

ORINOCO - THE OXFORDSHIRE SCRAPSTORE

England & Wales · Charity number 1195735

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-09-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(1) TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:(A) PROMOTING RECYCLING, USE OF RECYCLED PRODUCTS AND THE USE OF SURPLUS OR SCRAP; AND BY(B) ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT WASTE RECYCLING AND USE OF SURPLUS OR SCRAP.(2) TO ADVANCE ARTS AND CRAFTS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:(A) FACILITATING THE USE AND PROVISION OF RECYCLED, SCRAP OR SURPLUS MATERIALS AS A CREATIVE RESOURCE TO ADULTS AND CHILDREN WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING THEIR SOCIAL WELFARE AND CONDITIONS OF LIFE; AND MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING; AND BY(B) INSPIRING INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP CREATIVITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: To promote reduction and re-use of waste materials through education and practical action. To provide facilities, workshops and recycled scrap and surplus materials as creative resources for recreation, diy, education and other leisure time occupation for all citizens of Oxfordshire and the surrounding areas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£162,378	£165,881	-	-
2024-06-30	£149,590	£158,663	-	-
2023-06-30	£147,099	£122,056	-	-
2022-06-30	£108,815	£47,143	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Tweddle		2025-04-05
Charlotte Sutton		2025-04-05
Dr Marlen Ivette Llanes		2024-09-07
Rajesh Victor Lal		2024-09-07
Sue Ellis		2025-04-05
Zohra Fatima Jenkinson		2024-09-07

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Accounts



Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 01 July 2024

To: 30th June 2025

Charity name: Orinoco – The Oxfordshire Scrapstore

Charity registration number: 1195735

Company number:

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Our objectives are:</p> <p>(1) to protect and preserve the environment for public benefit, particularly, but not exclusively by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) promoting recycling, use of recycled products and the use of surplus or scrap; and by(b) advancing the education of the public about waste recycling and use of surplus or scrap. <p>(2) to advance arts and crafts, particularly, but not exclusively by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) facilitating the use and provision of recycled, scrap or surplus materials as a creative resource to adults and children with the aim of improving their social welfare and conditions of life; and mental health and wellbeing; and by(b) inspiring individual and group creativity for the public benefit and for the benefit of the environment.
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	<p>Our principal activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• running two 'scrapstores' in Templars Square Oxford and Banbury, where unwanted items are sold at affordable prices to facilitate artistic endeavour and creative play,• selling donated scrap items for art, craft, play and creative projects, as well as new art materials, vintage items, refurbished tools and DIY equipment,• running workshops, craft lessons, parties and events, and• repairing and testing useable small electrical equipment, giving new life to household items.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and confirm that Orinoco exists and operates exclusively for charitable purposes to benefit the public</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:	SORP reference	
Policy on grantmaking	Para 1.38	Orinoco does not make grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers remain vital to Orinoco's work and are drawn from every walk of life. They contribute by sorting and organizing donated stock, engaging with customers and supporting craft workshops and events. Volunteers' talents and skills are also used to repair and recycle discarded items, from making bunting commissions for weddings to reviving garden tools. During the financial year 2024-25, the charity benefited from 9,710 hours of volunteers' work, equivalent to 1,387 day's work (7 hrs per day).
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.	Para 1.20	<p>Over 25 tonnes (25,693kg) of redundant re-useable materials were diverted from landfill back into re-use for the benefit of the local community and to protect the environment. This represents a 14% increase on the previous year.</p> <p>Orinoco Banbury continued to engage in community activities, offering play and crafting opportunities at external events, as well as providing a wide range of in-store activities, including regular support to home-schooled children. Staff and volunteers also created children's art packs to pass to local food banks for distribution.</p> <p>Orinoco Oxford took part in the annual Green Fair at Oxford City Hall, and continued to raise awareness of recycling, re-use and reduce.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The charity addressed some historic Board recruitment challenges, with three new Trustees joining in April 2025. This has brought a renewed focus on governance; a new meeting cycle was devised to improve oversight and decision-making, with appointments made to the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to focus specifically on leadership, financial operations and administrative tasks respectively. A major project was also launched to strengthen and refresh core policies, particularly those related to regulatory compliance.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Both Oxford and Banbury stores continued to inspect, test and repair unwanted electrical items, offering them for re-sale at affordable prices. Income from this WEEE Project (Waste from Electrical & Electronic Equipment) has been particularly important at the Oxford store, accounting for nearly a quarter of gross till income. The Banbury store continued to consolidate its local reputation as a creative hub, with a strong out-turn in fabric, wool, haberdashery, art & craft material sales (together representing 60% of gross sales).</p> <p>The Banbury store café, 'Coffee Corner', ran successfully throughout the year, drawing in customers and providing space for events and meetings.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>Orinoco reduced its operating deficit to -£3,503 in 2024-25 (from -£10,320 in 2023-24). The improvement was partly due to an 8% increase in overall shop sales and partly to vigilant cost control in other areas. As for many charity and other retailers, Orinoco faced increased expenditure in staffing costs, utilities and insurance but, thanks to careful stewardship in previous years, there are sufficient reserves to meet the deficit.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>The Trustees believe Orinoco should hold sufficient financial reserves to facilitate winding down of the charity's operations in the event of ceasing to operate on a permanent basis.</p> <p>To achieve this, Orinoco's reserves policy is to hold unrestricted funds equivalent to three months' operating costs. Sums have also been earmarked to fulfil statutory and lease obligations.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Trustees have set a level equivalent to three months operating costs as a contingency, to protect future operation from the effects of any unforeseen variations in income and expenditure. Designated reserves have also been set aside to fulfil commitments in relation to staff notice and redundancy costs, as well as leasehold obligations. Total actual reserves held are £35,000.</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>No funds are materially in deficit.</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>Trustees are keenly aware of the need to plan for future sustainability and development. Work is underway to improve internal financial controls and oversight and, once the major policy review project is complete, it will be possible to undertake a thorough business review to examine viability and options for increasing revenue streams, including fundraising from external source.</p>

