

Civic Pride Rossendale - Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees of Civic Pride Rossendale (CPR) present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Trustees confirm that they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Aims and objectives

Civic Pride Rossendale is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

CPR aims to

- Promote the protection and improvement of the natural, physical and built environment of Rossendale through volunteers picking litter and regenerating and maintaining public gardens and spaces.
- Advance the education of the public in the importance of the physical and natural environment.

Review of Activities and Achievements in 2021

CPR maintains around 30 public spaces and gardens. Our gardening volunteers have either adopted a garden/space and devote their time and energies to that one garden, or they join a team of gardeners who move between a number of town centre gardens. The gardens and public spaces are located across the Rossendale Valley in Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, Crawshawbooth and Edenfield.

Volunteers go out picking litter throughout the valley, usually as lone rangers, and sometimes in organised groups. All litter picking ceased when lockdown commenced and, as with the gardening, the government guidelines were adhered to.

CPR's planned priorities in 2021 were

- to continue with the Rewilding Rossendale project
- connect with other local community groups to support each other to benefit the residents of Rossendale.
- utilise the CPR greenhouse. (CPR has a greenhouse in Rawtenstall town centre. During 2020 the greenhouse was not utilised because of the COVID pandemic.)

Finances in 2020

CPR receives a regular monthly income from local businesses and individuals. Despite the financial pressures occasioned by the pandemic years these donations have continued without exception, and in 2021 amounted to £10742.

In September 2021 CPR received a significant sum of money as a legacy in the will of a local person. The legacy amounted to £66483.28.

Gift Aid was claimed on the 2020/21 tax year and amounted to £1475.93.

One fundraising campaign was done through JustGiving and raised £548.94.

Other donations amounted to £2993.28.

Grants received amounted to £3000. This is less than in previous years. As CPRs activities are now in the main concentrated around maintaining and improving the spaces we have already renovated, rather than new projects, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to secure funds from grants. Funders in the main support new projects rather than the maintenance of existing initiatives.

Total income was £81284.51. This is 240% more than in the previous year £23913. Without the legacy income in 2021 was less than in 2020.

Expenditure was slightly reduced when compared to 2020. Utilisation of the greenhouse involved some initial capital outlay on equipment (staging, shelving, pots, and tools) and compost. However, growing plants from seed and bringing on young plug plants, mainly perennials, resulted on less expenditure on plants.

Total expenditure was £16541.69. This is 17% less than in the previous year (£23913).

The balance at the end of the year was £93544.74.

Civic Pride Rossendale operates with a free reserve of £5000. Money remaining received in grants for specific projects amounted to £3081. This left £83962 available for all other activities.

The view of the Trustees is that it is important to spend the legacy on specific activities that will be of long term benefit to Rossendale. Until those activities have been decided upon action will be taken to invest some or all of the money. Advice will be sought from a Financial Advisor and an investment/expenditure strategy agreed.

The Finance Officer reported regularly to the Trustees and to the Executive Committee.

The accounts have been independently audited.

Governance and Management

The Annual General Meeting took place on 25 February 2021. The meeting was conducted remotely over Zoom and was attended by 37 members. A new Chair and a new Vice Chair were elected. All the other officers – Finance, Litter, Gardens, Administration and Volunteer Engagement – were re-elected.

No changes were made to the Constitution.

The following policies are in place and regularly reviewed.

- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding
- Privacy
- Data Protection

9 meetings of the Trustees were held. One Trustee resigned because of ill health and a new Trustee was appointed. The new Trustee is a local business man.

8 meetings of the Executive Committee were held.

Communication with Volunteers

Information was issued by email to the volunteers every week. This weekly update was also sent to businesses and members of the public who have asked to receive it. Every week it is issued to 350 people. The update advises where the CPR activities are taking place in the following week and any news relevant to the Charity.

A monthly newsletter is issued to all volunteers and members of the public who have asked to receive it. The newsletter reports on volunteer activities, including photographs. Many of the articles are written by the volunteers.

Civic Pride Rossendale also has a comprehensive website which provides information on what we do, the gardens we maintain, the Trustees and a link to our JustGiving page.

Future Plans

In 2022 the main priorities for Civic Pride Rossendale are

- to continue with the Rewilding strategy and plant perennials in the communal gardens
- continue to network with other community groups
- attract and appoint new trustees
- regularly examine the financial situation and endeavour to provide more income from grants
- if agreed at the 2022 AGM, enter Rawtenstall town centre into the RHS Britain in Bloom competition
- continue to work with Rossendale Borough Council over the plans for the landscaping of Rawtenstall town centre, providing advice and support
- fully utilise the greenhouse space
- attract new volunteers and to support the needs and ideas of all volunteers.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
CIVIC PRIDE ROSSENDALE

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1. 01. 2021

To

Period end date
31. 12. 2021


Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
GRANTS	3000 -	-	-	3000 -	6740 -
DONATIONS	80590 -	-	-	80590 -	15394 -
SALES AND GIFT AID	2097 -	-	-	2097 -	1778 -
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	85687 -	-	-	85687 -	23913 -
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0 -	-	-	0 -	0 -
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	0 -	-	-	0 -	0 -
Total receipts	85687 -	-	-	85687 -	23913 -
A3 Payments					
Gardening materials	14351 -	-	-	14351 -	5935 -
Equipment	3056 -	-	-	3056 -	1901 -
Marketing	331 -	-	-	331 -	309 -
Contractors	1220 -	-	-	1220 -	8628 -
Administration	767 -	-	-	767 -	683 -
Overheads	2721 -	-	-	2721 -	2412 -
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	22446 -	-	-	22446 -	19869 -
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0 -	-	-	0 -	0 -
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	0 -	-	-	0 -	0 -
Total payments	22446 -	-	-	22446 -	19869 -
Net of receipts/(payments)	53241 -	-	-	53241 -	4044 -
A5 Transfers between funds	0 -	-	-	0 -	0 -
A6 Cash funds last year end	28802 -	-	-	28802 -	-
Cash funds this year end	92042 -	-	-	92042 -	28802 -

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	92,042 -	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	92,042 -	0 -	0 -
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	ok	ok	ok
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	None		Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Van	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Equipment		-	500 -
			-	4500 -
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	None	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	CHARLOTTE HOCKING	10.9.2022

CIVIC PRIDE (ROSSENDALE)

Accounts

31 December 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES/MEMBERS OF CIVIC PRIDE ROSSENDALE

ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

CHARITY NUMBER: 1182630

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

SIGNED:



DATE:

11/05/2022

NAME:

Michael Howarth

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL

QUALIFICATION(S) OR BODY: F.C.A.

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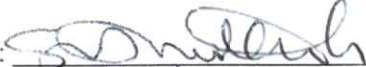

CIVIC PRIDE (ROSSENDALE)
Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £
Grants	3,000
Donations	80,591
Sales and Other	2,098
Total Income	85,689
Payments	
Community Assets (plants etc)	14,352
Equipment & Materials	3,057
Marketing	331
Contractors	1,220
Overheads & Admin Expenses	3,488
Total payments	22,448
Net (Payments)/Receipts	63,241

CIVIC PRIDE (ROSSENDALE)
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 December 2021

	2021 £
Current assets	
Bank/building society balances	92,043
Net current assets	92,043
Net assets	<u>92,043</u>
Cash Funds	
Balance at start of period	28,802
Net movement in funds for the period	63,241
	<u>92,043</u>

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

Signature:  Print Name: S.C. Shuttleworth Date: 13/6/22
 Signature:  Print Name: Y. MALLEY Date: 13/6/22