

# Yeo Rivers Community Trust

England & Wales · Charity number 1180724

## Details

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**Other names** YEOVIL RIVERS COMMUNITY TRUST

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-11-16

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BOTH LOCALLY IN YEOVIL AND THE WIDER PUBLIC WITHIN SOMERSET AND DORSET, THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY PROMOTING AND MAINTAINING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, NOTABLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, IN THE RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT AND CREATION OF WATERCOURSES AND ANY OTHER WATER FEATURES (INCLUDING MULTI-FUNCTION SURFACE FEATURES AS PART OF A SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEM) AND THEIR ADJOINING TERRESTRIAL AREAS. MAINTAINING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY INCLUDES MANAGING AND MONITORING RELEVANT HABITATS FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF BIODIVERSITY AND THE PUBLIC. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

**Activities:** The key activities are to promote, protect, restore and create natural and constructed blue infrastructure, e.g. ponds, rivers and sustainable drainage features, to provide multiple benefits for the public and wildlife to combat climate change, deliver enhanced and resilient ecosystems and natural capital for amenity, biodiversity, educational, wellbeing, aesthetic and conservation purposes.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Dorset
- North Somerset
- Somerset

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£83,372	£62,197	-	-
2024-03-31	£103,048	£174,694	-	-
2023-03-31	£144,706	£134,719	-	-
2022-03-31	£134,755	£52,132	-	-
2021-03-31	£42,266	£30,915	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>LORNE EDWARD JEANS THOMSON</b>	Chair	2018-01-17
Anna Marie Anderton		2025-10-22
Josiah David Knights		2022-10-10
THOMAS ANTHONY RICHARD BELL BSC		2018-01-17

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# Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report for Year  
1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025



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- Active public engagement on environmental issues around rivers and waterways and habitats and biodiversity generally with an increasing emphasis on Climate Change adaptation, nutrient monitoring and building resilience.
- Physical improvement and extended viability to the local streams and rivers in respect of public accessibility and enjoyment. This includes a healthier and sustainable wildlife habitat. This incorporates identifying, designing and implementing a range of measures to restore, enhance and create aquatic and terrestrial habitats using nature based solutions (NBS) and natural flood management (NFM) techniques wherever possible within the Yeo and adjacent Catchments.

The Charity completed further works on the Brympton and RYCCCARP projects during the financial period. The projects numbering seven in total are described in the following section. At the time of reporting, two projects are currently not being worked on, as they are awaiting approval/clearance from sources external to the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust.

The trust employed one full-time and 6 part-time staff within the year to assist the delivery of projects and provide administration capacity.

## Achievements and Performance

The following table itemises the major project activity undertaken by the Charity during the reporting period.

Project Identity	Description	% Completion	Deliverables	Funding Status
Dodham Brook Restoration 001	Further enhancement works in the concrete flood channel are planned for 2025/26 et seq as funding permits. These will be similar to features already installed and modifications/repairs to the damaged macrophyte bays. These are designed to fill performance gaps arising from the works in 2022- 2024 to achieve the habitat and connectivity objectives of the project. The focus of the project has now changed to providing benefits for water vole, reducing phosphorous levels and providing NFM benefits downstream. In view of this, Project P001 has been concluded in the 2024/25 return period and the respective project elements will be divided between P008 and P012.	100%	Project deliverables will now be undertaken via P008 and P012.	Nil/completed
004	Restoration and long-term maintenance of Brympton Pond. Planned activity: Development of a natural pond which will be semi incorporated into a proposed business park development. Future use and maintenance to be planned.	0%	Following discussion within the YRCT, it is considered that the site may be suitable for Biodiversity Net Gain Offsetting with no public access. Project currently on hold while BNG develops and discussions can be had with landowner and developer.	Awaiting landowners agreement. Project on hold

<p>(P007) Brympton Project – Phase 2</p>	<p>A range of habitat enhancement/creation interventions in open green spaces across the Brympton Parish are to be delivered via this new project phase. Delivery commenced in the 2024/25 year and is set to continue beyond 2025/26. The planned interventions will target ponds, the Preston Brook and other terrestrial habitats. A small number of activities were delivered in the 2024/25 period.</p>	<p>15%</p>	<p>Activities at this location have been designed in conjunction with Brympton Parish Council. Activities to enhance one pond, including digging new scrapes, tree management to reduce shading and planting plug plants were undertaken by volunteers supervised by YRCT staff. Additional management activities, e.g. vegetation control in a pond, scything of tall ruderal vegetation and maintenance of a complex habitat bank were also delivered at another pond site.</p>	<p>An environmental fund has been established by the Parish Council and activities are mainly funded from this with a small proportion coming from donations received for running corporate volunteer sessions. Only a small amount of activity was undertaken in the period with expenditure of £2,226.46 and income of £2281.95 received.</p> <p>More extensive works, including urban NFM (leaky woody dams) and surface water runoff management works and meadow creation are planned for 2025/26.</p>
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006	<p>Brimsmore housing development.</p> <p>Improvements and overall enhancement of the SuDS which will include: stabilisation of water level and improvements in its quality.</p> <p>Cleaning the outlet culvert and stream which are severely silted up.</p>	0%	<p>No activity undertaken in the reporting period.</p> <p>Awaiting the Somerset Council adoption of the site</p>	<p>No budget in place at this time.</p> <p>Project on hold until site is adopted by the Somerset Council. This may be complicated by the move to a unitary Somerset LA.</p>
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008	<p>Yeovil Country Park (Ninesprings) Lake, Pond and Water Vole habitat Enhancement</p> <p>The project aims to: Create new aquatic habitats in the lake and pond</p> <p>The project will provide valuable new and enhanced aquatic habitats near the centre of Yeovil which already accommodate endangered species. The proposed enhancements will also augment the works delivered after the restoration of Dodham Brook which runs through the country park to the north of the lake and pond. An optimised, resilient network of habitats will thereby be created to support enhanced biodiversity. The project area was expanded during the return period to include the Upper Yeo catchment of which the Dodham Brook Catchment is a part. The phosphate management element has also been expanded accordingly. The mitigation of phosphate pollution can be achieved via essentially the same interventions which would benefit water vole habitats.</p>	75%	<p>Funding was secured for the phosphate management element through the development of a partnership with Wessex Water in which YRCT assist them to deliver their Phosphate Reduction Programme to landowners. A CSI phosphate sampling programme continues in the Yeovil and other parts of the Upper Yeo Catchment including North Dorset. Practical works, planned for delivery in the Yeovil Country Park lake and pond in the 2024/25 year were delayed through lack of permissions and funds. These works, including the creation of reed beds, a water vole bund and increasing plant diversity in the lake and pond, will now be delivered in 2025/26. Activities in 2024/25 were limited to surveys, eDNA sampling and refinement of project designs.</p>	<p>Total grants amounting to £5,230 were secured in the year: Voltalia £5000. Grant expenditure was focused on purchasing sampling equipment, carrying out sampling and surveys and preparing concept designs for interventions for water vole conservation and management of phosphate. Some funding remains for practical delivery in 2025/26. Further grant funding will be applied for in 2025/26 with a target of £20-35k from private grant providers and potentially a crowd funding campaign.</p>
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011	The Yeovil Wellbeing, Wildlife and Water Community Project continued to be developed.	Ongoing.	YRCT continues to deliver activities alongside Wessex Water at their Sutton Bingham site. These include guided walks and surveys. We continue to work with a2a (able2achieve) and have extended this to Cambian (Lufton College) and You Care We Care (Yeovil) to deliver activities to other vulnerable adults charities and their service users. Deliverables include nature walks, volunteering activities (surveys, land management, litter picking, etc.). Engagement continues with schools and other community groups and a specific project for women over 50 was very successfully concluded (Wild Women Project).	Grant funding secured from The National Lottery in March 2024 for £20,000 was available for the 2024/25 period and a further £4,790.00 was secured from various sources, including corporate days. Further bids to support this ongoing work will be submitted to private grant providers in 2025/26 including a further bid to The National Lottery for £20,000 when we become eligible in December 2025. We will continue to expand the income from corporate volunteering days in the 2025/26 year.
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012	<p>Upper River Yeo Catchment Strategy with Natural Flood Management (NFM) element. The NFM project element continued to be mainly funded through the Environment Agency. Overall, the project aims to prepare a detailed catchment restoration plan for implementing at the landscape scale to address identified environmental issues. The NFM element is designed to carry out co-ordinated works within parts of the catchment to build on the successful pilot scheme delivered in 2022/23. The NFM sub-project continues to grow with more landowners showing an interest in implementing NFM and Nature Based Solutions generally and a further strand has evolved in our work with Wessex Water to deliver their Phosphate Reduction Programme. This work will commence from July 2025 and expand and continue until April 2026.</p>	Ongoing	<p>The scale of the project requires it to be delivered in phases. The phases are synchronized with the tax year as this is the basis of EA funding. Extensive stakeholder engagement is ongoing within the River Wriggle and Cam/Caundle Brook sub-catchments. The number of landowners in the Wriggle River Improvement Group (WRIG) continues to grow and up to 8 sites are looking to accommodate NFM interventions to mitigate potential flooding and create enhanced habitat diversity. These interventions are also hugely beneficial for mitigating phosphate issues. Further practical works are planned for further phases and stakeholder engagement will be expanded to new stakeholders and other sub-catchments. Slow but steady progress is being made in developing the Yeo Catchment Strategy with desktop analysis extended to the lower part of the catchment. Funding limitations are the main reason for the slow progress in this element. It is difficult to attach a deadline for completion of the strategy for this reason.</p>	<p>A £45,000 budget was secured via the EA for the 2024/25 financial year. Funding was also secured from the Dorset Council FiPL scheme for works in AONBs. This was not paid directly to the Trust as we were not the grant holder, but funds were claimed from third party landowners once works had been delivered. YRCT commenced the registration process with Wessex Water to provide paid services to help them deliver their Phosphate Reduction Programme in March 2025 and hope to commence delivery later in the 2025/26 year to generate additional income.</p>
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## Financial Review

