

Ford to Hunston Canal Society

England & Wales · Charity number 1197159

Details

Other names BURNDELL BRIDGE SOCIETY

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-12-16

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE FORD TO HUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION ARE: (1) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, IMPROVEMENT, ENHANCEMENT, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE OF THE PORTSMOUTH & ARUNDEL CANAL WITHIN THE CHICHESTER AND ARUN DISTRICTS OF WEST SUSSEX, BETWEEN FORD AND HUNSTON, INCLUDING THE BURNDELL BRIDGE.(2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE HERITAGE OF THE PORTSMOUTH & ARUNDEL CANAL, BETWEEN FORD AND HUNSTON, WORKING WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE IN THE HISTORY OF THE CANAL HERITAGE ALONG THIS SECTION OF THE CANAL.

Activities: The Ford to Hunston Canal Society seeks to promote for the benefit of the public the improvement and maintenance of the heritage of the Ford to Hunston section of the Portsmouth & Arundel Canal, in the Chichester and Arun Districts of West Sussex, as well as advancing the education of the public in these areas on history and architecture of the Canal.

Classification

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

Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £233 | £261 | - | - |
| 2024-12-31 | £1,780 | £456 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £421 | £124 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £1,300 | £0 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| Elaine Cordingley | Chair | 2023-04-01 |
| Allen Keith Misselbrook | | 2022-02-22 |
| Andrew David Jones | | 2025-04-28 |
| Andrew Saunders | | 2021-02-22 |
| James Keith Willis Gadd | | 2021-02-22 |
| John Richard Boulter | | 2021-02-22 |

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FORD TO HUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY
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Report of the Trustees for the year to 31st December, 2025

Members of the Trustee Board at 31st December, 2025

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|-------------------|---|
| Chair | Elaine Cordingley |
| Secretary | Richard Boulter |
| Treasurer | Denise Ramshaw (until end of year) |
| Deputy Chair | Andy Jones (from June 2025) |
| Individual Member | James Gadd |
| Individual Member | Andy Kuhler (Resigned April 2025) |
| Individual Member | Allen Misselbrook (Chair of Trustee Meetings) |
| Individual Member | Andrew Saunders |

Independent Examiner (Not required as income under £ 25,000)

Bankers

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Report of the Trustees

The Trustee Board presents its report for its third reporting period of 12 months to 31st December, 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

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Ford to Hunston Canal Society's Objects according to its Constitution are as follows:

- (1) To promote for the benefit of the public the preservation, restoration, improvement, enhancement, and maintenance of the historical and architectural heritage of the Portsmouth & Arundel Canal, within the Arun and Chichester Districts of West Sussex, between Ford and Hunston, including the Burndell Bridge;
- (2) To advance the education of the public in the history and architecture of the heritage of the Portsmouth & Arundel Canal between Ford and Hunston, working with local educational institutions to enhance knowledge in the history of the Canal heritage along this section of the Canal.

The delivery of these Objects is the responsibility of the existing seven Trustees, three of them concurrently acting as the Executive Committee of Ford to Hunston Canal Society through holding the three Executive positions of: Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

As ever, our appreciation goes to the ongoing supporters of the Society, and to Committee members in particular, and we note Andy Jones coming on board formally, as our Deputy Chair. We also thank Denise Ramshaw, our departing Treasurer, and look forward to her continuing help on canal matters as a Councillor in Aldingbourne Parish.

Aims and Objectives

The “Aims” of the Ford to Hunston Canal Society with effect from 1st May, 2023, are:

Aim 1 – to record information relating to the Ford to Hunston section of the Portsmouth and Arundel Navigation (“the canal”) and associated waterways;

Aim 2 – to maintain access to the canal footpaths and restored remains;

Aim 3 – to preserve, restore and maintain the line of the canal and features along it;

Aim 4 – to support the establishment of a “Greenway” along the route of the Ford to Hunston Canal if it substantially preserves the line of the canal and the features along it.

These “Aims” are seen as fitting within the Constitution’s Objects as set out above, and agreed with the Charity Commission.

Activities and Achievements

In addition to the 2024 AGM held on 3rd April, 2025, there were 5 (2024: 9) Committee meetings held during the year.

