



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2023		31	March	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Dane Bank Green Space CIO

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1189904

Charity's principal address

30 Windermere Avenue

Denton

Manchester

Postcode

M34 2EN

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	Robert John Rutt	Chair		
2	Josie Hamnett	Treasurer	01/04/2023 – 30/06/2023	Passed away 02/08/2023
3	Colin Stuart Ingham	Trustee		
4	Amanda Claire Jones	Trustee	01/04/2023-06/07/2023	Resigned
5	Mark Astley	Treasurer (NEW)	15/07/2023 – date	Elected
6	Bernie Tarrant	Trustee (NEW)	01/08/2023 – date	Elected
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
NONE	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
NONE		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity, environmental awareness and wildlife protection.
- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

At the start of the financial year (April 2023) the Charity's status was as follows:

- All work on Phase 1 site improvements had been completed (access track, car park, circulatory footpath, fencing and gate).
- Grant applications were in progress to fund a number of Phase 2 improvement projects including Nature Trail, Sensory Garden, Amphitheatre, Butterfly Garden and Rainbow Trail.
- Trustees were in discussion with our local National Lottery Funding Manager regarding a Phase 3 bid to construct an Ecolodge.
- A Donations Board had been purchased but not yet installed.
- Sponsorship agreements had been secured for the purchase of four memorial benches.
- Tameside's People 4 Wildlife (TP4W) had confirmed their intention to terminate their sub-tenancy agreement and relocate to a larger plot on an adjoining site within the Denton West Riding School.

Activities undertaken during 2023-24 for public benefit in relation to our charitable objectives:

- The Donations Signboard was installed in April 2023
- In June 2023, four memorial benches were installed with help from Prince's Trust volunteers.
- Plans were progressed to upgrade the Charity's website providing access to a Storybook and Fact sheets via QR codes affixed to posts along the Nature Trail.
- During the year, funding bids were submitted to the Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund (Sensory Garden and Amphitheatre), The Arts Society (Rainbow Trail), Tameside MBC (Best Start for Life project and Starbucks Nature Hubs Fund (Butterfly Garden). Unfortunately, none were successful.
- In October 2023, Groundwork GM offered to design, fund and project manager creation of a Sensory Garden (work valued at £28k). The Charity agreed to provide volunteers to complete planting of hundreds of flowers and shrubs. Construction began in March 2024.
- In July 2023, the Charity submitted a funding bid to the National Lottery to secure £235k required to construct an Ecolodge. Although this was rejected in September, we were encouraged to resubmit. In January 2024, Groundwork GM agreed to lead on a revised bid and a workshop was held at Trafford Ecology Park on 12 March 2024.
- In November 2023 and March 2024, six semi-mature trees sponsored by local residents were planted by the DBGS Community Group.
- Charity Trustees explored alternative uses for the site vacated by TP4W with initial interests from beekeepers. However, Trustees agreed to offer the site to Kids Go Wild who are seeking to expand their Forest School operations on the Green Space.
- The Charity, working with the Environment Agency, GM Ecology Unit and the Angling Club, is exploring how to improve water quality sufficient to restock the Cricket Pond with fish.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D
Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>Throughout the year, the Charity Trustees continued to work with subtenants and community partners to secure funding and implement Phase 2 site improvements. Sponsorship from local residents provided funds to purchase four memorial benches and six semi-mature commemorative trees. Plans to create a Nature Trail were boosted by a contributory grant from Tameside MBC awarded to the DBGS Community Group.</p> <p>Following an unsuccessful bid to the Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund, we were hugely surprised when we received an offer from Groundwork GM to fund and project manage our ambitious Sensory Garden. On-site work began in March 2024.</p> <p>Looking ahead to Phase 3 site improvements, we agreed to work in partnership with Groundwork GM who will lead on a revised bid to the National Lottery to construct an Ecolodge on the Green Space.</p>
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Section E
Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves	The Charity holds no significant reserves and derives its operational income from rent received from subtenants supplemented by grants, fund raising activities and donations.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

During 2023-24 the Charity's principal sources of income were:

- Rents £1,582
- Grants £149
- Just Giving £1,827
- Amazon Smile £119
- Donations £380

Section F



Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Robert John Rutt	Mark Astley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	29 November 2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Dane Bank Green Space CIO

No (if any)
1189904

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donation	380	-	-	380	390
Grants (M/cr Airport/High Sheriff)	-	-	-	-	3,984
Action Together (Benches)	-	149	-	149	-
Rental Income from Undertennants	-	1,582	-	1,582	794
Events (Taster Day/Summer Fair)	-	-	-	-	420
Amazon Smile	119	-	-	119	163
Just Giving	1,827	-	-	1,827	13,808
SUM UP	-	-	-	-	71
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,326	1,731	-	4,056	19,629
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,326	1,731	-	4,056	19,629
A3 Payments					
Groundwork Project Fees	-	-	-	-	37,135
Tameside Council Site Rental	-	1,984	-	1,984	1,190
Public Liability Insurance	278	-	-	278	262
Room Hire	-	-	-	-	30
Service Supplier Charges	907	-	-	907	5,393
Site Maintenance	100	-	-	100	600
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,286	1,984	-	3,269	44,610
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,286	1,984	-	3,269	44,610
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,040	- 253	-	787	- 24,981
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	427	-	-	427	25,408
Cash funds this year end	1,467	- 253	-	1,214	427

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Robert Rutt (Chair)	11/05/2024
	Mark Astley (Treasurer)	11/05/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Dane Bank Green Space CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1189904

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

28.11.2024

Name:

Christopher Tarrant, ACA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW – Chartered Accountant

Address:

12 Repton Avenue, Denton, Manchester, M34 2LD

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A