- At the end of the reporting period, the total income amounted to £83,372. The total expenditure amounted to £62,197, thus making a surplus of £21,175. Cash carried forward from the previous year of £47,858 gave a year end balance of £69,033.
- The charity does not currently have any unallocated financial reserves. The credit balance at the end of this financial year represents unspent grant funds which are committed to current projects according to the required expediency in maintaining progress. We recognize the importance of a reserve to the long-term sustainability of the trust. When further funding has been secured and the prospect of a reserve being retained becomes potentially viable, a discussion will be held among the trustees to agree the amount of unrestricted funds which should be placed in a reserve.
- Funds in deficit - None

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# Financial Report

The financial status of the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 is shown in the Accounts Form CC16a for submission to the Charity Commission.

Report Prepared by: Lorne Thomson (Chair – YRCT)

Signed



Date: 20/10/2025

Report Approved by: Josiah Knights (Trustee)

Signed



Date: 28/10/25

## Definitions & Abbreviations

<b>BPC</b>	Brympton Parish Council
<b>CIO</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
<b>EA</b>	Environment Agency
<b>FWAG</b>	Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group
<b>helophyte</b>	plant which grows in marsh, partly submerged
<b>HotSWEP</b>	Heads of South West Local Business Groups
<b>LDC</b>	Land Drainage Consent
<b>macrophyte</b>	aquatic plant that grows in or near water
<b>PA</b>	Planning Application
<b>SCC</b>	Somerset County Council
<b>SSDC</b>	South Somerset District Council
<b>SuDS</b>	Sustainable Drainage Systems
<b>YRCT</b>	Yeovil Rivers Community Trust
<b>YTC</b>	Yeovil Town Council





CHARITY COMMISSION  
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Charity Name  
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No (if any)  
1180724

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from 01-Apr-24 To 31-Mar-25

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	1,825	-	-	1,825	121
Grants	-	74,378	-	74,378	102,577
Service	7,169	-	-	7,169	350
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>8,994</b>	<b>74,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,372</b>	<b>103,048</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>8,994</b>	<b>74,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,372</b>	<b>103,048</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	400	-	-	400	395
Consutancy Fees	-	10,823	-	10,823	19,930
Data & Services Supply	-	250	-	250	-
Water samples analysis	-	1,359	-	1,359	311
Handtools & Protective Clothing	-	883	-	883	800
Website/media	462	-	-	462	904
Miscellaneous /expenses	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,500
Project Site Works	-	9,971	-	9,971	83,353
Staff wages/PAYE/Pensions	1,821	35,228	-	37,049	67,501
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,683</b>	<b>59,514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,197</b>	<b>174,694</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,683</b>	<b>59,514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,197</b>	<b>174,694</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,311</b>	<b>14,864</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,175</b>	<b>- 71,646</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>3,022</b>	<b>- 3,022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>46,037</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,858</b>	<b>119,504</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>11,154</b>	<b>57,879</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,033</b>	<b>47,858</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Current Account	11,154	57,879	-
	Bank Reserve Account	-	-	-
	Cash in hand	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>11,154</b>	<b>57,879</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK



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<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Balance of SCC Climate Emergency Community Fund £7058 (grant £22,400 +£542=£22942 (Additional received on	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	General & specialised handtools	Unrestricted	600	-
	Protective clothing	Unrestricted	283	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lorne Thomson	20/10/2025
	Josiah Knights	20/10/2025

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**Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Yeovil Rivers Community Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Yeovil Rivers Community Trust ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records

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



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Michelle Ferris BSC (Hons) FCA DChA