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	The charity's main source of income is sales revenue from the two scrapstores.
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	<p>The renewed focus on governance, paying particular attention to regulation and compliance, will involve increased reliance on free reserves.</p> <p>The ongoing cost of living crisis continues to impact on costs, salaries and other essential expenditure, as well as on customers needing to prioritise their spending choices. This puts pressure on the staff and volunteers, who nevertheless all continue to meet the many day-to-day challenges.</p>
Other		

Structure, governance, and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed, memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? for example, limited company, unincorporated association, CIO	Para 1.25	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	Para 1.25	Individuals with relevant skills and expertise are invited to apply to join the Board.

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	New Trustees are supplied with the Annual Report & Accounts, meeting minutes and CC3, The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>Orinoco is managed by the Board of Trustees. Towards the end of 2024-25, the Board agreed to meet on a bi-monthly basis, and set up a monthly sub-group, comprising Trustees and managers from both stores, to begin the policy review project.</p> <p>Orinoco also maintains links with District, City and County councils in Oxfordshire.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		<p>Orinoco The Oxfordshire Scrapstore was founded and registered as an unincorporated charity in 1994. It changed its status in 2021 when it applied to the Charity Commission to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This was granted in September 2021 and the new CIO launched later that year, with the Oxford store re-locating to shopping centre premises in Cowley and the Banbury store opening as a new venture.</p>

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Orinoco - The Oxfordshire Scrapstore
Other name the charity uses	ORINOCO
Registered charity number	1195735
Charity's principal address	77 Harefields, Oxford OX2 8NR

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	Marlen I Llanes	Treasurer	Appointed Treasurer, 1 May 2025	-----
2	Zohra Jenkinson	Co-Chair	Appointed Co-Chair, 1 May 2025	-----
3	Victor Lal			-----
4	Charlotte Sutton	Co-Chair	Appointed as Trustee, 10 April 2025, appointed Co-Chair 1 May 2025	-----
5	Sue Ellis	Secretary	Appointed as Trustee, 10 April 2025, appointed Secretary 1 May 2025	-----
6	Anne Tweddle		Appointed as Trustee, 10 April 2025	-----

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	
N/A	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of Adviser	Name	Address
Accountant: Accounting and bookkeeping services for the not-for-profit sector	Sheila Parry	SPX Oxford Ltd, Peace House, 19 Paradise Street, Oxford, OX1 1LD

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 company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)	Marlen Llanes	Charlotte Sutton
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Full name(s)	Marlen Ivette Llanes	Charlotte Louise Sutton
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Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
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26 Feb 2026	26 Feb 2026
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2024	To	Period end date 30/06/2025
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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					
Sales	160,440	-	-	160,440	148,624
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Events	1,560	-	-	1,560	610
Transfer from previous charity	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	379	-	-	379	355
Other	-	-	-	-	1
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	162,378	-	-	162,378	149,590
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Restricted grant	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	162,378	-	-	162,378	149,590
A3 Payments					
Administration	1,762	-	-	1,762	1,588
Grant expenditure	-	146	-	146	1,247
Van Expenses	66	-	-	66	516
Van Insurance	1,349	-	-	1,349	499
Event	9	-	-	9	31
Building and Liability Insurance	2,251	-	-	2,251	1,433
Phone	363	-	-	363	309
Van Diesel	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	33,000	-	-	33,000	29,000
Staff Salary	113,322	-	-	113,322	107,648
Transportation for volunteer	21	-	-	21	10
Volunteer subsistence	996	-	-	996	931
Business Rates	5,097	-	-	5,097	4,389
Utilities	4,624	-	-	4,624	5,865
Café expenses	632	-	-	632	1,497
Outreach expenses	48	-	-	48	48
Staff travel and subsistence	194	-	-	194	331
Small equipment	-	-	-	-	2,974
Payroll / accounting fees	1,646	-	-	1,646	1,135
Purchases	355	-	-	355	-
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	66
Trustee expenses	-	-	-	-	390
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	165,735	146	-	165,881	159,910
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	165,735	146	-	165,881	159,910
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,357	- 146	-	- 3,503	- 10,320
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	77,642	11,641	-	89,283	99,603
Cash funds this year end	74,285	11,495	-	85,780	89,283

