



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 10 September 2023**

**To 09 September 2024**

**Charity name: Trees For Derby**

**Charity registration number: 1185054**

## **Objectives and Activities**

SORP reference

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

Para 1.17

**To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment for the public benefit, by planting trees in the city of Derby and surrounding area, to mitigate the effects of climate change. To advance education of the public in the above.**

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

**Our main activities have been to encourage volunteers of all ages to participate in planting and nurturing trees and protecting the local environment. We have been active in developing a tree planting strategy in partnership with Derby City Council, University of Derby, local schools and businesses.**

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Para 1.18

**The above have been carried out in compliance with Trees for Derby's duty to have due regard for the Commission's public benefit guidance.**

## **Additional information (optional)**

SORP reference

Policy on grant making

Para 1.38

Policy on social investment  
including program related  
investment

Para 1.38

Contribution made by  
volunteers

Para 1.38

**The charity aims to include volunteers in various ways including as members of the committee, as participants at planting and maintenance events and as representatives of the charity at community 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

The charity has extended its volunteer base to over 300 people of all ages, many of whom have created new plantations with us.

The charity has planted over 4000 trees over the twelve-month period, concentrated during the planting season of the British winter months. Some experimentation on planting methods to try to boost whip survival has been done with the use of mycorrhizal additives during planting.

The charity has made more emphasis on maintenance of existing sites this summer, with a number of working parties to weed and mulch trees throughout previously planted sites.

Support has been given to a particular style of planting called Miyawaki, which creates fast growth, in small densely planted sites, known as "urban forests". These require additional preparation and maintenance and sites have been supported at the Whitehouse Farm Green Space and Wilmorton Recreation Ground.

The charity has also continued the 2023 activities of co-ordinating and distributing trees to residents as part of the Our City Our River scheme.

Future planting for the next season has been planned for more trees in public spaces (number tbc), in addition further Miyakawi sites are being planned. Sites for planting are mainly council owned although the charity remains interested in planting on private land should the opportunities arise.

Relationships have been maintained with external bodies including Derby City Council, Derby Green spaces, Friends of Derby Parks, and faith groups inc Derby Cathedral.

#### **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

**See attached end of year accounts.**

**These show that at 09 September 2024 the account has a balance of £6858.62**

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

Para 1.22

**None**

Amount of reserves held

Para 1.22

**None**

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>None</b>
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Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>None</b>
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Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>None</b>
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**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

**Fundraising for events, site maintenance, tools and trees has been administered as a request for donations from charity members, the public, local businesses.**

**Trees were sourced from Woodlands Trust free of charge following application for schools and community free packs.**

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted

Para 1.46

A description of the principal risks facing the charity

Para 1.46

**Weather affecting yield of planting. Availability and suitability of land for planting. Availability of funds in the form of donations or grants for activities. Restrictions on volunteers for planting events.**



Other

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:

Type of governing document      Para 1.25

(trust deed, royal charter)

**Constitution adopted 29 July 2019**

How is the charity constituted?

Para 1.25

**CIO**

(e.g unincorporated association, 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

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

**None**

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

Para 1.51

**Trees for Derby covers all seventeen wards in the Deby City area.**

**Trees for Spondon has become the first ward to affiliate with Trees For Derby.**

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

### **Future Plans**

**The coming year will see the continuation of city-wide expansion of tree planting by volunteer helpers, with special encouragement to young people to improve the environment and become involved in activities geared to addressing climate change.**

**The charity will have the opportunity to plan and expand it's output in ways to be determined, thanks to a large donation from a Derby resident that is likely to be received in the accounts in the next financial year.**

## **Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name

Trees For Derby

Other name the charity uses

Registered charity number

1185054

Charity's principal address      19 Thornhill Road  
Derby DE22 3LX

**Names  
of the  
charity  
trustee  
s who  
manag  
e 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	Kathryn Ball	Secretary	September 2023 to November 2023	
2	Alyson Lee	Treasurer	Prior to September 2022 until January 2023	
3	Reg Hand	Chair		
4	Kester Savage	Treasurer & Secretary	Secretary since November 2023	
5	Richard Simkins			
6	Helen Hitchcock			
7	Shirley Robinson			
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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

Name and objects of the  
charity on whose behalf the  
assets are held and how this  
falls within the custodian  
charity's objects

Details of arrangements for  
safe custody and  
segregation of such assets  
from the charity's own assets

### **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**

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**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)

R. Simkins

Full name(s)

Richard Simkins

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

24/09/24

**Trees for Derby**  
**Accounts for Year Ending 31st July 2024**

<b>Income</b>		<b>2023 - 2024</b>	<b>2022 - 2023</b>
Donations/Grants			£947.62
Trees for Spondon donations		£843.13	£479.80
Trees for Spondon (Co-op final)			<b>£1,991.65</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£843.13</b>	<b>£3,419.07</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Safety Wear			
Tree planting grants			
Trees for Spondon Expenditure		£100.00	765.38
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£100.00</b>	<b>£765.38</b>
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>		<b>£743.13</b>	<b>£2653.69</b>
<b>Cash Reconcilliation</b>	Opening Balance	£6115.49	£3,461.80
	Plus Surplus	£743.13	£2,653.69
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>£6,858.62</b>	<b>£6,115.49</b>
<b>Represented by</b>	<b>Coop Current Account</b>	<b>£6,858.62</b>	£6,115.49
<b>Total</b>		<b>£6,858.62</b>	<b>£6,115.49</b>