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011	The Yeovil Wellbeing, Wildlife and Water Community Project continued to be developed.	Ongoing.	<p>YRCT continues to deliver activities alongside Wessex Water at their Sutton Bingham site. These include guided walks and surveys. We continue to work with A2A (Able to Achieve) and have extended this to Cambian (Lufton College) and You Care We Care (Yeovil) to deliver activities to other vulnerable adults charities and their service users. Deliverables include nature walks, volunteering activities (surveys, land management, litter picking, etc.). Engagement continues with schools and other community groups and a specific project for women over 50 was initiated (Wild Women Project) which is proving to be very successful in engaging women with the environment through a broad range of activities.</p>	<p>Grant funding secured from The National Lottery in March 2024 for £20,000, Somerset Community Fund £12,500 between August 2023 and February 2024. Further bids to support this developing work will be submitted to private grant providers in 2023/24. We also received £515.00 payment for the provision of corporate volunteering days which is part of our new paid services income stream. This is also planned to be expanded in the 2024/25 year.</p>
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012	<p>Upper River Yeo Catchment Strategy with Natural Flood Management (NFM) element. The NFM project element continues to be mainly funded through the Environment Agency. Overall, the project aims to prepare a detailed catchment restoration plan for implementing at the landscape scale to address identified environmental issues. The NFM element is designed to carry out co-ordinated works within parts of the catchment to build on the successful pilot scheme delivered in 2022/23. The NFM sub-project continues to grow with more landowners showing an interest in implementing NFM and Nature Based Solutions generally.</p>	Ongoing	<p>The scale of the project requires it to be delivered in phases. The phases are synchronized with the tax year as this is the basis of EA funding. Extensive stakeholder engagement is ongoing within the River Wriggle and Cam/Caundle Brook sub-catchments. The number of landowners in the Wriggle River Improvement Group (WRIG) continues to grow and up to 6 new sites are looking to accommodate NFM interventions to mitigate potential flooding and create enhanced habitat diversity. Further practical works are planned for further phases and stakeholder engagement will be expanded to new stakeholders and other sub-catchments. Slow but steady progress is being made in developing the Yeo Catchment Strategy with desktop analysis extended to the lower part of the catchment. Funding limitations are the main reason for the slow progress in this element. It is difficult to attach a deadline for completion of the strategy for this reason.</p>	<p>A £20,000 budget was secured via the EA for the 2023/24 financial year. £2000.00 was received from the Somerset Catchment Partnership to deliver practical NFM interventions at up to two sites. Funding has been secured from the EA for the 2024/25 year totalling £45,000. YRCT have commenced the registration process with Wessex Water to provide paid services to help them deliver their Phosphate Reduction Programme and hope to commence this in 2024/25 to generate additional income. YRCT also secured funding via the Dorset AONB FiPL grant Scheme for three projects for delivery in 2024/25 although YRCT was not the grant holder for any of these projects.</p>
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## Financial Review

- At the end of the reporting period, the total income amounted to £103,048. The total expenditure amounted to £174,694, thus making a deficit of £71,646. Cash carried forward from the previous year of £119,504 gave a year end balance of £47,858.
- The charity does not currently have any unallocated financial reserves. The credit balance at the end of this financial year represents unspent grant funds which are committed to current projects according to the required expediency in maintaining progress. We recognize the importance of a reserve to the long-term sustainability of the trust. When further funding has been secured and the prospect of a reserve being retained becomes potentially viable, a discussion will be held among the trustees to agree the amount of unrestricted funds which should be placed in a reserve.
  - Funds in deficit - None

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## Financial Report

The financial status of the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 is shown in the Accounts Form CC16a for submission to the Charity Commission.

Report Prepared by: Lorne Thomson (Chair – YRCT)

Signed



Date: 07/11/2024

Report Approved by: Josiah Knights (Trustee)

Date: 05/12/2024

## Definitions & Abbreviations

<b>BPC</b>	Brympton Parish Council
<b>CIO</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
<b>EA</b>	Environment Agency
<b>FWAG</b>	Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group
<b>helophyte</b>	plant which grows in marsh, partly submerged
<b>HotSWEP</b>	Heads of South West Local Business Groups
<b>LDC</b>	Land Drainage Consent
<b>macrophyte</b>	aquatic plant that grows in or near water
<b>PA</b>	Planning Application
<b>SCC</b>	Somerset County Council
<b>SSDC</b>	South Somerset District Council
<b>SuDS</b>	Sustainable Drainage Systems
<b>YRCT</b>	Yeovil Rivers Community Trust
<b>YTC</b>	Yeovil Town Council



**Yeovil Rivers Community Trust**  
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees  
For the Period Ended 31 March 2024

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**Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Yeovil Rivers Community Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Yeovil Rivers Community Trust ("the charity") for the period ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these 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.

**Michelle Ferris FCA DChA**

Albert Goodman LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Goodwood House  
Blackbrook Park Avenue  
Taunton  
Somerset  
TA1 2PX

Date: 23/01/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Name  
Rivers Community Trust

No (if any)  
1180724

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	121	-	-	121	1,112
Grants	-	102,577	-	102,577	143,594
Service	350	-	-	350	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>102,577</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103,048</b>	<b>144,706</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>102,577</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103,048</b>	<b>144,706</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	395	-	-	395	455
Consultancy Fees	-	19,930	-	19,930	27,409
Data & Services Supply	-	-	-	-	-
Water samples analysis	-	311	-	311	378
Handtools & Protective Clothing	-	800	-	800	1,000
Website/media	904	-	-	904	2,242
Miscellaneous /expenses	-	1,500	-	1,500	3,098
Project Site Works	-	83,353	-	83,353	53,809
Staff wages/PAYE/Pensions	4,920	62,581	-	67,501	46,328
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>6,219</b>	<b>168,475</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>174,694</b>	<b>134,719</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>6,219</b>	<b>168,475</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>174,694</b>	<b>134,719</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 5,748</b>	<b>- 65,898</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 71,646</b>	<b>9,987</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>- 7,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>118,935</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>119,504</b>	<b>109,517</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>46,037</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,858</b>	<b>119,504</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Current Account	1,821	46,037	-
	Bank Reserve Account	-	-	-
	Cash in hand	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>46,037</b>	<b>-</b>
	(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 £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Balance of SCC Climate Emergency Community Fund £7058 (grant £22,400 +£542=£22942 (Additional received on	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	General & specialised handtools	Unrestricted	500	-
	Protective clothing	Unrestricted	300	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lorne Thomson	03/12/2024
	Josiah Knights	04/12/2024



**Yeo Rivers Community Trust**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180724

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# Accounts

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# Yeovil Rivers Community Trust

Trustees Annual Report for Year

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023



The Yeovil Rivers Community Trust

19, Chilton Grove  
Yeovil  
Somerset  
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## Executive Summary

### 1. Registration Name:

The Yeovil Rivers Community Trust

### 2. Registration Number:

1180724

### 3. Registration date:

16th November 2018

### 4. Governing Document:

The Yeovil Rivers Community Trust Constitution

### 5. Names of Charity Trustees serving during the year:

Mr Lorne Thomson	Chair
Ms Sarah Hunt	Secretary (resigned November 2022)
Mr Thomas Bell	
Mr Roger Meecham	Treasurer (resigned October 2022)
Ms Claire Hollingsworth	(resigned July 2022)
Ms Yasmin Khan	
Mr David Godwin	
Mr Stuart Saunders	(Joined September 2022)
Mr Josiah Knights	(Joined October 2022)
Ms Lucy Davies	(Joined February 2023)