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	Savings Account	26,655	-	-
	Business Account	47,030	11,495	-
	Co-op account	600	-	-
	Total cash funds	74,285	11,495	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	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)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Charlotte Sutton Marlen Llanes	Charlotte L Sutton Marlen I. Llanes	26/2/26 26/2/26	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
ORINOCO - THE OXFORDSHIRE SCRAPSTORE

**On accounts for the
period ended**

30/06/2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1195735

Set out on pages

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(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 **30/06/2019**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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.

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

Signed:

Sheila Parry

Date:

02/04/2026

Name:

Sheila Parry

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

FCCA

Address:

SPX Oxford Ltd, Peace House

19 Paradise Street

OX1 1LD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

None

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To: 30th June 2024

Charity name: Orinoco – The Oxfordshire Scrapstore

Charity registration number: 1195735

Company number:

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for children, young people and adults with special needs being facilities: a) of which such children have need by reason of their age or social and economic circumstances b) which will improve conditions of life for such children and adults by promoting their educational, physical, mental, or spiritual wellbeing To promote the use of waste things as playthings.
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	Our principal activities are: • running a 'scrapstore' (often known as a children's scrapstore or art scrapstore) where unwanted items from businesses and householders are sold at negligible cost to facilitate artistic endeavour and creative play. • running a garden and workshop tool re-use project. • providing activity sessions at our headquarters and in the community, utilizing our van, "The Amazing Scrapmobile". • providing leaders to run creative play events in the community. • running workshops and training sessions for students, teachers, play workers and others.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grantmaking	Para 1.38	Orinoco does not have a formal grant making policy. Orinoco uses the money raised through our two scrapstores to provide free support to teachers, parents, and art workers in the community. Orinoco's contribution is in kind (scraps to use and staff's time). Orinoco does not have an investment programme. O our turnover is small, and all available funds are used to fund the organisation's work.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Orinoco's policy in social investment is fundamentally focused on social capital. Orinoco focusses on engaging the community in activities using discarded materials and through these activities participants relate to each other.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers are vital to Orinoco's work. Orinoco have volunteers at all levels: collecting goods destined to landfills, serving in the scrapstores, running outreach activities, running the café and workshops. Training events and working on the management committee is another way volunteers contribute to the work of the charity. During the financial year (1JUL23-30JUN24), the team and the charity were the recipients of 11,336 hours of volunteers' work. Volunteer hours increased by 15% during this period.
Other		Central to Orinoco's work is its contribution to the minimisation of discarded goods and materials going to landfill. This year Orinoco have been consistently recording the amount (in weight – kilograms) of goods and materials gathered to be reused by the charity and the public via the scrapstore and workshops. Orinoco collected and reused 21,974 kgs that were destined to go to a landfill. The charity managed to increase percentage of weight reused by 12.7%.

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.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orinoco scrapstore is operating, currently, out of two sites: one in Oxford City and the second in Banbury, Oxfordshire • Orinoco Banbury throughout last year has continued to be engaged in community activities. Orinoco is recognised by town residents. The current location helps the organisation being the first place to visit when it comes to handcraft and used gardening materials. • Orinoco Banbury has continued developing a
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		<p>network of relationships with the council and other organisations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revenues generated by the two Orinoco sites have been significant. These funds have allowed the charity the provision of part-time employment to 8 in Banbury and Oxford. • In addition, these revenues permit the organisation to rent space to house the Banbury store. • Orinoco's volunteers come from all walks of life. • This year has been challenging. The more well-known the charity becomes, the more we are asked by residents, other local charities, and local authority representatives to increase our work in the community. • However, the charity is not able to expand substantially. Such a step will require a significant increase of its revenues. • Orinoco in Oxford attended the annual green fair in city hall, green meetings organised by other local charities, and the annual fair at Swann School to raise awareness of recycling, reuse and reduce, as well as Orinoco's work in this area. • Orinoco increased hours volunteered by almost 11.5 thousand person-hour. • Also, the amount of discarded material going to landfill and collected by Orinoco tripled. • Children's art packs created and given to local food bank to distribute to food bank users.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Team held several workshops including junk journaling, overlocker introduction, jewellery making and a second session for original sewing machine group.</p> <p>The team in Banbury provided support to home schooled children on a regular basis, one session per week.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		The new premises in Banbury came with space

