford Bridge and the developers have not responded to recent correspondence. The suspended main sewer pipe on the land is in danger of being broken by falling trees – Thames Water are aware of the danger and is taking steps to rectify the problem. The Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam are being monitored.

Pitt Farm/ Kick testing – No further work is contemplated at this stage at the Passfield Sluice: the Environment Agency has agreed the funds held for this project should be retained for other fish protection projects on the river. The trustees have approved a riparian tree planting project at Pitt Farm on the river above Frensham.

Monthly kick testing is carried out at Allee's Meadow, demonstrating the river is healthy at that point. The effects of the testing have been demonstrated at three events.

Water Quality Testing – Regular testing has been introduced, with protocols and kit from the Canadian charity Water Rangers. Results from over sixty sites are shared nationally and internationally, with test sites expanding beyond the Southern Wey.. Much interest has been generated, stimulating new Friends to join, many of whom have brought down the average age of our members and friends! Our three RWT councillor trustees have provide funding of £500 each, in addition to the £1,000 from Trustee funds to provide more testing kits and the expensive replacement test reagents.

Outreach – Alistair Young has continued to undertake many displays of the Augmented Reality sandbox in nine locations locally and nationally this year, enhancing the Trust's presence.

Other matters:

- There was a well-attended river walk from Headley to Radford Park
- The Executive attends the Wey Landscape partnership and has close connection with other interested groups.
- A close watch is kept upon planning applications that potentially impinge upon the Southern Wey and its water quality.
- The annual subscription has now risen to £10 per annum and Friends are

requested to amend their Standing Orders to this amount.

Treasurer's report:

(Statement of Financial Activities below)

- In a year without income from our main annual fund-raising event, we incurred a loss of £259.
- Income was mostly from 'Friends' subscription of £865 (prior year's in brackets)
 - o £865 (605) was received from 70 Friends. Of these , two (none)Life members gave £250. Of the other Friends £30 (none), two gave £25 (none), four gave £20 (four), thirty gave £10 (thirty) and thirty-one (thirty-four) £5.
 - o During the year the Friends' annual fee was increased from £5 to £10. Many of the Standing Order Payments due on 1st June 2022 remained at the old amount.
 - o The prior year's Gift Aid refund was £108
 - o We received donations from Sand Box displays.
 - o We received a donation of £50 from Lynchmere Parish Council
- Total expenses were £1678, the major expenditure being £1,100 on tree maintenance at Griggs Green. We also purchased a Water Testing Kit at £105. Insurance was £256, compared to £206 in the prior year.
- At the year-end, funds were £44,529, of which £5,141 is specifically for the Fish Passage Project.
- Thus, we have £39, 388 for all other requirements.

For the Period to 30th April 2022
River Wey Trust
Statement of Financial Activities

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds	For the Year Ended 30th April 2021
Subscriptions:	Individuals	865		865	605
	Corporate	0		0	0
	Gift Aid (see note a)	108		108	0
		973		973	605
	Grants from Parishes	50		50	50
	Grants from other organisations	0		0	0
	Donations	0		0	65
	Sales of merchandise	15		15	0
	Talk Fees	352		352	50
	Fund raising activity (*)	0		0	0
	Interest	30		30	32
	Special Project Income	0		0	0
	Total Income	1420	0	1420	802
	Expenditure :				
	Administration	-456		-456	-316
	Fund raising activity (*)	0		0	0
	Fund Raising net	0		0	0
	Materials				
	Repairs, Maintenance & Projects	-1223		-1223	-1350
		-1678	0	-1678	-1666
	Net Income/ Expenditure		-259	0	-259

	39647	5141	44788	45651
Funds from prior years	<u>39647</u>	<u>5141</u>	<u>44788</u>	<u>45651</u>
Funds carried forward	<u><u>39388</u></u>	<u><u>5141</u></u>	<u><u>44529</u></u>	<u><u>44788</u></u>
Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2022				
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			1	1
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Cash Book Account			-259	5787
Bank Deposit Account			<u>39000</u>	<u>39000</u>
			<u><u>38742</u></u>	<u><u>44788</u></u>
Represented by	39388		39647	
<u>Designated Funds</u>			<u>5141</u>	<u>5141</u>
			<u><u>44529</u></u>	<u><u>44788</u></u>

Prior Year Gift Aid of 2019/2020 paid 14th May 2021

Gift Aid for 2020/2021 is yet to be claimed.

Nominal value of land acquired. True value considered too immaterial to incur cost of valuation

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Activities during the year

Allees Meadow:

- A four-year development plan for Allees Meadow has been drawn up, including a riverside boardwalk and path. An application for funding was made to the EHDC, under their Wealden Heath Infrastructure Projects scheme. Unfortunately, the council reconsidered their scheme after the submission of applications and the funding became unavailable. We will search for funding from other sources.
- there have been three successful work parties at the meadow – working in conjunction with staff from the BLPC, we have been clearing scrub and removing balsam. The amount of balsam seemed much reduced this year, following our efforts in previous years.

Griggs Green:

- Two dangerous trees at the front of the property at the Longmoor Road were removed earlier in the year
- more recently, more extensive tree work over the whole site has taken place to remove dangerous and damaged branches – all the works have been completed by a professional tree surgeon
- a neighbour in one of the cottages at Griggs Green has asked the RWT to allow him to access his property from the Longmoor Road. The trustees have agreed in principle, in return for the payment of a suitable fee. However, at the moment it is not clear whether the appropriate local authority permissions will be forthcoming. The neighbour is awaiting feedback from HCC.