### 6. Objects of the Charity

- To promote for the benefit of the public both locally in Yeovil and the wider public within Somerset and Dorset, the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting and maintaining biological diversity, notably, but not exclusively, in the restoration, enhancement and creation of watercourses and any other water features (including multi-function surface features as part of a sustainable drainage system) and their adjoining terrestrial areas. Maintaining biological diversity includes managing and monitoring relevant habitats for the mutual benefit of biodiversity and the public.
- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

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## 7. Organisation of the Charity

- Number of elected Honorary Officers: 1
- Number of representatives of statutory authorities: 2
- Number of paid staff: 7

Note: Two of the trustees are professional ecologists who provide their professional expertise and experience to the Charity

## 8. Further details of the Charity

- Name and address of Bank: Barclays Bank plc,  
King George Street  
Yeovil  
Somerset
  
- Insurers:  
  
Zurich Insurance  
The Zurich Centre  
3000 Parkway  
Whiteley Fareham  
Hampshire PO15 7JZ

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## Objectives & Activities

The formation of the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust (YRCT) was spurred by the need to protect the local streams, rivers and ponds together with adjacent natural landscape features, amid growing concern for the environment expressed by the local population as well as a range of organisations including local authorities, the Environment Agency, Somerset Catchment Partnership and other NGOs.

The objectives of the Charity are to promote for the benefit of the wider public, primarily in and around Yeovil, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by:

- Promoting and maintaining biological diversity, notably, but not exclusively, in the restoration, enhancement and creation of water courses and any other water features (including multi-function surface features as part of a sustainable drainage system) and their adjoining terrestrial areas.
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- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

Funding to support this activity is sourced solely through public donations and grants from the statutory nature conservation body (SNCO), local authorities and charitable organisations. The Charity's work is managed and undertaken by local volunteers and a small number of mainly part-time staff. Technical advice and project management as well as specialist services are supplied by consultants as required.

Specifically, the needs and activities addressed by the Charity are:

- An independent overview of Planning Applications insofar as they affect the natural flow and diversity of waterbodies and habitats, this activity being undertaken in co-operation with the relevant authorities and organisations.
- Through the deployment of volunteer working parties, undertake physical activities on streams and riverbanks, clearing rubbish, debris and invasive non-native plants and undergrowth. This work is in support of the South Somerset District and Local Councils and their Parish Rangers who have neither the time nor resource to provide this service 100% of the time.
- To carry out surveys of local water courses checking for sustainable wildlife habitat by undertaking water sampling and checking out sources of pollution and reporting formally to the appropriate authorities.

Deliverables resulting from the work of the Charity include:

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- The provision of technical/specialist analysis and reports to the appropriate sponsor/authority of the Trusts findings.
  - Provision of hydraulic modelling studies and design drawings for new ponds, wetlands and modified riverbanks etc. as required.
  - Provision of plants, fencing, trees etc in support of new pond and wetland creations.
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	(formerly P007) Redesigned interventions in the brook backwaters and riparian margin and	75%		

	<p>the rehabilitation of two ponds at Oak Tree Park. This includes creating two new complex habitat banks, wildflower areas and establishing aquatic plants in both ponds. Interventions are on-going.</p> <p>(formerly P009) Augusta Park residential development. Improvements and enhancement of existing pond and SuDS. This element has been abandoned as the developer has chosen not to engage.</p>	0%	<p>Works to install dipping platform, interpretation boards, relocate fencing to establish wildflower grassland areas, and undertake aquatic plant establishment continued during the return period but was significantly delayed by local authority inability to deliver their parts of the project. Main interventions will now take place in the 2023/24 return period.</p> <p>YRCT activities limited to management, outreach and completion of small habitat bank at one site.</p>	<p>drawdown payments after delivery on a bi-monthly basis. £5230.00 was drawn down in the return period leaving a balance of £7070 for the 2023/24 return period.</p>
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011	The Yeovil Wellbeing, Wildlife and Water Community Project continued to be developed.	Ongoing.	YRCT has further developed the activities being delivered alongside Wessex Water at their Sutton Bingham site. These include guided walks and surveys. We continue to work with A2A (Able to Achieve) and have initiated discussions with another vulnerable adults charity (Cambian) to deliver activities to service users. Deliverables include nature walks, volunteering activities (surveys, land management, litter picking, etc.), engagement with schools, Brownies and other community groups.	Funding secured from The National Lottery in February 2023 for £10,000, The Russell Trust (£5,000), and the Discovery Fund (£9,000). Further bids to support this work will be submitted to private grant providers and the National Lottery in 2023/24.
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012	<p>Upper River Yeo Catchment Strategy with Natural Flood Management (NFM) element. The NFM project element is being funded through the Environment Agency. Overall, the project aims to prepare a detailed catchment restoration plan for implementing at the landscapescale to address identified environmental issues. The NFM element is designed to carry out co-ordinated works within parts of the catchment as a pilot scheme embedded within the project.</p>	50%	<p>The scale of the project requires it to be delivered in phases. The phases are synchronized with the tax year as this is the basis of EA funding. Extensive stakeholder engagement is ongoing within the River Wriggle and Cam/Caundle Brook sub-catchments. A group of landowners have formed the Wriggle River Improvement Group (WRIG) and two sites have accommodated NFM interventions to mitigate potential flooding and create enhanced habitat diversity. Further practical works are planned for further phases and stakeholder engagement will be expanded to new stakeholders and other sub-catchments. Slow but steady progress is being made in developing the Yeo Catchment Strategy with desktop analysis extended to the lower part of the catchment. Funding limitations are the main reason for the slow progress in this element. It is hoped that the strategy will be delivered over 2023/24 culminating in a final Catchment Strategy for implementing in phases over a number of years.</p>	<p>A £20,000 budget was secured via the EA for the 2022/23 financial year. £2000.00 was received from the Somerset Catchment Partnership to deliver practical NFM interventions at up to two sites. Funding has been secured from the EA for the 2023/24 year and additional sources are being sought for 2023/24 and subsequent years.</p>
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## Financial Review

- At the end of the reporting period, the total income amounted to £144706. The total expenditure amounted to £134719, thus making a surplus of £9987.
- The charity does not currently have any unallocated financial reserves. The credit balance at the end of this financial year represents unspent grant funds which are committed to current projects according to the required expediency in maintaining progress. We recognize the importance of a reserve to the long-term sustainability of the trust. When further funding has been secured and the prospect of a reserve being retained becomes potentially viable, a discussion will be held among the trustees to agree the amount of unrestricted funds which should be placed in a reserve.
- Funds in deficit - None

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## Financial Report

The financial status of the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 is shown in the Accounts Form CC16a for submission to the Charity Commission.

Report Prepared by: Lorne Thomson (Chair – YRCT)

Signed



Date: 27/11/2023

Report Approved by: Yasmin Khan (Trustee)

Date: 17/09/2023

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<b>YRCT</b>	Yeovil Rivers Community Trust
<b>YTC</b>	Yeovil Town Council



## **Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Yeovil Rivers Community Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Yeovil Rivers Community Trust ("the charity") for the period ended 31 March 2023.