		to set up a café which is another opportunity to raise the charity's profile, raise funds and diversify income stream and to have a space to carry out meetings with different groups.
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Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During this year, the remarkable work done by Orinoco's part-time staff, trustees and volunteers allowed the charity to be able to almost break even. Thus, reserved funds have not been touched. The foreseeable future will be challenging, due to the high levels of inflation and energy costs. Everybody at the charity is willing to operate within our means and grow as the revenues allow it.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity does not have a wide-ranging policy on reserves. This financial year, the charity decided to put on reserve the equivalent to approximately 3 months' operation costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted funds £77,642 and Restricted funds £11,641 – The trustees approved to keep in a savings account £32,000 to be used in case of charity folding.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
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	The charity has continued to face uncertainty regarding the retention of trustees. Orinoco has the minimum 3 trustees; however, the amount of work is becoming untenable for 3 trustees who are so on a part-time basis. At times the responses needed are not as swift as they are required. The challenge for the coming year is the recruitment of other trustees who can share the burden of the charity's tasks.

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	The charity's main source of sales income, as stated above, is the scrap stores in Banbury and Oxford.
Investment policy and objectives including any	Para 1.46	N/A

social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The cost-of-living crisis has impacted footfall and sales during this financial year. This reality meant that Orinoco had less revenues than the previous. Currently, Orinoco has employment obligations and y may not be able to secure premises in a timely fashion.</p> <p>If scrap store is not open, the charity does not have any revenues.</p> <p>The location of the new, larger, shop may not be ideal which may impact on the store's footfall and sales.</p> <p>The store in Banbury is facing vandalism during the nights and weekends.</p> <p>Both stores, in Banbury and Oxford, have experience increasing shoplifting and store managers and assistant managers face verbal abuse.</p>
Other		

Structure, governance, and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company , unincorporated association , CIO	Para 1.25	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	Para 1.25	Trustees are approached and invited to be trustees.

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	
	Para 1.51	The charity is managed by a committee made up of the trustees and ordinary committee

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works		<p>members.</p> <p>Day to day running of the charity's activities is managed by the management committee, two part-time employed store managers, and five part-time assistant store managers and an outreach person, plus volunteers.</p> <p>Orinoco maintains strong links with District, City and County councils in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Orinoco is a small charity with limited turnover and no borrowing or investment requirements.</p> <p>Orinoco is fully insured. We have procedures in place to counter fraud, to safeguard vulnerable adults and children, to look after health and safety while at the charity's premises.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		<p>The CIO Charity, this one, was 'born' when trustees changed category of charity. Orinoco, the Oxfordshire Scrapstore was founded in 1994 as a foundation charity. As of 2020s, this type of charity did not fit the charity's work purposes.</p> <p>Trustees applied to the Charities Commission to change the charity from a foundation charity to a CIO. This was granted on 7th September 2021.</p> <p>After opening a new premises in Banbury, Oxfordshire the charity began operations in December 2021.</p>

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Orinoco - The Oxfordshire Scrapstore
Other name the charity uses	ORINOCO
Registered charity number	1195735
Charity's principal address	Bullington Community Centre Peat Moors Headington, Oxford, Oxfordshire Postcode OX3 7HS

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	Marlen I Llanes	-----	-----	-----
2	Zohra Jenkinson	-----	-----	-----
3	Victor Lal	-----	-----	-----

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Accountant	Sheila Parry	SPX Oxford Ltd, Accounting and bookkeeping services for the not-for-profit sector, Peace House, 19 Paradise Street, Oxford, OX1 1LD

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 company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)	Marlen Llanes	Victor Lal
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Full name(s)	Marlen Ivette Llanes	Rajesh Victor Lal
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Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
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Date	14.04.2025
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name THE OXFORDSHIRE SCRAPSTORE	No (if any) 1195735
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 7/1/2023	To	Period end date 6/30/2024
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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					
Sales	148,624	-	-	148,624	145,904
Donations	-	-	-	-	300
Events	610	-	-	610	900
Transfer from previous charity	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	355	-	-	355	106
Other	1	-	-	1	868
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	149,590	-	-	149,590	148,078
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Restricted grant	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	149,590	-	-	149,590	148,078
A3 Payments					
Administration	1,588	-	-	1,588	1,546
Grant expenditure	-	1,247	-	1,247	3,184
Van Expenses	516	-	-	516	1,066
Van Insurance	499	-	-	499	397
Event	31	-	-	31	4,056
Building and Liability Insurance	1,433	-	-	1,433	1,016
Phone	309	-	-	309	153
Van Diesel	-	-	-	-	30
Rent	29,000	-	-	29,000	12,818
Staff Salary	107,648	-	-	107,648	78,736
Transportation for volunteer	10	-	-	10	206
Volunteer subsistence	931	-	-	931	2,820
Business Rates	4,389	-	-	4,389	6,451
Utilities	5,865	-	-	5,865	6,529
Café expenses	1,497	-	-	1,497	2,177
Outreach expenses	48	-	-	48	689
Staff travel and subsistence	331	-	-	331	401
Small equipment	2,974	-	-	2,974	1,650
Payroll / accounting fees	1,135	-	-	1,135	1,013
Electrical repairs project	-	-	-	-	8
Raising funds	66	-	-	66	-
Trustee expenses	390	-	-	390	307
Sub total	158,663	1,247	-	159,910	125,253
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	158,663	1,247	-	159,910	125,253
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,073	1,247	-	10,320	22,825
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	86,715	12,888	-	99,603	-
Cash funds this year end	77,642	11,641	-	89,283	22,825

