



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 5 November 2021 to 31 March 2023

Charity name: The Wild Carp Trust

Charity registration number: 1196426

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objectives of the Wild Carp Trust are:</p> <p>1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of the oldest strains of carp in the UK.</p> <p>2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection, history and importance of the oldest carp strains.</p> <p>These strains are defined as the original species wild carp (considered Vulnerable to Extinction by the International Union for Conservation of Nature) and the feral descendants of carp introduced to waters in England and Wales before 1850 where evidence – in the form of historic record or fish phenotype – suggests that they have since avoided crossbreeding with more modern strains of carp.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Wild Carp Trust has achieved its charitable objectives during this first period of operation, with associated costs as follows:</p> <p>Promoting the conservation and protection of the oldest strains of carp in the UK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Led by example, conserving the Pant y Llyn strain of wild carp via egg and fry collection (Zero cost)• Creation of wildcarptrust.org website (£252)• Attendance at two angling exhibitions (BFFI and the National Vintage Tackle Fair) (£120)• Distributed 100 qty promotional badges (£70)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation and management of social media accounts on Instagram and Facebook (Zero cost) • Our trustees were interviewed on two podcasts (Zero cost) <p>Advancing education with regards to the conservation, protection, history and importance of the oldest carp strains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of a 100-page annual journal. (Cost deferred to next period.) • Creation of an educational film on YouTube, shared at fish conservation symposium hosted by the Wild Trout Trust. (Zero cost) • Writing 3 x magazine articles (Zero cost) • Published an information leaflet (£50)
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 confirm that we have given due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Our activities have benefitted 8,920 people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,200 exhibition attendees • 2,100 website visitors • 1,300 symposium attendees • 1,400 magazine readers • 900 social media followers • 820 YouTube viewers • 200 journal readers

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	None
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	None
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Wild Carp Trust relies entirely on volunteers. In this period, 9 volunteers (including the 8 trustees) contributed a total of 1,570 hours to enable the Wild Carp Trust to achieve its objectives, as follows:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild carp egg and fry collection, transportation and fry rearing: 650 hours • Creation of website, including writing content: 160 hours • Creation, publication and distribution of annual journal: 160 hours • Attendance at exhibitions: 64 hours • Writing magazine articles and being interviewed for podcasts: 16 hours • Creation of educational film: 120 hours • Administration of social media accounts: 300 hours • Planning, reporting, attending meetings: 100 hours <p>The Trustees would like to give special mention to the hours and expertise volunteered by Trustees Andy Roberts, Peter Whipp and Nigel Hudson, who contributed more than half of the total volunteer hours during this period.</p>
Other		During this period, the £800 annual lease of our conservation pool was covered directly by our Trustees rather than being recorded in the accounts.

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	Further to the achievements mentioned above, the Trustees note the importance of the hands-on work we have done to conserve one of the UK's oldest and most famous strains of heritage carp. Publicity surrounding this success correlated with donations we received. In leading by example, we generated significant public support that will further assist the charity in achieving its objectives during the next period.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Wild Carp Trust achieved all of its charitable objectives, as detailed above.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
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	Income: £1,620 Expenditure: £442
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in anticipation of paying the annual lease of our conservation pool, publishing the annual journal, and as a fund to conserve further strains of carp when the opportunity arises.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Cash reserves of £1,178 held at the end of the period.
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 The Wild Carp Trust is in a strong position to grow and deliver further benefit.

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	Funding was exclusively from donations. As stated above, there was a direct correlation between publicity surrounding our hands-on conservation work and the volume and size of donations received.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Investment during this period was principally in the website, which is our main promotional and educational tool.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The charity's success is reliant on a small group of people. Further volunteers and a network of expert advisers and contractors is required to mitigate this risk.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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	Selected and appointed by the 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	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Wild Carp Trust is not part of an umbrella organisation or affiliated with a wider network.</p> <p>Our structure is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: John Bailey • Vice Presidents: Dr Bruno Broughton, Alan Lewis BEM • Trustees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair: Nigel Hudson ○ Vice Chair: Andy Roberts ○ Treasurer: Matthew Neal ○ Secretary: Tony Protheroe ○ Fishery Liaison: Peter Whipp ○ Landowner relations: Steven Murgatroyd ○ Social Media: Matt Tanner ○ Filmmaking: Stu Harris • Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As trustees above plus Ralph Ridler (fundraising)
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Wild Carp Trust
Other name the charity uses	(None)
Registered charity number	1196426
Charity's principal address	2 Mareilian Avenue Marford Wrexham Clwyd LL12 8LL

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	Nigel Hudson	Chair		
2	Andrew Roberts	Vice Chair		
3	Matthew Neal	Treasurer	Resigned 18.8.22	
4	Matthew Tanner		Resigned 6.12.22	
5	Stuart Harris			
6	Peter Whipp			
7	William Protheroe		Resigned 6.12.22	
8	Steven Murgatroyd			
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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	Annual lease of conservation pool known as Cowslip Pool.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Held by Nigel Hudson on behalf of the Wild Carp Trust
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Lease held by Nigel Hudson and Steven Murgatroyd, to be transferred to the Wild Carp Trust during the next period.

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Fishery Management and fish rearing	Ben Cornick	5 Star Fisheries, South Kirkby, Pontefract WF9 3JP

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

N/A

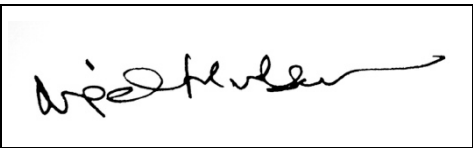
Other optional information

N/A

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)	Nigel Ernest Hudson	Andrew Paul Roberts
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	31 March 2024	