

Climate Action Ilkley

Charity number 1189801

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2021



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Trustees' report for the period ended 31 March 2021

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial period and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
George Abramson	Chair	Appointed 5 June 2020
Kathleen Steward	Treasurer	Appointed 5 June 2020
Michael Daw		Appointed 5 June 2020
Stephen Peel		Appointed 5 June 2020
Keith Pitcher		Appointed 5 June 2020
Anna Davidson		Appointed 5 June 2020
		Resigned 12 July 2021
John Marsham		Appointed 5 June 2020
		Resigned 1 November 2020
Jeanne- Claire Stanley-Hyde		Appointed 27 January 2021
		Resigned 28 June 2021
Helen Thurston		Appointed 25 January 2021
		Resigned 25 June 2021

Charity number

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1189801, on 5 June 2020.

Principal address

3 Marlborough Square
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Independent examiner

Rhys North ACA

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 5 June 2020 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the period ended 31 March 2021

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The promotion for the benefit of the public of the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Ilkley, in particular:

- 1) by raising awareness of the causes and impact of climate change; and
- 2) encouraging practical steps to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide levels and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

Achievements and performance

Since forming as a charity in June 2020, Climate Action Ilkley (CAI) has achieved the following:

Land and Nature

We continued to support and develop our community orchard with the help of young and old(er) volunteers, spread across two sites near Ben Rhydding station and in Riverside Park. Funding came from Bettys Trees for Life, alongside donations from local organisations and private individuals.

We campaigned for local shops to stop stocking peat-based compost and encouraged members of the public only to buy peat-free.

We encouraged members of the public to install nesting boxes for swifts and created tree trails to increase awareness of local trees.

We held 'balsam bashing' sessions to help manage this invasive plant species.

We initiated the South Bank Project to increase biodiversity and public engagement with the natural world on a prominent area of public space in central Ilkley.

Energy

We ran a community scheme for residents to purchase and install solar panels on the roofs of their domestic properties.

Travel and Transport

We secured funding from the People's Postcode Lottery to purchase electric cargo bikes for community and local business use.

We engaged with Enterprise Car Club to establish a car club in Ilkley.

We successfully lobbied Bradford Council to change their plans for a road junction in Ilkley town centre to be more pedestrian-friendly.

Materials & Products

We ran a technology redistribution scheme to collect unwanted electronic devices and offer them to local families in need.

Food

We ran a food choices campaign to encourage people to think more about buying local, reducing food waste, and eating less meat. We also attempted to engage local supermarkets with this issue.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the period ended 31 March 2021

Achievements and performance continued

Engagement

We held a virtual public meeting to discuss the Ilkley Sustainability Plan. Attendees included the local MP (Robbie Moore), town councillors, other voluntary groups and the wider public. There was strong support for the plan.

We have held a number of other public events, including an expert session on how to retrofit domestic house insulation, "Should we go vegan to save the world?", "Water in the Dales: are we keeping up with climate change?", and "How To Be More Pirate". Despite the challenges of holding these on Zoom, attendees numbered between 20-50.

We ran campaigns to promote the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill and to encourage people to switch banks to those that don't fund fossil fuels.

We made an organisational response to Bradford Council's local plan consultation, which includes plans to build new housing on green field sites.

We were invited on to the Town Council's Climate Emergency sub-committee to develop a plan to implement the declaration.

We hosted and supervised a student from the University of Huddersfield who produced videos, including an interview with the Mayor of Ilkley.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £6,143, including net receipts of £1,653 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £4,490 on restricted funds.

Climate Action Ilkley has not been affected financially by the global pandemic. We have continued to receive income from membership fees, donations, and have successfully secured funding. Whilst at the time of signing these accounts the activities of the charity have been impacted by the pandemic in terms of being unable to carry out many of the activities and meetings we would no doubt otherwise have engaged in, the trustees have reassessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £1,653.

Climate Action Ilkley currently has no reserves policy.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 1/11/2021

Michael Daw (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Climate Action Ilkley Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the period ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Rhys North ACA

4/11/2021

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Receipts and payments account

for the period ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £
Receipts				
Grants and donations	(2)	242	21,356	21,598
Donation from unincorporated association		1,531	(220)	1,311
Membership fees		1,318	-	1,318
Other income		12	-	12
Total receipts		3,103	21,136	24,239
Payments				
Community orchard		76	1,009	1,085
Bike equipment		-	15,637	15,637
Printing, postage and stationery		84	-	84
Insurance		1,167	-	1,167
Website and IT		8	-	8
Campaigns		115	-	115
Total payments		1,450	16,646	18,096
Net receipts / (payments)		1,653	4,490	6,143
Fund balances brought forward		-	-	-
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	1,653	4,490	6,143

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2021

	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £
Cash funds			
Cash at bank	1,653	4,490	6,143
Total cash funds	<u>1,653</u>	<u>4,490</u>	<u>6,143</u>
 Other monetary assets			£
Prepaid insurance			<u>1,070</u>
			<u>1,070</u>
 Assets retained for the charity's own use, at cost			£
Electric cargo bikes			11,330
Cargo bike trailer			3,497
Bike equipment			<u>810</u>
			<u>15,637</u>
 Liabilities			£
Independent examination			<u>300</u>
			<u>300</u>

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 1/11/2021

Michael Daw (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the period ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the period ended 31 March 2021

2 Grants and donations

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £
Bettys Trees for Life	-	2,678	2,678
Postcode Local Trust	-	17,563	17,563
Donations	242	1,115	1,357
	<u>242</u>	<u>21,356</u>	<u>21,598</u>

3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Community Orchard	-	3,573	1,009	-	2,564
Cargo Bikes	-	17,563	15,637	-	1,926
	<u>-</u>	<u>21,136</u>	<u>16,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,490</u>

Fund name

Purpose of restriction

Community Orchard
Cargo Bikes

To support the establishment and maintenance of a community orchard.
To support the establishment of an electric cargo bike scheme.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this period.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this period.