



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023**  
**Period start date**

**To**

**31<sup>st</sup> July 2024**  
**Period end date**

**Charity name: River Roding Trust**

**Charity registration number: 1184680**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To preserve, protect and restore the River Roding for the public benefit and to undertake and carry on projects and activities of a charitable nature related to the river which will assist in promoting recreation, protecting the environment and educating the public about the history of the river.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Removing rubbish from the river. Planting trees. Creating public access and public amenity along the river. Collaboration with local environment and arts groups. Water quality monitoring
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
	Para 1.38	The charity is entirely run by volunteers, who are involved in all our activities,

Contribution made by volunteers		including rubbish removal, tree planting & path creation.  We usually have between 10 & 30 volunteers at our events.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The lower River Roding is an urban river with a lot of challenges, but the River Roding Trust, run entirely by volunteers, is working hard to protect &amp; restore the river.</p> <p>Over our winter work season, our volunteers removed hundreds of bags of rubbish from the river and planted over 100 trees.</p> <p>We keep paths along the river from being overgrown with vegetation and keep the paths maintained.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trust is financially viable and sustainable. We have sufficient income year on year for our activities and sufficient reserves.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held for future projects
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Boater's mooring fees Small Donations Occasional larger one-off donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No investments
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Charity admin being undertaken by overstretched volunteers. Difficulty in recruiting trustees Volunteer numbers reducing
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The trust actively seeks potential trustees with a deep commitment to the care of and advocacy for the River Roding, and who have key skills required for the effective running of the charity.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	River Roding Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184680
Charity's principal address	75 Dames Road London E7 0DW

### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paul Powlesland	Chairman		
2	Alistair Stephens			
3	Derek Seume		From 18.05.25	
4	Vishal Narayan		From 18.05.25	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A


## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Paul Powlesland	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	17.07.2025	

# River Roding Trust

## Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2024

	Funds			Previous year
	Unrestricted	Designated	Total	
<b>Income</b>				
Donations	5,391	0	5,391	120
Grants	0	0	0	0
Mooring fees	2,040	0	2,040	1,190
<b>Total income</b>	<b>7,431</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,431</b>	<b>1,310</b>
				0
<b>Expenditure</b>				0
Events	573	0	573	203
Grants	0	0	0	0
Mooring payments	400	0	400	0
Projects	992	0	992	275
Repairs & maintenance	634	0	634	29
Water testing	9,948	0	9,948	0
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>12,547</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,547</b>	<b>506</b>
				0
<b>Net income/expenditure</b>	<b>-5,116</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-5,116</b>	<b>803</b>
				0
<i>Balance sheet as at 31/07/2024</i>				0
<b>Fixed assets</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
				0
<b>Cash book account, of which:</b>			<b>15,765</b>	<b>20,882</b>
Unrestricted funds			9,756	14,873
Designated funds			6,009	6,009
<b>Current assets</b>			<b>15,765</b>	<b>20,882</b>

Accounts prepared on a receipts and payments basis.