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	Savings Account	26,276	-	-
	Business Account	50,765	11,641	-
	Co-op account	600	-	-
	Total cash funds	77,642	11,641	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Marlen Llanes	Marlen Ivette Llanes	14.04.2025
	Victor Lal	Rajesh Victor Lala	14.04.2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
ORINOCO - THE OXFORDSHIRE SCRAPSTORE

**On accounts for the
period ended**

30/06/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1195735

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(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 30/06/2019

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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.

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

Signed:

Sheila Parry

Date:

15/04/2025

Name:

Sheila Parry

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

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Address:

SPX Oxford Ltd, Peace House

19 Paradise Street

OX1 1LD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

None

ORINOCO - THE OXFORDSHIRE SCRAPSTORE

England & Wales - Charity number 1195735

Accounts



Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 01 July 2022

To: 30th June 2023

Charity name: Orinoco – The Oxfordshire Scrapstore

Charity registration number: 1195735

Company number:

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for children, young people and adults with special needs being facilities: a) of which such children have need by reason of their age or social and economic circumstances b) which will improve conditions of life for such children and adults by promoting their educational, physical, mental, or spiritual wellbeing To promote the use of waste things as playthings.
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	Our principal activities are: • running a 'scrapstore' (often known as a children's scrapstore or art scrapstore) where unwanted items from businesses and householders are sold at negligible cost to facilitate artistic endeavour and creative play. • running a garden and workshop tool re-use project. • providing activity sessions at our headquarters and in the community, utilizing our van, "The Amazing Scrapmobile". • providing leaders to run creative play events in the community. • running workshops and training sessions for students, teachers, play workers and others.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grantmaking	Para 1.38	Orinoco does not have a formal grant making policy. Orinoco uses the money raised through our two scrapstores to provide free support to teachers, parents, and art workers in the community. Orinoco's contribution is in kind (scraps to use and staff's time). Orinoco does not have an investment programme as our turnover is small and all available funds are used to fund the organisation's work.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Orinoco's policy in social investment is fundamentally focused on social capital. Orinoco focusses on engaging the community in activities using discarded materials and through these activities participants relate to each other.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers are vital to Orinoco's work. Orinoco have volunteers at all levels: collecting goods destined to landfills, serving in the scrapstores, running outreach activities, running the café and workshops. Training events and working on the management committee is another way volunteers contribute to the work of the charity. During the financial year (1JUL22-30JUN23), the team and the charity were the recipients of 9,829 hours of volunteer work.
Other		Central to Orinoco's work is its contribution to the minimisation of discarded goods and materials going to landfill. This year Orinoco have been consistently recording the amount (in weight – kilograms) of goods and materials gathered to be reused by the charity and the public via the scrapstore and workshops. Orinoco collected 19,503 kgs that were destined to go to a landfill.

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.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orinoco is operating, currently, out of two sites: one in Oxford City and the second in Banbury, Oxfordshire • Orinoco Banbury, throughout all this last year has had the opportunity to make its presence known in the town's high street. The location has helped the organisation become known in a new site (Banbury opened its doors in December 2021). • Orinoco Banbury started developing a network of relationships with the council and other organisations. • The revenues generated by the two Orinoco sites have been phenomenal and has contributed to providing part-time,
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		<p>employment for 8 people in Banbury and Oxford and able to rent larger space to 'house' the Banbury store.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orinoco's volunteers come from all walks of life. • The changes up to now represent a big leap, in comparison to the three previous years. • Orinoco in Oxford attended the annual green fair in city hall, green meetings organised by other local charities, and the annual fair at Swann School to raise awareness of recycling, reuse and reduce, as well as Orinoco's work in this area. • Orinoco increase the volunteer hour from over 2.5 thousand to almost 10 thousand. • Also, the amount of discarded material going to landfill and collected by Orinoco tripled. • 55 children's art packs created and given to local food bank to distribute to food bank users.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Team held several workshops including junk journaling, overlocker introduction, jewellery making and a second session for original sewing machine group.</p> <p>The team in Banbury provided support to home schooled children on a regular basis, one session per week.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		<p>The new premises in Banbury came with space to set up a café which is another opportunity to raise the charity's profile, raise funds and diversify income stream and to have a space to carry out meetings with different groups.</p>

