

**Annual Report to the Charity Commission for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024.**

**Charity: Teme Weirs Trust Ludlow**

**Charity number: 1189041**

**Aims of the charity.**

The objects of the charity as set out in its Governing Document are as follows:

“The objects of the (charity) are to maintain and manage the Casemill, Horseshoe and Mill Street weirs in the parishes of Ludford and Ludlow in South Shropshire, to preserve this important heritage for the people of Ludford and Ludlow and for the nation at large, while at the same time maintaining the ecological balance of flora and fauna and introducing environment gain where possible.”

The Trustees of the charity are:

A Dyke  
H Griffiths  
D Jones  
R Purcell  
N Young (chair)

**Financial report for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024.**

The charity became a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) on 14 April 2020. The 31 August date has hitherto been the end date of the annual financial year for the charity throughout its previous years when it was an unincorporated charity.

**Income**

Rental income	£1,746.88
Income from listed investments	£3,264.09
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£5,010.97</b>

**Expenses**

Weirs' Manager's expenses	£1,958.36
Insurance	£968.00
Professional web advice	£300.00
Shropshire Archives	£235.79
Grass cutting	£180.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>£3,642.15</b>

**Net Assets**

Investments	£121,219.23
Bank account	£4,349.63
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>£125,568.86</b>

**The Trust's activities during the above period.**

The main duty of the Trust is to repair and maintain the three weirs. The Trust's very experienced Weirs' Manager carries out this demanding work. We have the weirs professionally assessed every five years. As background all three weirs were inspected by Sanctus, a specialist environmental consultant and contractor, on Tuesday 11 August 2020 during a notably low flow conditions which allowed full access of the entire length of each weir. Their general comment was that:

"All three weirs continue to perform their original purpose well and will likely do so successfully for many years. Visual inspection however has highlighted a number of areas where attention, further consideration or maintenance may be required."

We reported in last year's report that a widening notch in the Mill Street Weir was repaired. This was done following the necessary environmental assessment of the appropriate materials to use. A further repair is planned for a section of the southern arm of the Horseshoe Weir. This will be a significant amount of work for which we have applied for an environmental permit from the Environment Agency. This repair will replace much reduced pointing to the stonework of the weir and so prevent any adverse effects of vegetation growth.

In our last report we noted that the Trust had employed Shropshire Archives to make an electronic copy of its minutes, reports and other documents so that there is a complete record of how the weirs came to be repaired. Since then, we have been presented with further documents which were of interest to the story of how the weirs were refurbished; these have been scanned and added to our records.

Robert Purcell  
Trustee and Treasurer  
23 June 2025