

**Annual Report for Rubbish Friends (Stratford upon Avon)**  
**For the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**  
**Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1181739**

This is the fourth Annual Report for Rubbish Friends (Stratford upon Avon) after being awarded charitable status on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Rubbish Friends (Stratford upon Avon)'s charitable objects are:

To promote for the public benefit the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment in Stratford upon Avon and the surrounding area, in particular by:

- (a) the promotion of practical measures and encouragement of partnerships to reduce litter and improve the general environment of the local area;
- (b) raising the public awareness and providing information in matters relating to the benefits of litter reduction.

#### Highlights of 2022

- ✓ We held 7 community picks: January (Clopton), March (Crowne Plaza), May (Bishopton), June (Leisure Centre with SOAK), July (Clopton's Fun Day), October (Foundation House), November (Bishopton)
- ✓ We supplied 4 businesses with equipment and guidance: NFU Mutual, NFU, Loddors, The Farm
- ✓ We supported Duke of Edinburgh students, as well as Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs, Beavers
- ✓ We spoke to Stratford Girls Grammar School's 6<sup>th</sup> Form volunteers, who participated in a project towards better recycling and raising awareness on the type of products that can or can't be recycled
- ✓ We took part in September's Great Big Green Week 2022 as part of Stratford's Climate Coalition
- ✓ We enjoyed a Santa Sleigh Ride with the Shakespeare Lions in December, collecting £200

We continue to loan out equipment; however, this is now predominantly made to community groups and organisations rather than individuals. Trustees may wish to reconsider this model. Equipment continued to be loaned out to satellite groups in Stratford on Avon District, including Wellesbourne and Newbold on Stour. We have signposted to SDC's equipment loan facility.

*It was noted that: Current arrangements for collecting the statistics is disproportionately time consuming and is to be considered by trustees.*

The trustees continue to work towards achieving the following identified actions:

- Recruit new trustees to supplement existing and replace those retiring next year
- Identify suitable grant opportunities
- Map volunteer structure and recruit additional pick champions
- Approach county and district council and their contractors for partnership opportunity
- Re-establish relationships with corporate sponsors and community groups

We are pleased to report progress and challenges for 2023:

- Thank you to new trustee, Clare Hassall, who has provided expertise with policies and procedures as well as hands on support with picks. Further trustees are still required; a Secretary is essential.
- Grants awarded: £30 from Cllr Kate Rolfe, £500 from WCAVA. Thank you to Shelley Beth for providing First Aid kit and to WCAVA, whose grant provides core costs covered for next 2 years.
- Pick champions WhatsApp group providing helpful steering group. Mapping volunteer structure remains an action.
- New storage space at Windsor Street, thanks to SDC, with thanks to outgoing host, CASS, a local business who supported us when needed
- Biffa secured street cleansing services contract with SDC, with a letter of support from Rubbish Friends. At end of 2022, little had materialised from that agreement in principle. However, 2023 has provided a turning point and we continue to press for partnership working, as we provide the links to the community.
- Corporate sponsorship can take many forms. Our relationship with the Crowne Plaza continues to provide in kind, as we discuss opportunities to work together on education of businesses and visitors on the cost of waste.

In a dramatic finale to 2022, the RSC approached RF with an opportunity in Autumn to work within the sustainable production of “The Tempest”. This included: joining us to source litter for the set, an invitation to view rehearsals, tickets to the opening night, hosting of the Directors Talk, co-creating rubbish sculptures for our younger volunteers with a commissioned artist, name check in the programme and at the installation at the theatre. which has proved a boost in visibility, morale and confidence and re-established many community links as well as creating new ones. The legacy of the Tempest, including Whispers from the Wings, and the Wrecked Installation, is substantial.

We are extremely sorry that Rachel Key, our most experienced trustee, and guardian angel to Stratford, is stepping down, but we thank her for her guidance and faith.

The trustees would like to take the opportunity to thank all the litter-ally brilliant volunteers and supporters. We would also like to express our special gratitude to Foundation House, CASS, WCAVA, Shakespeare Lions who have been instrumental in keeping Rubbish Friends growing. And thank you to the bigger organisations for sharing their resources: the Crowne Plaza, the RSC, and SDC.

**Claudine Pearson**

**On behalf of the Board of Trustees**

# Profit and Loss

Rubbish Friends - Charity - 1181739

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Account	2022	
<b>Income</b>		
Donations - cash	174.24	Donation Tin/Friends of Earth
Grants	530.00	WCC Fund
Other Revenue	200.00	Sale of TV and Table
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>904.24</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>904.24</b>	
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>		
Advertising & Marketing	14.39	Domain Renewal
Insurance	281.24	Annual Insurance
Printing & Stationery	132.96	A Board and printing
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>428.59</b>	
	475.65	
<b>Net Income less Expenditure</b>	<b>475.65</b>	

# Balance Sheet

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As at 31 December 2022

	Dec 2022	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
<b>Tangible</b>		
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	(1,560.00)	Fixed Assets (listed below) are fully depreciated
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Plant and Machinery	(800.00)	
Office Equipment	1,560.00	
Plant and Machinery	800.00	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
Treasurers Accounts	661.00	Bank Balance
<b>Total Ca</b>	<b>661.00</b>	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>661.00</b>	
<b>Net Curr</b>	<b>661.00</b>	
<b>Total As</b>	<b>661.00</b>	
<b>Net Ass€</b>	<b>661.00</b>	
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>		
Current Year Earnings	475.65	
Retained Earnings	185.35	
<b>Total Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>661.00</b>	

**Fixed Assets**  
**Office**  
laminator  
projector & Screen  
  
**Plant**  
Stand