



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	04	2023	To	31	03	2024

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bluespace Access and Conservation Trust
Other names charity is known by	BAThE; BLUESPACE ACCESS THROUGHOUT ENGLAND; Bluespace ACT; DYFROEDD CYMRU; WATERS OF WALES; WOW
Registered charity number (if any)	1190101
Charity's principal address	International House 10 Churchill Way Cardiff Postcode 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	Andrew Quick			
2	Ivan Lawler	Chair		
3	Robert Mackay	Treasurer		
4	Pamela Bell	Secretary		

#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
As listed above.	

#### 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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### Section B Structure, governance and management

#### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Foundation
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How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Founding Trustees were the three individuals who set up the informal group which was a precursor to the charity, along with a fourth trustee invited by consensus of these three.

### 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, particularly but not exclusively by:

Protecting, promoting, enhancing or extending public paths and waterways;

Protecting good practice and raising awareness by providing information relating to the preservation, conservation and improvement of the environment and biodiversity;

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.

**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)**

The charity's activity has mainly been consolidating following 'pandemic' restrictions. We attended a limited number of events where we could meet the public. Our 'on-line' work: responding to existing government consultations; reports; and government (Welsh and Westminster) consultations and measures; circulating our 'Bluespace Manifesto and 'Bluespace Reservoir Charter'. We also engaged with the planning process where we considered proposed developments to be potentially detrimental to public recreation in bluespace.

We have continued making links with other groups/charities; updating and adding to the network with which the charity works; expanding trustees' knowledge in relevant areas; and maintaining and increasing the on-line supporter base.

The trustees have continued to have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and benchmark all our activities against our charitable purposes.

**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.

The charity is not a grant-maker.

The charity has not undertaken social investment.

During the period, all the work of the charity has continued to be done by volunteers; mostly, but not exclusively, by the trustees.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

We have continued to progress our forward plan, aided by our manifesto and charter; working online and 'face-to-face' to reach out to people facing access and environment-related challenges, to those in a position to provide or withhold access, and to elected representatives.

We were able to take part in some public meetings and events during the period.

We were also able to build on relationships established during the previous period.

Political focus in terms of 'bluespace' issues has been largely on pollution. However, public interest in access for recreation and protection of the environment has compensated for lack of 'official' enthusiasm.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is not our policy to build reserves, beyond what would be needed to carry out our objectives or meet contingences which could reasonably be anticipated.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

We do not have any funds materially in deficit.

### 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.

Fundraising has failed to meet pre-pandemic levels in spite of putting an additional platform in place. This is disappointing but appears to be reflected across the sector in general. Currently, funds are raised from individual donations. The charity has a page on a fund-raising site for donations, but this is not performing well in the present climate; and we continue to explore other sources of funding for specific projects.

We continue working largely online, through our manifesto and charter, while attending 'free to exhibitor' events to maintain engagement with the public.

## 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)



Bob Mackay

Full name(s)

Pamela Susan Bell

Robert William Mackay

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

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Date

04/02/2025

## Bluespace Access and Conservation Trust Receipts and Payments accounts for the period

From 01/04/2023 - To 31/03/2024

### Section A Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations		116		
Sub total				
<b>Gross income</b>		<b>116</b>		<b>116</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Web hosting				79.18
Just Giving platform				216
Registered address				144
<b>Sub Total</b>				<b>439.18</b>

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

	Detail	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank	13.18		
	Cash in hand	10		
	Total cash funds	<b>23.18</b>		
<b>Other assets:</b>	<b>Detail</b>			
<b>B2 monetary</b>				
<b>B3 investment</b>				
<b>B4 retained for charity's use</b>				
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Fund to which</b>	<b>Amount due</b>	<b>When due</b>
		<b>liability relates</b>		
	Solicitor fees			
	advance - P Bell	Unrestricted		600 indefinite

### Declarations

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

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

### Signatures



Pamela Susan Be Robert William Mackay

Secretary Treasurer

### Date

14/01/2024

14/01/2024