Lobbying on maintaining the line and features of the canal continued as one focus of the Society’s activities. In particular, the Society was represented at the regular meetings of the Vistry Community Liaison Group on the Ford Landings Airfield Development site relevant to both Ford and Yapton Parishes, and attended the Arun District Council Planning Committee where 3 sections obtained reserved matters approval.

On the Charmans Field development site, North Mundham Parish, a condition of the outline proposal was approved to construct a new permissive path along the old canal route which, subject to reserved matters approval, will be implemented in due course alongside the development site with landowner approval.

Another focus of the Society includes preserving its features along the 9-10 mile canal stretch. This year activities at the Drove Lane development site in Yapton Parish included the removal and placing of canal bridge stone artefacts into the Sheep Field in front of the site, and the installation of a temporary Signboard opposite the entrance. Other “workdays” included maintenance work on the Denges Barn embankment, and at Merston bridges at St Giles and Park Lane, and at Stewart Bridge in Barnham Parish. At the end of the year, the Society re-stained the upright wooden posts holding the previously installed Signboards as part of maintenance activities.

In terms of our “public benefit” objective, Education activities included a Guided Walk on 24th May, and separate attendance at Exhibitions in Yapton and North Mundham Parishes on 12th July.

Financial Review

The financial accounts for the period ending 31st December 2025 are set out on page 7. These show a deficit of £ 34 (2024: Surplus £ 1,394) comprising individual donations and revenue raised at Guided Walks, Exhibitions, and the sale of our Walking leaflet.

The Society’s insurance cover from Travellers Insurance Company Ltd includes public liability and professional indemnity insurance.

Statement of Trustees’ responsibilities

The Trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of the financial year, and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities’ Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its work.

The trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity, and which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity’s transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006/Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provision of Ford to Hunston Canal Society’s constitution.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees of Ford to Hunston Canal Society on 9th April, 2026 and will be uploaded to the Charities Commission website in due course.

(Signed)

Elaine Cordingley (Chairman & Trustee)

Ford to Hunston Canal Society CIO

Statement of Financial Activities

Receipts & Payments Account for Period ending 31st December, 2025

| | Note | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|--|------|---------------|--------------|
| Receipts | 1 | | |
| Membership Fees | 2 | 150 | 150 |
| Other Individual Donations | | -- | 11 |
| Donation from Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal | 3 | 25 | 351 |
| Corporate Donations | 3 | | 1,000 |
| Income from Exhibitions & Guided Walks and sale of booklets | 4 | 58 | 268 |
| Payments | | | |
| Insurance & IWA subscription | 6 | 261 | 257 |
| Cost of Booklets, Printing, & Materials | 7 | - | 199 |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) | | £ (34) | 1,324 |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December, 2005

Assets

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Closing Bank Account | 2786 | 2,881 |
| Add: Cash from Walking Leaflets to be deposited after year end | 42 | 0 |
| Adjusted Bank Account as at 31 st December 2025 | 2828 | 2,881 |
| (NB. No of walking leaflets in stock as at 31.12.25 = 65) | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | £ 2,828 | £ 2,881 |

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Elaine Cordingley, Chair & Trustee

Dated 9th April, 2026

Ford to Hunston Canal Society CIO

Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 2025

Receipts & Payments Account for Period ending 31st December, 2025

1. Receipts & Payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Cash received and cash spent will include transactions through the CIO bank account.

2. Directors' Donations

During the 2025 year, Annual Membership subscriptions of £ 15 each were typically donated by all Trustees and Committee Members.

3. Grants

No grants were received in 2024 from public authorities. A donation was provided from the Burndell Bridge Society bank account, on its closing, to reflect the merging of that organisation with the Ford to Hunston Canal Society during the year.

4. Income

During the year income was received from sales of food and beverages, via Exhibitions and Guided Walk, and from the sale of the Society's Walking Guide.

5. Gift Aid

In March, 2022 Burndell Bridge Society (now renamed as the Ford to Hunston Canal Society) applied for and successfully obtained an HMRC Charities Reference Number (ZD15917), which will be used to claim eligible Gift Aid payments in future.

6. Trustees' Remuneration & CIO Expenditure

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period, and there was modest expenditure by the CIO on insurance and membership of the Inland Waterways Association, with other modest costs being covered by Directors and other supporters on a voluntary basis.