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During this year, the remarkable work done by Orinoco's part-time staff, trustees and volunteers allowed the charity to be able to almost break even. Thus, reserved funds have not been touched. The foreseeable future will be challenging, due to the high levels of inflation and energy costs. Everybody at the charity is willing to operate within our means and grow as the revenues allow it.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity does not have a wide-ranging policy on reserves. This financial year, the charity decided to put on reserve the equivalent to approximately 3 months' operation costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted funds £86,715 and Restricted funds £12,888 – The trustees approved to keep in a savings account £32,000 to be used in case of charity folding.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
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	The charity has continued to face uncertainty regarding the retention of trustees. Orinoco has the minimum 3 trustees; however, the amount of work is becoming untenable for 3 trustees who are so on a part-time basis. At times the responses needed are not as swift as they are required. The challenge for the coming year is the recruitment of other trustees who can share the burden of the charity's tasks.

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	The charity's main source of sales income, as stated above, is the scrap stores in Banbury and Oxford.
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 cost-of-living crisis has impacted footfall and sales during this financial year. This reality meant that Orinoco had less revenues than the previous. Currently, Orinoco has employment obligations and y may not be able to secure premises in a timely fashion. If scrap store is not open, the charity does not have any revenues.

		<p>The location of the new, larger, shop may not be ideal which may impact on the store's footfall and sales.</p> <p>The store in Banbury is facing vandalism during the nights and weekends.</p> <p>Both stores, in Banbury and Oxford, have experienced increasing shoplifting and store managers and assistant managers face verbal abuse.</p>
Other		

Structure, governance, and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company , unincorporated association , CIO	Para 1.25	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	Para 1.25	Trustees are approached and invited to be trustees.

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	<p>The charity is managed by a committee made up of the trustees and ordinary committee members.</p> <p>Day to day running of the charity's activities is managed by the management committee, two part-time employed store managers, and five part-time assistant store managers and an outreach person, plus volunteers.</p> <p>Orinoco maintains strong links with District, City and County councils in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>Orinoco is a small charity with limited turnover and no borrowing or investment requirements.</p> <p>Orinoco is fully insured. We have procedures in</p>

		place to counter fraud, to safeguard vulnerable adults and children, to look after health and safety while at the charity's premises.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		The CIO Charity, this one, was 'born' when trustees changed category of charity. Orinoco, the Oxfordshire Scrapstore was founded in 1994 as a foundation charity. As of 2020s, this type of charity did not fit the charity's work purposes. Trustees applied to the Charities Commission to change the charity from a foundation charity to a CIO. This was granted on 7 th September 2021. After opening a new premises in Banbury, Oxfordshire the charity began operations in December 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Orinoco - The Oxfordshire Scrapstore
Other name the charity uses	ORINOCO
Registered charity number	1195735
Charity's principal address	Bullington Community Centre Peat Moors Headington, Oxford, Oxfordshire Postcode OX3 7HS

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	Zohra Fatima Jenkinon	-----	-----	-----
2	Victor Lal	-----	-----	-----
3	Marlen Ivette Llanes	-----	-----	-----
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Sheila Parry	SPX Oxford Ltd, Accounting and bookkeeping services for the not-for-profit sector, Peace House, 19 Paradise Street, Oxford, OX1 1LD

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 company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)	Zohra Jenkinson	Marlen Llanes
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Full name(s)	Zohra Fatima Jenkinson	Marlen Ivette Llanes
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Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
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Date	24.02.2024
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CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name THE OXFORDSHIRE SCRAPSTORE	No (if any) 1195735
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2022	To	Period end date 30/06/2023
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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					
Sales	144,925	979	-	145,904	41,327
Donations	300	-	-	300	18
Events	900	-	-	900	-
Transfer from previous charity	-	-	-	-	60,345
Grants	-	-	-	-	2,844
Interest	106	-	-	106	3
Other	868	-	-	868	21,911
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	147,099	979	-	148,078	126,448
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Restricted grant	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	147,099	979	-	148,078	126,448
A3 Payments					
Administration	1,546	-	-	1,546	2,528
Grant expenditure	228	2,956	-	3,184	-
Van Expenses	1,066	-	-	1,066	361
Van Insurance	397	-	-	397	394
Event	4,056	-	-	4,056	448
Building and Liability Insurance	1,016	-	-	1,016	-
Phone	153	-	-	153	180
Van Diesel	30	-	-	30	-
Rent	12,818	-	-	12,818	9,900
Staff Salary	78,736	-	-	78,736	24,754
Transportation for volunteer	206	-	-	206	94
Volunteer subsistence	2,820	-	-	2,820	139
Business Rates	6,218	233	-	6,451	1,538
Utilities	6,529	-	-	6,529	2,908
Café expenses	2,177	-	-	2,177	-
Outreach expenses	689	-	-	689	99
Staff travel and subsistence	401	-	-	401	681
Small equipment	1,650	-	-	1,650	2,844
Payroll / accounting fees	1,013	-	-	1,013	275
Electrical repairs project	-	8	-	8	2,527
Trustee expenses	307	-	-	307	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	122,056	3,197	-	125,253	49,670
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	122,056	3,197	-	125,253	49,670
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,043	- 2,218	-	22,825	76,778
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	61,672	15,106	-	76,778	-
Cash funds this year end	86,715	12,888	-	99,603	76,778

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	Savings Account	25,921	-	-
	Business Account	60,694	12,888	-
	Co-op account	100	-	-
	Total cash funds	86,715	12,888	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Marlen Llanes	Marlen Ivette Llanes	15.04.22



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
ORINOCO - THE OXFORDSHIRE SCRAPSTORE

**On accounts for the
period ended**

30/06/2023 **Charity no
(if any)** 1195735

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(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 **30/06/2019**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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.

