



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2024
Period start date

To

31st July 2025
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 out 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 and invasive species 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
		The charity is entirely run by volunteers, who are involved in all our activities,

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	including rubbish removal, tree planting & path creation. We usually have between 5 and 20 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>Awareness raising/advocacy 03.11.2024: Speech delivered by Chair at end of 'March for Clean Water' outside Houses of Parliament 24.11.2024: Presentation delivered at 'River Films' event, Barking 05.06.2025: Joined Epping Forest Consultative Group to represent rights of Roding on Epping Forest border (Wanstead Park)</p> <p>Education/partnerships 30.04.2025: Talk delivered at Friends of Wanstead Parklands AGM 18.05.2025: Walk led for Wren nature group 30.05.2025: Wild Roding walk led and giant camera obscura installed in Ilford/Barking reedbeds (Thames21 London Rivers Week and LNPC Walking Festival) 01.06.2025: Debden-Wanstead guided walk led (Thames21 London Rivers Week)</p> <p>Projects 16.12.2024: 'Ilford Arrival' photo documentation on baseline walking tour with Redbridge Borough Council, GLA and Akou 14.01.2025: 'Reclaim Our Roding' citizen science water quality testing report published in partnership with Thames21: https://www.thames21.org.uk/2025/01/high-levels-of-bacteria-found-in-the-river-roding-new-study-finds/ 17.03.2025: Participation in 'Roding Rises' public consultation with Thames21 and Transition Town Ilford</p> <p>Conservation/restoration 23.11.2024: Launch of Woodford-Wanstead volunteer group 19.01.2025: Work day to create otter and amphibian shelters, Woodford Bridge 23.01.2025: Clean-up of significant oil spill, Loxford Water 08.02-09.03.2025: Clean-up of Alders Brook</p>

		<p><i>25.02.2025: Community litter pick and tree planting, in partnership with Redbridge Borough Council</i></p> <p><i>26.04.2025: Creation of new riverside pond, Barking</i></p> <p><i>27.04.2025: Clean-up of less accessible side of underpass beneath A406/A12 intersection, Redbridge</i></p> <p><i>23.06.2025-21.07.2025: Extraction of Himalayan Balsam in Barking and between South Woodford and Wanstead (>100 volunteer hours)</i></p>
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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	N/A

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	Boaters' 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	Trustee		
3	Derek Seume	Trustee	From 18.05.25	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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	20.05.2026	

River Roding Trust

Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2025

	Funds			Previous year
	Unrestricted	Designated	Total	
Income				
Donations	9,129	0	9,129	5,391
Grants	0	0	0	0
Mooring fees	850	0	850	2,040
Total income	9,979	0	9,979	7,431
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Expenditure				0
Events	120	0	120	573
Grants	0	0	0	0
Mooring payments	400	0	400	400
Projects	9,238	0	9,238	992
Repairs & maintenance	251	0	251	634
Water testing	0	0	0	9,948
Total expenditure	10,009	0	10,009	12,547
Net income/expenditure	-30	0	-30	-5,116
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<i>Balance sheet as at 31/07/2025</i>				0
Fixed assets			0	0
Cash book account, of which:			15,821	15,765
Unrestricted funds			9,812	9,756
Designated funds			6,009	6,009
Current assets			15,821	15,765

Accounts prepared on a receipts and payments basis.