9th April, 2026

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Report of the Trustees for the year to 31st December, 2024

Members of the Trustee Board at 31st December, 2024

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| Secretary | Richard Boulter |
| Treasurer | Denise Ramshaw |
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| Individual Member | Andy Kuhler |
| Individual Member | Allen Misselbrook (Chair of Trustee Meetings) |
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Report of the Trustees

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Structure, Governance and Management

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- (2) To advance the education of the public in the history and architecture of the heritage of the Portsmouth & Arundel Canal working with local educational institutions to enhance the history of the Canal heritage in and around Yapton.

The delivery of these Objects is the responsibility of the existing seven Trustees, three of them concurrently acting as the Executive Committee of Ford to Hunston Canal Society through holding the three Executive positions of: Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Aims and Objectives

The “Aims” of the Ford to Hunston Canal Society with effect from 1st May, 2023, are:

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These “Aims” are seen as fitting within the Constitution’s Objects as set out above, and agreed with the Charity Commission.

Activities and Achievements

In addition to the 2023 AGM held on 3rd June, 2024, there were 9 (2023: 6) Committee meetings held during the year.

The Society’s principal activities included lobbying on maintaining the line and features of the canal through addressing planning procedures and issues relating to Ford Landings (Ford Parish), and Charmans Field (North Mundham Parish).

6 (2023: 5) work days were held to maintain access to footpaths and restored remains, and further printing of its Walk leaflet were arranged. While 2 Signboards were replaced, no progress was made on siting a set of new signboards. Exhibitions on the Canal were held in Aldingbourne and Yapton, and a Heritage day contributed to at Yapton Anglican church.

Other highlights of the year included repairing a small portion of the parapet at Tack Lee Bridge, Yapton, and Guided Walks between Barnham and Ford, and around the Ford Landings site.

On administration, a new Bank Account was opened, a Sum-Up machine for FHCS activated, and a Committee WhatsApp group was streamlined to Committee members. On communications, Quarterly Newsletters were instituted and disseminated to Parish Councils. A Photo-opportunity was arranged with Barratts at Tack Lee Bridge, following a donation of £ 1,000 by Barratts to the Society.]

Public benefit

In terms of our second Object, the education of the public on the heritage and history of the canal, our participation in exhibitions increased, this year including both Aldingbourne and Yapton.

Financial Review

The financial accounts for the period ending 31st December 2024 are set out on page 7. These show a surplus of **£ 1,324** (2023: £ 297) comprising individual donations and revenue raised at Guided Walks, Exhibitions, and the sale of our Walking leaflet.

The Society's insurance cover from Travellers Insurance Company Ltd includes public liability and professional indemnity insurance.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of the financial year, and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

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The trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity, and which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006/Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provision of Ford to Hunston Canal Society's constitution.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees of Ford to Hunston Canal Society on 3rd April, 2025 and will be uploaded to the Charities Commission website in due course.

(Signed)

Elaine Cordingley (Chairman & Trustee)

Ford to Hunston Canal Society CIO

Statement of Financial Activities

Receipts & Payments Account for Period ending 31st December, 2024

| | Note | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|------|----------------|--------------|
| Receipts | 1 | | |
| Membership Fees | 2 | 150 | 90 |
| Other Individual Donations | | 11 | |
| Donation from Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal | 3 | 351 | |
| Corporate Donations | 3 | 1,000 | |
| Income from Exhibitions & Guided Walks | 4 | 108 | 306 |
| Sale of Booklets | 4 | 160 | |
| Estimated Gift Aid to be applied for from HMRC | 5 | - | 25 |
| Payments | | | |
| Insurance & IWA subscription | 6 | 257 | (124) |
| Cost of Booklets, Printing, & Materials | 7 | 199 | |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) | | £ 1,324 | £ 297 |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December, 2004

Cash Assets

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Bank Accounts as at 31 st December | 2,881 | 1,557 |
| Membership Fee for 2022 Accrued | - | 15 |
| Gift Aid to be applied for (HMRC) | - | 325 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | £ 2,881 | £ 1,897 |

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed

Elaine Cordingley, Chair & Trustee

Dated 3rd April, 2025

Ford to Hunston Canal Society CIO

Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 2024

Receipts & Payments Account for Period ending 31st December, 2024

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2. Directors' Donations

During the 2024 year, Annual Membership subscriptions of £ 15 each were typically donated by all Trustees and Committee Members.