Land at Radford Bridge:

- As was previously reported, the planning application from Green Construct for a development on a small portion of the land was rejected, and since then there have been no major developments.
- Green Construct recently contacted the Trust about convening a site meeting with the various interested parties, but currently that has not materialized.
- We will continue to assess the situation with the end objective of acquiring most of the land (to add to Allees Meadow), if possible.
- The trust is continuing to monitor the condition of the sewage pipe and the amount of Japanese knotweed, on the land, so that action can be taken if necessary.

Passfield Sluice:

- a working party to add more stones to the fish passage was planned in September. However, after a site assessment it was noted that the path accessing the sluice requires repair. Also, it was decided that a fully considered structural plan was needed before more stones are placed in the river.
- Therefore the Executive sub-committee agreed that professional assistance should be sought (the trust does hold some funds for this) before any other work is undertaken. We will be contacting a specialist company to investigate next steps.

'New' Initiatives:

- the kick-testing programme that was developed in 2020 has (at last!) started with the help of Frensham Fly Fishers. Three volunteers have received training and we are currently organising training for several more volunteers. After a team of five, or six volunteers have been trained, we will institute a regular testing programme at Allees Meadow and Griggs

Green. The first kick-testing session at Allees Meadow will take place in the near future.

- the school's initiative, and presentations of the sandbox have been continued by Alistair Young. He has sought to raise the interest of local schools unfortunately with little success. However, despite the lack of local interest, he has continued to display the sandbox far and wide. He has been able to raise awareness of the RWT and in the process has raised some useful sums for the Trust.
- The river walks initiative is currently 'on hold'. Local hearsay suggests that turnout has been low, when other groups have tried to organize nature walks. Therefore, we have decided to delay this initiative to next spring. We hope to enlist the help of the Surrey Wildlife Trust with regard to the identification of the flora and fauna that might be encountered on walks, at that time.

Other matters:

- the update of the River Wey Guidebook is continuing. The update will be available via the website
- the Trust is continuing to examine and, where relevant, comment on local planning applications - e.g. a retrospective planning application for a coach park at Passfield Business Park, an application for a lawful use of the old sewage works at Passfield and an application for a housing development at Camelsdale.
- The role of Membership Secretary is to be taken over by Michael Croucher. We have had several new friends join us during the course of the year and we would ask everyone to encourage their friends and neighbours to join the trust and take part in our activities.

Future Plans

Allees Meadow:

- we intend to have more working parties at the meadow, although these will be subject to the vagaries of the weather in the next few months
- the four-year development plan will be pursued, and funding will be sought
- a 'funding working group' is going to be established to investigate sources of funding for this project and for other activities of the Trust.

Griggs Green:

- the Trust will await developments regarding the request for an access. A solicitor has been appointed to represent the Trust's interest, should it appear that local authority permissions are forthcoming.
- appropriate safety/warning signs will be installed at the front and back of the property.

Land at Radford Bridge:

- the Trust will attend a site meeting if one takes place and will continue to await any other developments
- a 'balsam bash' will be organized next year if necessary.

New Initiatives:

- the Trust intends to provide more support for river studies programmes including sandbox presentations
- kick-testing at Allees Meadow (and later at Griggs Green) will be initiated
- the kick-testing training programme will be continued
- the river walks initiative will be started in the spring if there is sufficient interest.

Treasurer's Report:

Income was lower than the previous year because of the annual summer's party cancellation resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the significant decrease in interest from bank deposits. Outgoings were higher than predicted because of arboreal safety work at Griggs, plus the purchase of a light-proof gazebo for the sandbox display. Much of the money in the reserves was designated for Passfield sluice upgrade and for anticipated costs if the Trust was granted land at Radford bridge adjacent to Allees Meadow.

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year to 30th April 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds	For the Year En 30th April 202
Income:				
Subscriptions: Individuals	605		605	705
Corporate	0		0	0
Gift Aid (see note a)	0		0	0
	605		605	705
Grants from Parishes	50		50	50
Grants from other organisations	0		0	0
Donations	65		65	321
Sales of merchandise	0		0	73
Fees received	50		50	542
Fund raising activity (*)	0		0	1563
Interest	32		32	207
Special Project Income			0	0
Total Income	802	0	802	3461
Expenditure :				
Administration	-316		-316	-2182
Fund raising activity (*)	0		0	-580
Fund Raising net			0	983
Materials				
Repairs, Maintenance & Projects	-1350		-1350	
	-1666	0	-1666	-2762
Net Income/ Expenditure	-863	0	-863	699
Funds from prior years	40510	5141	45651	44952
Funds carried forward	39647	5141	44788	45651
<u>Balance Sheet as at</u>				
			30th April 2021	
Assets	<u>Fixed Assets</u>		1	1
	<u>Current Assets</u>			
	Cash Book Account		5787	6650
	Bank Deposit Account		39000	39000
			44788	45651
Represented by	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		39647	40510
	<u>Designated Funds</u>		5141	5141
			44788	45651

Note:

a) Gift aid for 2019-2020 has been claimed at £107.65. 18th received May 2021 and shown in 2021/2022 accounts

b) Nominal value of land acquired. True value considered too immaterial to incur cost of valuation