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

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these 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.

**Michelle Ferris FCA DChA**

Albert Goodman LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Goodwood House  
Blackbrook Park Avenue  
Taunton  
Somerset  
TA1 2PX

Date: 30/11/2023



**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	1,112	-	-	1,112	1,180
Grants	-	143,594	-	143,594	133,575
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>143,594</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144,706</b>	<b>134,755</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>143,594</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144,706</b>	<b>134,755</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	455	-	-	455	455
Consultancy fees	-	27,409	-	27,409	23,126
Data and Services Supply	-	-	-	-	1,260
Water Sample Analysis	-	378	-	378	652
Handtools & Protective Clothing	-	1,000	-	1,000	684
Website/media	2,242	-	-	2,242	329
Miscellaneous expenses	-	3,098	-	3,098	4,207
Project site works	-	53,809	-	53,809	7,263
Staff wages/PAYE/Pensions	2,520	43,808	-	46,328	14,157
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,217</b>	<b>129,502</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,719</b>	<b>52,132</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,217</b>	<b>129,502</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,719</b>	<b>52,132</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 4,105</b>	<b>14,092</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,987</b>	<b>82,623</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>5,510</b>	<b>- 5,510</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>108,948</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,517</b>	<b>26,894</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>117,530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>119,504</b>	<b>109,517</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank current	1,974	117,530	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>117,530</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>			
<b>Details</b>			
Balance of SCC Climate Emergency Community Fund £7,058 (grant £22,400 + £542 = £22,942)	-	7,058	
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			
<b>Details</b>			
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			
<b>Details</b>			
General & specialised handtools	Unrestricted	750	500
Protective clothing	Unrestricted	250	200
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			
<b>Details</b>			
Accountancy fees	Unrestricted	516	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	L Thomson	Lorne Thomson	27/11/2023
	Y Khan	Yasmin Khan	27/11/2023

**Yeo Rivers Community Trust**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180724

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# Accounts

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# Yeovil Rivers Community Trust

Trustees Annual Report for Year

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

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The Yeovil Rivers Community Trust

19, Chilton Grove  
Yeovil  
Somerset  
BA21 4AN

<https://yrct.co.uk>

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1180724

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## Executive Summary

**1. Registration Name:**

The Yeovil Rivers Community Trust

**2. Registration Number:**

1180724

**3. Registration date:**

16th November 2018

**4. Governing Document:**

The Yeovil Rivers Community Trust Constitution

**5. Names of Charity Trustees serving during the year:**

Mr Lorne Thomson	Chair
Ms Sarah Hunt.	Secretary
Mr Thomas Bell	
Mr Roger Meecham	Treasurer
Ms Claire Hollingsworth	
Ms Yasmin Khan	
Mr David Godwin (joined February 2022)	

**6. Objects of the Charity**

- To promote for the benefit of the public both locally in Yeovil and the wider public within Somerset and Dorset, the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting and maintaining biological diversity, notably, but not exclusively, in the restoration, enhancement and creation of watercourses and any other water features (including multi-function surface features as part of a sustainable drainage system) and their adjoining terrestrial areas. Maintaining biological diversity includes managing and monitoring relevant habitats for the mutual benefit of biodiversity and the public.
- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

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## 7. Organisation of the Charity

- Number of elected Honorary Officers: 3
- Number of representatives of statutory authorities: 2
- Number of paid staff: 3

Note: Two of the trustees are professional ecologists who provide their professional expertise and experience to the Charity

## 8. Further details of the Charity

- Name and address of Bank: Barclays Bank plc,  
King George Street  
Yeovil  
Somerset
- Insurers: Zurich Insurance  
The Zurich Centre  
3000 Parkway  
Whiteley  
Fareham  
Hampshire PO15 7JZ

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## Objectives & Activities

The formation of the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust (YRCT) was spurred by the need to protect the local streams, rivers and ponds together with adjacent natural landscape features, amid growing concern for the environment expressed by the local population as well as a range of organisations including local authorities, the Environment Agency, Somerset Catchment Partnership and other NGOs.

The objectives of the Charity are to promote for the benefit of the wider public, primarily in and around Yeovil, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by:

- Promoting and maintaining biological diversity, notably, but not exclusively, in the restoration, enhancement and creation of water courses and any other water features (including multi-function surface features as part of a sustainable drainage system) and their adjoining terrestrial areas.
- Maintaining biological diversity includes managing and monitoring relevant habitats for the mutual benefit of biodiversity and the public.
- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

Funding to support this activity is sourced solely through public donations and grants from the statutory nature conservation body (SNCO), local authorities and charitable organisations. The Charity's work is managed and undertaken by local volunteers and a small number of part-time staff. Technical advice and project management as well as specialist services are supplied by consultants as required.

Specifically, the needs and activities addressed by the Charity are:

- An independent overview of Planning Applications insofar as they affect the natural flow and diversity of waterbodies and habitats, this activity being undertaken in co-operation with the relevant authorities and organisations.
- Through the deployment of volunteer working parties, undertake physical activities on streams and riverbanks, clearing rubbish, debris and invasive non-native plants and undergrowth. This work is in support of the South Somerset District and Local Councils and their Parish Rangers who have neither the time nor resource to provide this service 100% of the time.
- To carry out surveys of local water courses checking for sustainable wildlife habitat by undertaking water sampling and checking out sources of pollution and reporting formally to the appropriate authorities.

Deliverables resulting from the work of the Charity include:

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- The provision of technical/specialist analysis and reports to the appropriate sponsor/authority of the Trusts findings.
  - Provision of hydraulic modelling studies and design drawings for new ponds, wetlands and modified riverbanks etc. as required.
  - Provision of plants, fencing, trees etc in support of new pond and wetland creations.
  - Visual and amenity improvements and ongoing maintenance to existing projects.
  - Learning opportunities for young people via formal programmes integrated with school curriculum and informal events sponsored outside school hours. We began to extend this work to local adult groups and organisations with a focus on mental and physical wellbeing and special needs from January 2022.
  - Active public engagement on environmental issues around rivers and waterways and habitats and biodiversity generally.
  - Physical improvement and extended viability to the local streams and rivers in respect of public accessibility and enjoyment. This includes a healthier and sustainable wildlife habitat. This includes identifying, designing and implementing a range of measures to restore, enhance and create aquatic and terrestrial habitats using nature based solutions (NBS) and natural flood management (NFM) techniques wherever possible within the Yeo Catchment.

The Charity continued work on the Brympton project during the financial period and commenced work on P001/3 having secured significant funding from the Green Recovery Challenge Fund. The projects numbering seven in total are described in the following section. At the time of reporting, four projects are currently not being worked on as they are held awaiting approval/clearance from sources external to the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust.

The trust also employed one full-time and one part-time staff within the year to assist the delivery of P001/3.