3. Grants

No grants were received in 2024 from public authorities. A donation was provided from the Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal to reflect the merging of that organisation with the Ford to Hunston Canal Society during the year.

4. Income

During the year income was received from sales of food and beverages, and branded hi-vis jackets, via Exhibitions and Guided Walks, and from the sale of the Society's Walking Guide.

5. Gift Aid

In March, 2022 Burndell Bridge Society (now renamed as the Ford to Hunston Canal Society) applied for and successfully obtained an HMRC Charities Reference Number (ZD15917), which will be used to claim eligible Gift Aid payments in future. The Charity has up to 4 years to apply for this Gift Aid payments. Credit for these amounts due will be taken when received.

6. Trustees' Remuneration & CIO Expenditure

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period, and there was modest expenditure by the CIO during this first year on materials, insurance and printing, with other modest costs being covered by Directors and other supporters on a voluntary basis.

3rd April, 2025

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The delivery of these Objects is the responsibility of the existing seven Trustees, three of them concurrently acting as the Executive Committee of Ford to Hunston Canal Society through holding the three Executive positions of: Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Following discussions with a local community group, the Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal, the Society has agreed with the Friends that the name of Burndell Bridge Society should be changed to "Ford to Hunston Canal Society", with effect from 1st May, 2023, and its Objects should be extended to include activities in both Arun District Council and Chichester District Council areas.

These changes (Change of name and geographic reach) were approved by the Charity Commission on 26th April, 2023, and registered with effect from 1st May, 2023.

Aims and Objectives

As agreed in discussions between Burndell Bridge Society and the Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal the “Aims” of the renamed Ford to Hunston Canal Society with effect from 1st May, 2023, are:

Aim 1 – to record information relating to the Ford to Hunston section of the Portsmouth and Arundel Navigation (“the canal”) and associated waterways;

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These “Aims” are seen as fitting within the Constitution’s Objects as set out above, and agreed with the Charity Commission.

Activities and Achievements

In addition to the 2022 AGM held on 6th April, 2023, there were six Committee or Trustee meetings held during the year. Significant milestones included the change of name to the Ford to Hunston Society, and the broadening of its geographic focus to include Chichester District in addition to Arun District. Two additional Trustees were appointed, and an annual membership fee of £ 15.00 was agreed.

The Society’s principal activities included lobbying on maintaining the line and features of the canal through addressing planning procedures and issues relating to Ford Landings (Ford Parish), Drove Lane (Yapton Parish), and Charmans Field (North Mundham Parish). Four work days were held (in combination with the Friends) to maintain access to footpaths and restored remains, and the Society’s seven signboards along the route were monitored, and further printing of its Walk leaflet were arranged. An exhibition on the Canal was mounted in association with the Yapton and Ford History Group on 24th June.

On communications, Society members attended Parish Meetings in Aldingbourne, Ford and Yapton, and we sought to increase posts on the Society’s facebook pages leading to an increased facebook membership of over 100 by 2024. While we do not yet have a Society representative focused on all 8 of the parishes where the Canal has a presence, we now have a stronger presence in Aldingbourne and Ford, as well as Yapton.

Public benefit

In terms of our second Object, the education of the public on the heritage and history of the canal, our participation in exhibitions is expected to increase during 2024. We also expect to increase our presence in the local media during the next year.

Financial Review

The financial accounts for the period ending 31st December 2023 are set out on page 7. These show an income of **£ 297** comprising individual donations and revenue raised at Guided Walks, Exhibitions, and the sale of a walking leaflet.

The Society's insurance cover has been enhanced, for example to include personal and public liability, legal costs, and coverage for exhibitions.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of the financial year, and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:-

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This report was approved by the Board of Trustees of Ford to Hunston Canal Society on 13th May, 2024.