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

Signed:

Sheila Parry

Date:

12/04/2024

Name:

Sheila Parry

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

FCCA

Address:

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19 Paradise Street
OX1 1LD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

None

ORINOCO - THE OXFORDSHIRE SCRAPSTORE

England & Wales - Charity number 1195735

Accounts



Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 9th September 2021

To: 30th June 2022

Charity name: Orinoco – The Oxfordshire Scrapstore

Charity registration number: 1195735

Company number:

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation for children, young people and adults with special needs being facilities: a) of which such children have need by reason of their age or social and economic circumstances b) which will improve conditions of life for such children and adults by promoting their educational, physical, mental, or spiritual wellbeing To promote the use of waste things as playthings.
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	Our principal activities are: • running a 'scrapstore' (often known as a children's scrapstore or art scrapstore) where unwanted items from businesses and householders are sold at negligible cost to facilitate artistic endeavour and creative play. • running a garden and workshop tool re-use project. • providing activity sessions at our headquarters and in the community, utilizing our van, "The Amazing Scrapmobile". • providing leaders to run creative play events in the community. • running workshops and training sessions for students, teachers, play workers and others.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grantmaking	Para 1.38	Orinoco does award grants. Orinoco uses the money raised through our two scrapstores to provide free support to teachers, parents, and art workers in the community. Orinoco does not have an investment programme as our turnover is small and all available funds are used to fund the organisation's work.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Orinoco's policy in social investment is fundamentally focused on social capital. Orinoco focusses on engaging the community in activities using discarded materials and through these activities participants relate to each other.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers are vital to Orinoco's work. Orinoco have volunteers at all levels: collecting goods destined to landfills, serving in the scrapstores, running outreach activities, running the café and workshops. Training events and working on the management committee is another way volunteers contribute to the work of the charity. This last year (December-21 to June-22), the team and the charity were the recipients of 2,565 hours of volunteer work.
Other		Central to Orinoco's work is its contribution to the minimisation of discarded goods and materials going to landfill. This year Orinoco have been consistently recording the amount (in weight – kilograms) of goods and materials gathered to be reused by the charity and the public via the scrapstore and workshops. Orinoco collected 4,168.25 kgs that were destined to go to a landfill.

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.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orinoco became a CIO in September 2021. Thus, officially the charity started working since September 2021. However, in reality, due to the opening of a new scrapstore in Banbury, Oxfordshire the charity started to serve the public on 1st December 2021. • Orinoco is operating, currently, out of two sites: one in Oxford City and the second in Banbury, Oxfordshire • Orinoco Banbury, throughout all this last year has had the opportunity to make its presence known in the town's high street. The location has helped the organisation become known in a new site (Banbury opened its doors in December 2021).
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orinoco Banbury started developing a network of relationships with the council and other organisations. • The revenues generated by the two Orinoco sites have been phenomenal and has contributed to providing part-time, employment for 6 people in Banbury and Oxford and able to rent larger space to 'house' the Banbury store. • Orinoco's volunteers come from all walks of life. • The changes up to now represent a big leap, in comparison to the three previous years. • Before December 2021 the charity could only generate income to employ a part-time member of staff and rent a small room in a community centre. The location was not accessible to all. • Orinoco Oxford opened later in the year. New premises were secured. Orinoco was ceded leased space, for free, in one of the retail centres in the city. Orinoco is bound to pay utilities only. • Orinoco in Oxford attended the annual green fair in city hall, green meetings organised by other local charities, and the annual fair at Swann School to raise awareness of recycling, reuse and reduce, as well as Orinoco's work in this area. • 55 children's art packs created and given to local food bank to distribute to food bank users.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Team in Banbury carried out a raffle for the jubilee rug/quilt made by the team raised £606 in total in May 2022.</p> <p>Team held several workshops including junk journaling, overlocker introduction, jewellery making and a second session for original sewing machine group.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		The new premises in Banbury came with space to set up a café which is another opportunity to

		raise the charity's profile, raise funds and diversify income stream and to have a space to carry out meetings with different groups.
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Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During this year, the remarkable work done by Orinoco's part-time staff, trustees and volunteers have allowed the charity to triple the revenues, compared to 2018-19 (the year before the pandemic). The foreseeable future will be challenging, due to the high levels of inflation and energy costs. Everybody at the charity is willing to operate within our means and grow as the revenues allow it.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity does not have a wide-ranging policy on reserves. This financial year, the charity decided to put on reserve the equivalent to approximately 3 months' operation costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted funds £61,672.00 and Restricted funds £15,106.00 – The trustees approved to keep in a savings account £32,000 to be used in case of charity folding.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
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	The charity is facing some uncertainty regarding the retention of trustees. Currently, Orinoco has the minimum 3 trustees; however, the amount of work is becoming untenable for 3 trustees who are so on a part-time basis. The challenge for the coming year is the recruitment of other trustees who can share the burden of the charity's tasks.