	<p>The efficacy of these is being evaluated and repairs considered for 2022/23 if viable. Designs were developed for the alternative site within the parish for the rehabilitation of two ponds at Oak Tree Park. This includes creating two new complex habitat banks, wildflower areas and establishing aquatic plants in both ponds.</p> <p>(formerly P009) Agusta Park residential development. Improvements and enhancement of existing pond and SuDS. Project has been integrated with projects P005 and P007 into the Brympton Project.</p>	0%	<p>establishing meadow area near the badger sett has been monitored and maintained throughout. The grassland area at Lawrence Way was surveyed and included in activities with Preston primary School. Extensive bankside tree management was delivered by SSDC. At Oak Tree Park the enhancement features have been agreed with SSDC (landowner) in principle. Surveys and design iterations were delivered through the period of the report. Site may be suitable for BNG Offsetting. Opportunity to be discussed with the developer.</p>	<p>drawdown payments after delivery on a bi-monthly basis. £10635.00 was drawn down in the return period.</p> <p>If BNG option pursued, this would be funded by the developer with YRCT implementing.</p>
006	<p>Brimsmore housing development. Improvements and overall enhancement of the SuDS which will include: stabilisation of water level and improvements in its quality. Cleaning the outlet culvert and stream which are severely silted up.</p>	0%	<p>No activity undertaken in the reporting period. Awaiting the SSDC adoption of the site</p>	<p>No budget in place at this time Project on hold until site is adopted by the SSDC. This may be complicated by the move to a unitary Somerset LA.</p>

008	<p>Yeovil Country Park (Ninesprings) Lake, Pond and Water Vole habitat Enhancement</p> <p>The project aims to: Create new aquatic habitats in the lake and pond</p> <p>The project will provide valuable new and enhanced aquatic habitats near the centre of Yeovil which already accommodate endangered species. The proposed enhancements will also augment the works planned for the restoration of Dodham Brook which runs through the country park to the north of the lake and pond. An optimised, resilient network of habitats will thereby be created to support enhanced biodiversity.</p>	30%	<p>Funding was available via the Steel Charitable Trust (see Project 001 Phase 2 above). Surveys of the lake and pond in Yeovil Country Park were carried out in the Summer of 2020 but the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions forced a delay in progressing to detailed design and implementation stages.</p> <p>Work programme to be drawn up with work commencing later in early 2023.</p>	<p>A grant has been provided by the Swire Charitable Trust Of £5000</p> <p>See funding discussion for Project 001 Phase 2 above. Further funding is required and additional bids will be made in 2022.</p>
011	<p>Yeovil Schools Education Outreach Project was expanded and renamed the Yeovil Wellbeing, Wildlife and Water Community Project in March 2021.</p>	<p>Delayed by Covid-19 pandemic until February 2021. Ongoing.</p>	<p>YRCT has further developed the practical sessions and classroom sessions for delivery to primary schools from Autumn 2022. A formal agreement has been drawn up with Wessex Water to deliver activities at Sutton Bingham Reservoir. The project activities have evolved to include other organisations, e.g. Able to Achieve, Yeovil Men's Shed, for mental and physical wellbeing benefits. Deliverables include nature walks, volunteering activities (surveys, land management, litter picking, etc.), engagement with schools and other community groups.</p>	<p>Funding secured from The National Lottery in Autumn 2021 for £10,000. Further bids to support this work will be submitted to private grant providers and the National Lottery in 2022.</p>

012	Upper River Yeo Catchment Strategy. The project is being initiated from funding provided through the Environment Agency. The project aims to prepare a detailed catchment restoration plan for implementing at the landscape scale to address identified environmental issues.	40%	The first phase of the project was delivered between September 2020 and March 2021. Further limited progress was made by March 2022 but further funding via the EA WEIF fund was not available for the 2022/23 financial year. Work on the strategy will be suspended until alternative funding is found. It is hoped that the strategy will be delivered over 2022/23 culminating in a final Catchment Strategy for implementing in phases over a number of years.	A £6,000 budget was secured via the EA Partnership Grant for the 2021/22 financial year. £1290.00 was received from the SRA for project work within the catchment. Funding is being sought for 2022/23 to continue the strategy.
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## Financial Review

- At the end of the reporting period, the total income amounted to £134755 The total expenditure amounted to £52132, thus making a surplus of £82263
- The charity does not currently have any unallocated financial reserves. The credit balance at the end of this financial year represents unspent grant funds which are largely committed to spending on the Dodham Brook Restoration Project and other current projects according to the required expediency in maintaining progress. When further funding has been secured and the prospect of a reserve being retained becomes potentially viable, a discussion will be held among the trustees to agree if such a reserve is required and if so, the amount which should be held, e.g. would a sum to cover fixed costs be an acceptable maximum?
- Funds in deficit - None

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# Financial Report

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Report Prepared by: Lorne Thomson (Chair – YRCT)

Date: 05/10/2022

Report Approved by: Roger Meecham..... (Trustee – YRCT)



Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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**Michelle Ferris FCA DChA**

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Somerset  
TA1 2PX

Date: 19 December 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Yeovil Rivers Community Trust**

No (if any)  
1180724

**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from 01-Apr-21 To 31-Mar-22

**CC16a**

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	1,180	-	-	1,180	1,390
Grants	-	133,575	-	133,575	40,876
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>133,575</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,755</b>	<b>42,266</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>133,575</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134,755</b>	<b>42,266</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	455	-	-	455	453
Consutancy Fees	-	23,126	-	23,126	22,022
Data & Services Supply	-	1,260	-	1,260	84
Water samples analysis	-	652	-	652	-
Handtools & Protective Clothing	-	684	-	684	412
Website/media	329	-	-	329	295
Miscellaneous /expenses	467	3,740	-	4,207	855
Project Site Works	-	7,263	-	7,263	3,976
Staff wages/PAYE/Pensions	794	13,364	-	14,157	2,818
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>50,088</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,132</b>	<b>30,915</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>50,088</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,132</b>	<b>30,915</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 864</b>	<b>83,487</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,623</b>	<b>11,351</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>- 1,433</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,894</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,894</b>	<b>15,543</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>108,948</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,517</b>	<b>26,894</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Current Account	569	108,948	-
	Bank Reserve Account	-	-	-
	Cash in hand	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>108,948</b>	<b>-</b>
	(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 £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Balance of SCC Climate Emergency Community Fund grant £22,400 re Project 007 via Brympton PC	-	11,769	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	General & specialised handtools	Unrestricted	500	50
	Protective clothing	Unrestricted	200	20
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Accountancy Fees		480	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Roger Meecham	16-Aug-22

**Yeo Rivers Community Trust**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180724

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# Accounts

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# Yeovil Rivers Community Trust

Trustees Annual Report for Year

1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

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The Yeovil Rivers Community Trust

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1180724

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## Executive Summary

**1. Registration Name:**

The Yeovil Rivers Community Trust

**2. Registration Number:**

1180724

**3. Registration date:**

16th November 2018

**4. Governing Document:**

The Yeovil Rivers Community Trust Constitution

**5. Names of Charity Trustees serving during the year:**

Mr Lorne Thomson	Chair
Ms Sarah Hunt.	Secretary
Mr Thomas Bell	
Mr Roger Meecham	Treasurer
Mr Robert Brookes	