(Signed)

Andrew Saunders (Chairman & Trustee)

Ford to Hunston Canal Society CIO

Statement of Financial Activities

Receipts & Payments Account for Period ending 31st December, 2023

| | Note | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|------|--------------|----------------|
| Receipts | 1 | | |
| Membership Fees & Donations | 2 | 90 | 250 |
| Other Individual Donations | | | 1,000 |
| Grant from Yapton Parish Council | 3 | | 50 |
| Income from Exhibitions & Guided Walks | 4 | 306 | |
| Estimated Gift Aid to be applied for from HMRC | 5 | 25 | 300 |
| Payments | | | |
| Insurance | 6 | (124) | - |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) | | £ 297 | £ 1,600 |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December, 2003

Cash Assets

| | | |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| Bank Account as at 31 st December | 1,557 | 1,300 |
| Membership Fee for 2022 Accrued | 15 | |
| Gift Aid to be applied for (HMRC) | 25 | 300 |
| Reserves brought forward (Gift Aid) | 300 | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | £ £ 1,897 | £ 1,600 |

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed

_____ Dated 13th May, 2024

Andrew Saunders, Chairman & Trustee

Ford to Hunston Canal Society CIO

Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 2023
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2. Directors' Donations

During the 2023 year, Annual Membership subscriptions of £ 15 each were typically donated by all Trustees.

3. Grants

No grants were received from public authorities.

4. Income

During the year income was received from sales of food and beverages, and branded hi-vis jackets, at a Guided Walk, a Yapton and Ford Exhibition, and the sale of the Society's Walking Guide, with some of this income deriving from the work of the associate group, the Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal.

5. Gift Aid

In March, 2022 Burndell Bridge Society (now renamed as the Ford to Hunston Canal Society) applied for and successfully obtained an HMRC Charities Reference Number (ZD15917), which will be used to claim eligible Gift Aid payments during 2023 and onwards. The Charity has up to 4 years to apply for this Gift Aid payments.

6. Trustees' Remuneration & CIO Expenditure

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period, and there was no expenditure by the CIO during this first year, with any modest costs being covered by Directors and other supporters.

13th May, 2024

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Ford to Hunston Canal Society

England & Wales - Charity number 1197159

Accounts

Charity number 1197159

**BURNDILL BRIDGE SOCIETY
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

Annual Report and Accounts

31st December, 2022

BURNDILL BRIDGE SOCIETY
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Report and Accounts

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BURNDILL BRIDGE SOCIETY
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

**Report of the Trustees for the period 16th December, 2021 to 31st
December, 2022**

Members of the Trustee Board at 31st December, 2021

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| Chair | Andrew Saunders |
| Secretary | James Gadd |
| Treasurer | Richard Boulter |
| Individual Member | Allen Misselbrook |
| Individual Member | Andy Kuhler (from 23 rd February 2022) |
| Individual Member | Roger Thomson (Resigned February 2022) |

Independent Examiner (Not required as income under £ 25,000)

Bankers

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Business Banking
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BX1 1LT

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Yapton
Arundel
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Registered Charity Number

1197159

Report of the Trustees

The Trustee Board presents its report for its first reporting period of 16th December, 2021 through to 31st December, 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

Burndell Bridge Society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and was registered by the Charity Commission on 16 December, 2021. It has a Trustee Board which was appointed by the five founding Trustees, who are ultimately accountable for the conduct of the organisation.

Burndell Bridge Society's Objects according to its Constitution agreed on 16th December, 2021 are as follows:

- (1) To promote for the benefit of the public the preservation, restoration, improvement, enhancement, and maintenance of the historical and architectural heritage of the Portsmouth & Arundel Canal within the Arun District of West Sussex, including Burndell Bridge;
- (2) To advance the education of the public in the history and architecture of the heritage of the Portsmouth & Arundel Canal working with local educational institutions to enhance the history of the Canal heritage in and around Yapton.

The delivery of these Objects is the responsibility of the existing five Trustees, three of them concurrently acting as the Executive Committee of Burndell Bridge Society through holding the three Executive positions of BBS: Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Following discussions with a local community group, the Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal, the Society has agreed with the Friends that the name of Burndell Bridge Society should be changed to "Ford to Hunston Canal Society", and its Objects should be extended to include activities in both Arun District Council and Chichester District Council areas, with the overall objective to merge the current activities of the two institutions.

These changes, and others discussed below, are conditional on the Charity Commission approving both the change of name, and the change in the Objects in terms of geographic reach (ie. both Chichester as well as Arun Districts) of Burndell Bridge Society early in 2023.