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	The charity's main source of sales income, as stated above, is the scrap stores in Banbury and Oxford.
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 cost-of-living crisis may influence footfall and sales. This reality may impact Orinoco with less revenues. Currently, Orinoco has employment obligations and y may not be able to secure premises in a timely fashion. If scrap store is not open, the charity does not have any revenues. The location of the new, larger, shop may not be ideal which may impact on the store's footfall and sales.
Other		

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company , unincorporated association , CIO	Para 1.25	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	Para 1.25	Trustees are approached and invited to be trustees.

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	The charity is managed by a committee made up of the trustees and ordinary committee members. Day to day running of the charity's activities is managed by the management committee, two employed store managers, three assistant store managers and an outreach person and its volunteers. Orinoco maintains strong links with District, City and County councils in Oxfordshire. Orinoco is a small charity with limited turnover and no borrowing or investment requirements.

		We are fully insured. We have procedures in place to counter fraud, to safeguard vulnerable adults and children, to look after health and safety while at the charity's premises.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		The CIO Charity, this one, was 'born' as a result of changing category of charity. Orinoco, the Oxfordshire Scrapstore was founded in 1994 as a foundation charity. After all these years, this type of charity did not fit the charity's work purposes. Trustees applied to the Charities Commission to change the charity from a foundation charity to a CIO. This was granted on 7 th September 2021. The charity began operations in December 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Orinoco - The Oxfordshire Scrapstore
Other name the charity uses	ORINOCO
Registered charity number	1195735
Charity's principal address	Bullingdon Community Centre Peat Moors Headington, Oxford, Oxfordshire Postcode OX3 7HS

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	Zohra Fatima Jenkinon	-----	-----	-----
2	Victor Lal	-----	-----	-----
3	Marlen Ivette Llanes	-----	-----	-----
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Sheila Parry	SPX Oxford Ltd, Accounting and bookkeeping services for the not-for-profit sector, Peace House, 19 Paradise Street, Oxford, OX1 1LD

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 company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)	Zohra Jenkinson	Marlen Llanes
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Full name(s)	Zohra Fatima Jenkinson	Marlen Ivette Llanes
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Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
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Date	27.03.2023
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 07/09/2021	To	Period end date 30/06/2022
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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					
Sales	41,327	-	-	41,327	-
Donations	18	-	-	18	-
Transfer from previous charity	42,712	17,633	-	60,345	-
Grants	2,844	-	-	2,844	-
Interest	3	-	-	3	-
Other	21,911	-	-	21,911	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	108,815	17,633	-	126,448	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Restricted grant	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	108,815	17,633	-	126,448	-
A3 Payments					
Administration	2,528	-	-	2,528	-
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Van Expenses	361	-	-	361	-
E-commerce Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Van Insurance	394	-	-	394	-
Event	448	-	-	448	-
Building and Liability Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Phone	180	-	-	180	-
Van Diesel	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	9,900	-	-	9,900	-
Staff Salary	24,754	-	-	24,754	-
Transportation for volunteer	94	-	-	94	-
Volunteer subsistence	139	-	-	139	-
Business Rates	1,538	-	-	1,538	-
Utilities	2,908	-	-	2,908	-
Café expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Outreach expenses	99	-	-	99	-
Staff travel and subsistence	681	-	-	681	-
Small equipment	2,844	-	-	2,844	-
Payroll / accounting fees	275	-	-	275	-
Electrical repairs project	-	2,527	-	2,527	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	47,143	2,527	-	49,670	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,143	2,527	-	49,670	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	61,672	15,106	-	76,778	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	61,672	15,106	-	76,778	-

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	Savings Account	53,463	-	-
	Business Account	8,209	15,106	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	61,672	15,106	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Zohra Jenkinson	Zohra Jenkinson	28.02.23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
ORINOCO - THE OXFORDSHIRE SCRAPSTORE

**On accounts for the
period ended**

30/06/2022 **Charity no
(if any)** 1195735

Set out on pages

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(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 **30/06/2019**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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.

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

Signed:

Sheila Parry

Date:

14/07/2023

Name:

Sheila Parry

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

FCCA

Address:

SPX Oxford Ltd, Peace House
19 Paradise Street
OX1 1LD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

None