**6. Objects of the Charity**

- To promote for the benefit of the public both locally in Yeovil and the wider public within Somerset and Dorset, the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting and maintaining biological diversity, notably, but not exclusively, in the restoration, enhancement and creation of watercourses and any other water features (including multi-function surface features as part of a sustainable drainage system) and their adjoining terrestrial areas. Maintaining biological diversity includes managing and monitoring relevant habitats for the mutual benefit of biodiversity and the public.
- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

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## 7. Organisation of the Charity

- Number of elected Honorary Officers: 3
- Number of representatives of statutory authorities: 2
- Number of paid staff: 3

Note: Two of the trustees are professional ecologists who provide their professional expertise and experience to the Charity

## 8. Further details of the Charity

- Name and address of Bank: Barclays Bank plc,  
King George Street  
Yeovil  
Somerset
- Insurers: Zurich Insurance  
The Zurich Centre  
3000 Parkway  
Whiteley  
Fareham  
Hampshire PO15 7JZ

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## Objectives & Activities

The formation of the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust (YRCT) was spurred by the need to protect the local streams, rivers and ponds together with adjacent natural landscape features, amid growing concern for the environment expressed by the local population as well as a range of organisations including local authorities, the Environment Agency, Somerset Catchment Partnership and other NGOs.

The objectives of the Charity are to promote for the benefit of the wider public, primarily in and around Yeovil, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by:

- Promoting and maintaining biological diversity, notably, but not exclusively, in the restoration, enhancement and creation of water courses and any other water features (including multi-function surface features as part of a sustainable drainage system) and their adjoining terrestrial areas.
- Maintaining biological diversity includes managing and monitoring relevant habitats for the mutual benefit of biodiversity and the public.
- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

Funding to support this activity is sourced solely through public donations and grants from the statutory nature conservation body (SNCO), local authorities and charitable organisations. The Charity's work is managed and undertaken by local volunteers and a small number of part-time staff. Technical advice and project management as well as specialist services are supplied by consultants as required.

Specifically, the needs and activities addressed by the Charity are:

- An independent overview of Planning Applications insofar as they affect the natural flow and diversity of waterbodies and habitats, this activity being undertaken in co-operation with the relevant authorities and organisations.
- Through the deployment of volunteer working parties, undertake physical activities on streams and riverbanks, clearing rubbish, debris and invasive non-native plants and undergrowth. This work is in support of the South Somerset District and Local Councils and their Parish Rangers who have neither the time nor resource to provide this service 100% of the time.
- To carry out surveys of local water courses checking for sustainable wildlife habitat by undertaking water sampling and checking out sources of pollution and reporting formally to the appropriate authorities.

Deliverables resulting from the work of the Charity include:

- The provision of technical/specialist analysis and reports to the appropriate sponsor/authority of the Trusts findings.

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- Provision of hydraulic modelling studies and design drawings for new ponds, wetlands and modified riverbanks etc. as required.
  - Provision of plants, fencing, trees etc in support of new pond and wetland creations.
  - Visual and amenity improvements and ongoing maintenance to existing projects.
  - Learning opportunities for young people via formal programmes integrated with school curriculum and informal events sponsored during school holidays. It is planned to extend this work to local adult groups and organisations with a focus on mental and physical wellbeing and special needs.
  - Active public engagement on environmental issues around rivers and waterways.
  - Physical improvement and extended viability to the local streams and rivers in respect of public accessibility and enjoyment. This includes a healthier and sustainable wildlife habitat. This includes identifying, designing and implementing a range of measures to restore, enhance and create aquatic and terrestrial habitats within the Yeo Catchment.

In addition to the ongoing maintenance and tidying up activities, the Charity has completed a major project (P010) during the financial period and commenced work on three others. The projects numbering ten in total are described in the following section. At the time of reporting, five projects are currently not being worked on as they are held awaiting approval/clearance from sources external to the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust.

The trust also employed three part-time staff within the year to assist with administration, volunteer co-ordination and the delivery of practical project actions, e.g. habitat enhancement and creation.

## Achievements and Performance

The following table itemises the major project activity undertaken by the Charity during the reporting period.

<b>Project Identity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>% Completion</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>	<b>Funding Status</b>
Dodham Brook Restoration 001 Phase 2	Implementing a number of rehabilitation and enhancement measures in-channel and on the bankside. These included 5 brushwood berms, creation of wildflower areas on the river bank, installing three aquatic benches in-channel and establishing vegetation on them and hinging four trees into the brook. This work was undertaken in a section of the Dodham Brook within the Yeovil Country Park. In addition to enhancing habitat the actions also provide increased public amenity benefits.	100% Subject to on-going monitoring and evaluation	Provision of the actual improvements within the boundary of the Yeovil Country Park including a public demonstration appreciation and learning site.	Funding of £12000 has been received from the Steel Charitable Trust (£8000 to cover this project and £4000 for Project 008). £6000 has been secured from the Postcode Local Trust and £6000 from the Environment Agency. Funding in kind to the value of £5000 was provided by the SSDC
001 Phase 3	Implementation of the physical changes required for rehabilitation of the concrete flood channel containing a section of the Dodham Brook beyond the Yeovil Country Park towards Newton Road.	0% Programme and funding sources to be confirmed. Project go-ahead awaiting formal agreement with the SSDC		A bid for circa £200,000 will be submitted to the Green Recovery Challenge Fund (Second Round) when the round opens in April/May 2021

004	<p>Restoration and long-term maintenance of Brympton Pond.</p> <p>Planned activity: Development of a natural pond which will be semi incorporated into a proposed business park development. Future use and maintenance to be planned.</p>	0%	<p>Following discussion within the YRCT, it is considered that if the focus is changed from public amenity to a closed conservation area, the landowner may be more willing to agree to this project. Project currently on hold.</p>	<p>Awaiting landowners agreement. Project on hold</p>
005	<p>Alvington Lane Pond and Foxglove Way Basin Provision of a pond with enhanced wildlife habitats in area at the end of the hamlet Enhancement of an adjacent balancing pond.</p>	30%	<p>The BPC and SSDC are both supportive. The pond has been re-established on the SSDC land in Alvington Lane and is being monitored. Detailed habitat feature designs have been prepared for implementation in 2021/22 at the pond and Foxglove Way basin. Proposed works include extensive planting and seeding of terrestrial and aquatic species, a complex habitat bank and creation of wet meadow areas.</p>	<p>Estimated cost of works £8000 max. £15,000 grant has been secured from the Bannister Trust and a further bid is in progress with Somerset County Council through their Climate Change Fund. Project P005 is being amalgamated with projects P007 and P009 to form the Brympton Project which will require a total budget of circa £35,000.</p>
006	<p>Brimsmore housing development. Improvements and overall enhancement of the SuDS which will include: stabilisation of water level and improvements in its quality. Cleaning the outlet culvert and stream which are severely silted up.</p>	0%	<p>No activity undertaken in the reporting period. Awaiting the SSDC adoption of the site</p>	<p>No budget in place at this time Project on hold until site is adopted by the SSDC</p>

