



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st July 2023** To **30th June 2024**

Charity name: **Cardiff Rivers Group**

Charity registration number: **1191857**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Protecting waterways, woodlands, parks and other outdoor public spaces from litter and other detritus. Promoting biological diversity through habitat management and improvement. Undertaking and facilitating repair, reuse and recycling through the collection, repair and then onward donation, sale or recycling of items to reduce landfill or incineration.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main activities of the Charity involve the organising and facilitation of litter picks, cleaning watercourses and habitat improvement events. The later includes reed cutting, coppicing and the removal of invasive species.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity during the year has made donations to food banks of £3000. We partnered with other charities and community groups in several projects around the sale and recycling of waste items particularly scrap. This is shown as Joint Projects Share Outs in the accounts.
	Para 1.38	N/A

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Cardiff Rivers Group is run entirely by volunteers. The Board consists of 10 members all of whom dedicate a significant amount of time to the charity. In addition, we now have in excess of 800 people on our distribution list and will regularly have over 40 people at our events. Details of their achievements are below.
Other		Once again, we would like to recognise the contribution made by numerous organisations over the year in supporting us. Euroclad Ltd, and Tier in particular were very generous in their support.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	For the year being reported on, we undertook 67 events resulting in 2245 volunteer hours. Our volunteers cleared the following from the waterways, parks and woodlands of Cardiff: 1754 bags rubbish 16 shopping trolleys 27 car tyres 24 cones 37 bikes 2 motor bikes We also recycled 117 tonnes of scrap metal. We also undertake, particularly in the winter months, a great deal of habitat management. This includes reed cutting in ponds, coppicing and removal of invasive species. We continued to support other charities and not for profit organisations via use of our vehicle, trailer and equipment. As an upper tier waste carrier, we are able to offer a risk-free service for organisations to dispose of their bulky waste for very little cost. We also helped local foodbanks by donating £5000 to help with their costs and raised £523 by the sale of other groups scrap metal that was then transferred to them.

		For a number of years we have partnered with Tier who ran the hire bike scheme across Cardiff. We would recover their bikes from water courses and in return they donated all their scrap metal to us. Sadly Tier terminated their contract with Cardiff Council on 31st December 2023. They asked us along with another charity Pedal Power to help dispose of all unusable materials and bikes (of which there was a lot). This resulted in £19,000 being raised that was then split equally between CRG and Pedal Power.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Please see above
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Please see above
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity continues to be in a strong financial position. Overall unrestricted cash reserves grew by £10046 even after making the donations to the food banks and sharing the Tier scrap money with Pedal Power. This is thanks to the generosity of our supporters both individuals and organisations. As such, the charity is able to cover its running costs for the foreseeable future. The trustees will continue to look at ways to best to utilise the reserves, secure the future of the charity and help in some small way to alleviate the effects of the cost of living and general austerity crisis being faced at the moment.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees are currently preparing a reserves policy as the level of reserves continues to grow.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40,306
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	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)	Para 1.47	During the year the charity received funding from: • Tier (Next Bikes) • Euroclad • Sales of donated and recovered scrap metal
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The charity is in a very strong financial position and thus funding is not seen as a significant risk. The charity is dependent upon Cardiff Council for the loan of a portacabin for storage of equipment, tools and items for recycling. Whereas this is gratefully acknowledged, it is a constraint on the charity developing further due to lack of power, workshop space or ability to house

		the boat and trailer with our other equipment. The ideal would be to have affordable, centralised accommodation where the Charity could store everything in one place and to repair items rather than have to recycle them. We continue to look at this ideally partnering with other charities. Circular Economy thinking is high on the political agenda and we hope to play a part in any pilot projects in Cardiff building on our significant experience in this area.
Other		Large, charity owned items such as the vehicle, trailer and boat need secure storage. These continue to be stored in a large, shared underground car park thanks to one of the trustees. If new accommodation is found, ideally, it would also allow for storage of the larger items.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Foundation Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO Foundation Model
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	Para 1.25	New Trustees will be appointed by the current Board either by invitation where there is a specific need or by general invitation to stand in which case applications will be reviewed and interviews undertaken as appropriate.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Cardiff Rivers Group have an ongoing relationship with Keep Wales Tidy, with two trustees being employed by KWT and one trustee also sitting on the KWT Board.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Cardiff Rivers Group
Other name the charity uses	CRG
Registered charity number	1191857
Charity's principal address	C/O 59 Jim Driscoll Way Cardiff CF11 7JL

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	Catherine Oprava	Chairperson		
2	Jon Wallis	Vice Chair		
3	Nigel Barry	Secretary		
4	David King MBE	Treasurer		
5	Daffyd Meurig			
6	Louise Tambini			
7	Christopher Hackett			
8	Elin Burgess			
9	Marco Rafael Da Silva Ribeiro Leal			
10	Elizabeth Natale-Vaughan			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ELIN ISOBEL BURGESS	DAVID JAMES KING
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TREASURER.
Date	15/11/2024	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/07/2023

To

30/06/2024

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	33,757	3,000	-	36,757	16,903
Scrap collected from clean up events	1,470	-	-	1,470	796
Grants	-	-	-	-	2,550
Miscellaneous	1,560	-	-	1,560	819
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,787	3,000	-	39,787	21,068
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	36,787	3,000	-	39,787	21,068
A3 Payments					
Vehicle, Tools, PPE	5,370	-	-	5,370	6,839
Insurance	832	-	-	832	783
General running costs	2,503	-	-	2,503	1,749
Donations	5,000	-	-	5,000	3,918
Mechandise	13	-	-	13	1,743
Training	2,750	-	-	2,750	-
Storage	-	418	-	418	-
Joint Projects Share Outs	10,273	-	-	10,273	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,741	418	-	27,159	15,032
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,741	418	-	27,159	15,032
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,046	2,582	-	12,628	6,036
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,678			27,678	21,642
Cash funds this year end	37,724	2,582		40,306	27,678

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 Account	36,707	2,582	-
	Cash	1,017	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	37,724	2,582	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

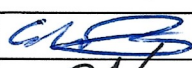
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
8x4 Twin axle trailer	General	-	-
10 foot aluminium boat	General	-	-
Electric outboard motor	General	-	-
HiLux Invincible 4x4 vehicle	General	-	-
Electric winch	General	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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
	ELEN ISOBEL BURGESS	15/11/24
	DAVID JAMES KING	15/11/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Cardiff Rivers Group

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th June 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1191857

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th June 2024.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: *S. Servini*

Date: 20/11/2024

Name: Simon Servini

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

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