



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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

**From 10 September 2024**

**To 09 September 2025**

**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 last year has been further steady growth of planted sites in the Derby city area with both regular and new volunteers involved in several sites with **the annual total of around X trees planted.**

Sites visited for planting include Allestree Park alongside the recent rewilding efforts, Vicarage Road Park, Prince Charles Avenue in Mackworth, Normanton Park along with the group "Friends of Normanton Park" and a revisit to add more trees to Fullens Lock among other sites.

The group made use of the free trees for communities provided by the Woodlands Trust upon application and also supported planting where the Council Parks Department sourced the trees as part of the Coronation fund.

A new website for the group has been created to aid with communication to the community and beyond, with the aid of a local student volunteer and was much appreciated.

The charity has continued to increase the summer working parties for maintenance of existing sites, weeding and mulching, particularly those planted in the "Miyawaki" style where high level of growth are observed. Survival rate appears to be good too.

Several thousand whips have been ordered from the Woodlands Trust to support planting in the 2025-26 winter months, typical for planting. Sites have been identified and some dates already put into the group diary. Further opportunities will be considered.

Revisits to prior planted sites has provided a welcome boost by demonstrating the outcomes of our labour. Sites such as those Wilmorton Rec and in particular Stoodley Pike are showing very healthy young trees. In some cases over 15' high after just 5

years growth.

The group funds stand with a healthy balance of £9319.61 including funds of £4154.83 ringfenced for the associated group Trees for Spondon. The group has a relatively low spend rate to date, however it is envisaged this will be used in a number of ways including to replace some tools that have been well used, insurance, purchase further high-viz jackets to help on volunteer days, or for more expensive standard size trees for targeted planting sites such as road verges or community orchards. The group have discussed donating some funds to the council for such targeted sites where the group is not best placed to carry out the planting directly. T4D will continue to consider how best to spend the existing funds and welcome suggestions from the public highlighting opportunities we can make a difference.

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

The group looks forward to continuing our activities with the community.

**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 2025 the account has a balance of £9319.61**

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

**None**

Details of fund materially in  
deficit

Para 1.24

**None**

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

**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.**

**The tree also provided free labour to the Council Parks department who were either funded by the council or made use of grant funds e.g. to purchase trees.**

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.**

**Health and safety related risks of the volunteers has thus far been covered by the council park department public liability insurance. However the group intends to take out a policy in it's own name going forwards to be able to cover events where the council park department are not involved.**

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?

(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

**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 to the accounts in the next financial year (note: this statement is carried over from 2024 report as funds have not yet been received).**

## **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**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Reg Hand	Chair		
2	Kester Savage	Treasurer & Secretary	Secretary since November 2023	
3	Richard Simkins			
4	Helen Hitchcock			
5	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

22/09/25

**Trees for Derby**  
**Accounts for Year Ending 31st July 2025**

<b>Income</b>		<b>2024 - 2025</b>	<b>2023 - 2024</b>
Donations/Grants Trees for Derby		£1305.00	
Trees for Spondon donations		£1346.49	£843.13
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£2651.49</b>	<b>£843.13</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Website and data transfer through SiteGround		£190.50	
Trees for Spondon Expenditure			£100
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£190.50</b>	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>		<b>£2460.99</b>	<b>£743.13</b>
<b>Cash Reconcilliation</b>	Opening Balance	£6,858.62	£6115.49
	Plus Surplus	£2460.99	£743.13
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>9,319.61</b>	<b>£6,858.62</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>9,319.61</b>	<b>£6,858.62</b>