007	<p>The proposed creation of two ponds/wetlands by the Preston Brook at Lawrence Way in the parish of Brympton had to be abandoned due to the reactivation of a nearby badger sett. Work still started on creating backwaters in the brook, creating a wildflower area and surveying habitats for enhancement and interpretation. An alternative site within the parish has been selected for the rehabilitation of two ponds at Oak Tree Park.</p> <p>The project still has the support of the district and parish councils plus the local junior school for use as a learning experience.</p> <p>This project was integrated with projects P005 and P009 in February 2021.</p>	25%	<p>Work on the backwaters started in February 2021 and a range of surveys and further activities were scheduled from spring 2021 to Spring 2022</p>	<p>Residue of a grant of £2000 provided by Brympton Parish Council in the previous accounting year was used and further funding was secured and planned as detailed for project P005 above.</p>
008	<p>Yeovil Country Park (Ninesprings) Lake, Pond and Water Vole habitat Enhancement</p> <p>The project aims to: Create new aquatic habitats in the lake and pond</p> <p>The project will provide valuable new and enhanced aquatic habitats near the centre of Yeovil which already accommodate endangered species. The proposed enhancements will also augment the works planned for the restoration of Dodham Brook which runs through the country park to the north of the lake and pond. An optimised, resilient network of habitats will thereby be created to support enhanced biodiversity.</p>	20%	<p>Funding was available via the Steel Charitable Trust (see Project 001 Phase 2 above). Surveys of the lake and pond in Yeovil Country Park were carried out in the Summer of 2020 but the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions forced a delay in progressing to detailed design and implementation stages.</p> <p>Work programme to be drawn up with work commencing later in 2021 or early 2022.</p>	<p>A grant has been provided by the Steel Charitable Trust Of £4000</p> <p>See funding discussion for Project 001 Phase 2 above. Further funding is required and additional bids will be made in 2021.</p>

009	Agusta Park residential development. Improvements and enhancement of existing pond and SuDS. Project has been integrated with projects P005 and P007 into the Brympton Project.	0%	Initial discussions held with SSDC and the site Development Company. Formal programme of work to be agreed with developer.	A budget of £4000 has been allocated from the identified budget requirement of £35000 noted in project P005 above. Further funding will be required once permissions are secured from the developer for delivery through a further phase.
010	Yeovil Urban Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) and Surface Water Management study	100%	YRCT successfully delivered the final project report in November 2020 to the SRA, LLFA and other relevant partners in the SCP.	The project was fully funded by the SRA via FWAG(SW).
011	Yeovil Schools Education Outreach Project	Delayed by Covid-19 pandemic	YRCT had delivered practical sessions and classroom sessions for four schools in the programme as part of a pilot scheme up to March 2020. This was successful but could not be taken further due to the Covid-19 pandemic.	Funding bids to support this work will be submitted to private grant providers and the National Lottery in 2021 to implement after restrictions have eased.
012	Upper River Yeo Catchment Strategy. The project is being initiated from funding provided through the Environment Agency. The project aims to prepare a detailed catchment restoration plan for implementing at the landscape scale to address identified environmental issues.	30%	The first phase of the project was delivered between September 2020 and March 2021. Further phases will be delivered over 2021/22 culminating in a final Catchment Strategy for implementing in phases over a number of years. The EA and SCP are very keen to support this project. YRCT has made enquiry from key partners to	A £6000 budget was secured via the EA Partnership Grant for the 2020/21 financial year. A further bid via the same grant will be made in 2021/22 for £25000. A bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund is being considered for

			establish methodology and funding streams to maintain project delivery.	2022.
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## Financial Review

- At the end of the reporting period, the total income amounted to £42266 The total expenditure amounted to £30915, thus making a surplus of £11351
- The charity does not currently have any unallocated financial reserves. The credit balance at the end of this financial year represents unspent grant funds which are largely committed to spending on the Dodham Brook Restoration Project and other current projects according to the required expediency in maintaining progress. When further funding has been secured and the prospect of a reserve being retained becomes potentially viable, a discussion will be held among the trustees to agree if such a reserve is required and if so, the amount which should be held, e.g. would a sum to cover fixed costs be an acceptable maximum?
- Funds in deficit - None

## Financial Report

The financial status of the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 is shown in the Accounts Form CC16a for submission to the Charity Commission.

Report Prepared by: Lorne Thomson (Chair – YRCT)

Date: 25/11/2021

Report Approved by: ..... (Trustee – YRCT)

Date:

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## Definitions & Abbreviations

<b>BPC</b>	Brympton Parish Council
<b>CIO</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
<b>EA</b>	Environment Agency
<b>FWAG</b>	Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group
<b>helophyte</b>	plant which grows in marsh, partly submerged
<b>HotSWEP</b>	Heads of South West Local Business Groups
<b>LDC</b>	Land Drainage Consent
<b>macrophyte</b>	aquatic plant that grows in or near water
<b>PA</b>	Planning Application
<b>SCC</b>	Somerset County Council
<b>SSDC</b>	South Somerset District Council
<b>SuDS</b>	Sustainable Drainage Systems
<b>YRCT</b>	Yeovil Rivers Community Trust
<b>YTC</b>	Yeovil Town Council



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Yeovil Rivers Community Trust**

No (if any)  
1180724

## Receipts and payments accounts

**CC16a**

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-20	To	Period end date 31-Mar-21
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	1,390	-	-	1,390	1,157
Grants	-	40,876	-	40,876	35,650
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>40,876</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,266</b>	<b>36,807</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>40,876</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,266</b>	<b>36,807</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	453	-	-	453	313
Consutancy Fees	-	22,022	-	22,022	15,926
Data & Services Supply	-	84	-	84	492
Water samples analysis	-	-	-	-	993
Handtools & Protective Clothing	-	412	-	412	126
Website/media	295	-	-	295	1,114
Miscellaneous /expenses	362	492	-	855	500
Project Site Works	-	3,976	-	3,976	1,963
Staff wages/PAYE/Pensions	420	2,398	-	2,818	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>29,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,915</b>	<b>21,427</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>29,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,915</b>	<b>21,427</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 141</b>	<b>11,492</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,351</b>	<b>15,381</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>- 516</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,543</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,543</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>26,519</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,894</b>	<b>15,543</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Current Account	375	26,519	-
	Bank Reserve Account	-	-	-
	Cash in hand	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>26,519</b>	<b>-</b>
	(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 £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	SCC Climate Emergency Community Fund grant re Project 007 via Brympton PC	-	22,400	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	General & specialised handtools	Unrestricted	438	15
	Protective clothing	Unrestricted	100	25
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Accountancy Fees		180	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

**Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Yeovil Rivers Community Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Yeovil Rivers Community Trust ("the charity") for the period ended 31 March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

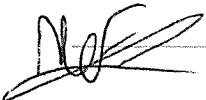
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records

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



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Date: 02 December 2021