

Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership CIO

Report 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

1. The Charity

Name of charity: Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership CIO

Charity number: 1196571

Registered address: 22 Bargate Richmond North Yorkshire DL10 4QY

Trustees: Susan Angeline Stokes
Barbara Gravenor (Chair appointed 10 May 2023)
Frank Broughton (appointed 14th March 2024)

Gruffydd Daniel Thomas stood down as a trustee in early 2024 due to work conflicts.

2. Structure

The CIO manages its administration through a Board of Trustees (3), and the activities of the Partnership are organised by members of the community participating in the Partnership. New trustees are recruited from volunteers who express an interest and are invited by the Board to stand for election.

There are no paid staff. The website and newsletter communications are run by volunteer members.

3. Purpose/objects

As stated in the Charity's governing document, the purpose of the Charity is the promotion for the benefit of the public of the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Richmondshire, in particular by:

- a) Raising awareness of the causes and impact of climate change, and
- b) Encouraging individuals and communities to take practical steps to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide to minimise their impact upon climate change, and
- c) Developing and implementing local projects that will contribute to a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions and/or promote nature recovery, habitat regeneration and protection of biodiversity, and
- d) Working with third party organisations to support the development and implementation of projects aimed at decarbonising homes, businesses, agriculture and transport, and
- e) Working with third party organisations to support the development and implementation of projects aimed at nature recovery, habitat generation and protection of biodiversity.

4. Activities in the period April 2024 to March 2025

Activities of particular note include:

- Continued to run a website and newsletter to inform members of the public and RiCAP supporters of the activities being undertaken by RiCAP and other local environmental volunteer organisations.
- Set up a Repair Café using grants from Richmond Town Council and North Yorkshire Council to purchase equipment and enhanced insurance. Using local skilled volunteers, we carry out repairs to household equipment, clothes, computers, bicycles etc. which encourages people to repair rather than throw away items. We use the café to encourage discussion on relevant topics. We held 3 Repair Cafes in Richmond Town Hall, one in Leyburn to help their Community Activity Centre start up their own Repair Café and one as part of an Eco Day at Richmond High School.
- Organised 2 Eco Events in Richmond which were attended by a number of relevant local groups.
- Contributed to transport consultation processes.
- Engaged with local schools to support school eco-teams and eco events.
- Worked with North Yorkshire Council and Richmond Methodist School to set up an Air Quality Control Project outside the local schools which are all located on a main road.
- Engaged with North Yorkshire Council councillors and officers in developing transport and climate change plans.
- Continued to work with Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust to develop a nature trail along the old railway line to increase environmental awareness.
- Ran various public events alongside other eco groups during National Green Week to engage people in environmental awareness.
- Worked to influence Northern Powergrid to upgrade its infrastructure to enable EV charging points in market towns and rural villages. Campaigned for roadside EV charging provision in Richmond.

The trustees consider that through these activities the Trust has complied with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

5. Financial Statement

The Trust carries forward a balance of £1,665 as of 31 March 2025 to finance its continuing work. Expenditure on major events will only be incurred if income is obtained to finance these events. We will aim to build up and maintain a reserve of about £3,000 to secure the long- term viability of the Trust.

Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities are shown below:

1st April 2024- 31
March 2025

Receipts and Payments	£
Receipts	
Grants	900
Donations	25
Bank Interest	3
Event Income	290
Sub-Total	1,218
Payments	
Event Expenditure	378
Administration costs	209
Communications Support	0
Bank charges	60
Grants made	0
Sub-Total	647
Surplus for Period (unrestricted funds)	571
Balance B/F	1,094
Balance C/F	1,665

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2025

Cash in Bank represented by unrestricted funds	1,665
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Signed on behalf of the Trust by Barbara Gravenor (Chair)



Date: 08/12/ 2025