

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 24/06/2020 To 31/03/2021

Charity name: Bluespace Access and Conservation Trust

Charity registration number: 1190101

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, particularly but not exclusively by:</p> <p>Protecting, promoting, enhancing or extending public paths and waterways</p> <p>Promoting good practice and raising awareness by providing information relating to the preservation, conservation and improvement of the environment and biodiversity</p> <p>To promote for the benefit of the public the provision of facilities for healthy recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving their condition of life.</p>
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.	<p>The charity was formed early in the Covid pandemic, and for this reason, little or nothing could be done in terms of working directly with volunteers or the public during the period of this report.</p> <p>The charity's main activity during this period was 'on-line':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- continuing the work of our founding group: Waters of Wales – Dyfroedd Cymru, such as:- responding to existing government consultations and reports;- responding to government (Welsh and Westminster) consultations and measures implemented during the pandemic where these impacted on the public benefit in relation to the charity's purposes;- responding to planning applications where these have the potential to impact on the public benefit as relevant to the charity's purposes;- making links with other groups/charities;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - updating and adding to trustees' knowledge in relevant areas (e.g. river pollution; biological recoding; rights of way; planning and finance) by means of on-line courses, seminars and meetings; - maintaining and increasing the on-line supporter base through the facebook groups; - disseminating information relevant to the charity's purposes through the facebook groups.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees have at all times had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and all our activities are benchmarked against our charitable purposes.

Policy on grant making	The charity is not a grant maker.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	The charity has not undertaken social investment.
	During the period, all the work of the charity has been done by volunteers. Given that, due to Covid restrictions, this has been almost entirely

Contribution made by volunteers	of an 'essential' nature related to the set-up and running of the charity, and WIP as outlined above; this voluntary work has been carried out mostly by the trustees.
Other	

Achievements and Performance

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.	<p>In accordance with our forward plan the charity has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitored planning enquiries, reports on pollution incidents, Welsh Government discussions around relevant issues; and responded to where appropriate. - Benchmarked outcomes from the consultation against our charitable purposes; and responded accordingly; - Expanded and built on relationships with environmental and educational organisations; contributing to the work of some of these on a 'committee' level to preparing resource matter and/or information to promote sustainable practice for outdoor recreation; the benefits of sustainable recreation in, on or beside water; constraints placed on public enjoyment of these benefits by pollution and/or restrictions on access to water and waterside. - While Covid restrictions did not allow us to continue with visits to archive offices and major libraries; where possible we have carried out and/or contributed to research. <p>Two of the trustees have taken part in 'Citizen Science' projects with a view to incorporating this into volunteer programmes.</p> <p>The charity has continued to make the case for inclusive provision of opportunities for recreation in green and bluespace and for protection of green and bluespace for wildlife and the enjoyment of the current and future generations.</p>

	<p>Working online, we have been able to give advice and support to people working independently on a voluntary basis to research rights of way or navigation issues.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The charity's bank balance is adequate to meet current and anticipated liabilities given the level of activity. However, fund-raising will be needed to carry out future aspirations.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	It is not the charity's policy to hold reserves, beyond an appropriate level of working capital.
Amount of reserves held	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<p>Currently, funds are raised from individual donations. The charity has set up a page on a fund-raising site for donations; and is exploring other sources of funding for specific projects.</p>
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	The charity does not carry out any investment or social investment activity.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The principal risk facing the charity is that the pandemic continues to present make it difficult to plan activities with volunteers or the public.
Other	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	CIO Foundation Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	<p>The three existing 'admins' of the founding group became trustees of the charity by mutual consent. A fourth person was invited to become a trustee; by common consent of the original three.</p> <p>The charity has a policy to review/renew the appointment of each existing trustee on a rotating basis, with staggered review dates to ensure a degree of continuity.</p> <p>Future appointments will be by invitation and decision of the existing trustees.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bluespace Access and Conservation Trust
Other name the charity uses	BAThE Bluespace Access Throughout England

	Bluespace ACT Dyfroedd Cymru Waters of Wales WoW
Registered charity number	1190101
Charity's principal address	International House 10 Churchill Way Cardiff CF10 2HE

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	Ivan Lawler	Chair		Invitation of founding group.
2	Robert William Mackay	Treasurer		Member of rounding group.
3	Pamela Susan Bell	Secretary		Member of founding group.
4	Andrew Quick			Member of founding group.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The charity does not hold funds on behalf of others.

Advisers

From time to time the charity takes advice from appropriately qualified or experienced persons, on an 'as needed' basis. It does not have retained advisers.

Staff

The charity does not employ staff.

Other optional information

We have no other optional information to report.

Declarations

Signature(s)



Full name(s) Pamela Susan Bell

Position) Secretary

Date 21 January 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Name	Number
Bluespace Access and Conservation Trust	1190101

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	24/06/2020		31/01/2021

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					
Donations	290	-	-	290	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	290	-	-	290	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	290	-	-	290	-
A3 Payments					
Web hosting	62	-	-	62	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	62	-	-	62	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	62	-	-	62	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	228	-	-	228	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	228	-	-	228	-

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	Bank	227	-	-
	Cash in hand	11	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	238	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Solicitor Fees advanced by P. Bell.	Unrestricted	600	indefinite
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	