Aims and Objectives

Burndell Bridge Society (BBS) has the explicit purpose of saving and restoring Burndell Bridge, Yapton, West Sussex, and subsequently helping to maintain such heritage assets in Yapton area.

Related aims and objectives include restoring the bridge to its former glory whilst if possible also creating a useable pathway underneath it linking Navigation Drive to Downview Road for all users.

Aims and objectives will be updated with agreement of executives and trustees to reflect the conclusion of discussions with The Friends of the old Ford to Hunston Canal during the current year, 2023.

Activities and Achievements

Our pre-incorporation and early activities included obtaining Charity Commission registration, opening a bank account, registering for Gift Aid, and obtaining advice from Voluntary Action Arun & Chichester and the Inland Waterways Association.

A second field visit to Burndell Bridge from experts from the Inland Waterways Association (IWA) was achieved in January, 2022, and a revised plan for restoration work was created, entitled "The Addendum" to the original IWA report.

Initial low-key fund-raising was commenced, leading to the current situation in funds of the Society totalling £ 1,300 in credit as at 31st December, 2022.

Discussions between the Society and the Bridge landowners, Emerald Gardens (Yapton) Management Company Ltd (EGYMC), did not progress at all during 2021 and 2022, although EGYMC were able to separately achieve their main objective, tackling the anti-social behaviour around the bridge site. We have continued to make ourselves available, and expressed this publicly and privately in multiple available forums.

The year ended on a more hopeful note, with Yapton Parish Council taking a key mediation role in attempting to take forward the aim of restoring the bridge through encouraging all parties to work together. All but one councillors support restoration.

In respect to future plans, BBS is in the process of agreeing jointly a Statement of Aims and Objectives with the Executives of the Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal, and these will contribute to plans and activities for the re-naming of BBS to Ford to Hunston Canal Society. These plans and activities will be implemented by the Executive Officers of Ford to Hunston Canal Society, to be confirmed later in 2023, overseen by the Board of Trustees.

I would like to take this opportunity to send my thanks to my fellow Trustees, the many Burndell Bridge Society supporters who attend our meetings and contribute regularly to our Facebook page, and hope that you will continue to support us during the coming year.

Public benefit

The Burndell Bridge Society Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on how BBS provides "public benefit", and in particular to the requirements of the Charities Act & Charity Reporting Regulations.

In 2022, Burndell Bridge Society continued to lay the foundations for promoting conservation and preservation work by local people in Arun District, and Yapton in particular. BBS participated in events such as Yapton & Ford Local History Group's exhibition in August, and alongside the Chichester Ship Canal Trust's bicentenary walk from Ford to Barnham, organised by the Friends of the Old Ford to Hunston Canal in May.

BBS also organised meetings involving elected members from Yapton Parish Council, Arun District Council, and the UK Parliament. These meetings were held with the objective of highlighting the industrial heritage of the canal age, centred on Burndell Bridge in Yapton, and on the other remains of the Canal in the village.

Financial Review

The financial accounts for the period ending 31st December 2022 are set out on page 8. These show an income of **£ 1,300** comprising individual donations, and a £ 50 donation from Yapton Parish Council. In addition to these sources, a Gift Aid payment will be payable during 2023 from donations in 2021-2022. No expenditure took place in the period, so Reserves also comprise £ 1,300, plus Gift Aid still due, estimate £ 300.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of the financial year, and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:-

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its work.

The trustees are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity, and which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006/Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provision of Burndell Bridge Society's constitution.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees of Burndell Bridge Society on X date in March, 2023.

(Signed)

Andrew Saunders

Chair

Burdell Bridge Society CIO
Statement of Financial Activities

Receipts & Payments Account for Period ending 31st December, 2022

| | Note | £ |
|---|------|----------------|
| Receipts | 1 | |
| Donations: | | |
| Directors' Donations | 2 | 250 |
| Other Individual Donations | | 1,000 |
| Grant from Yapton Parish Council | 3 | 50 |
| Total Cash at Period End | | £ 1,300 |
| Estimated Gift Aid to be applied for from HMRC | 4 | £ 300 |
| Total Assets | | £ 1,600 |
| Payments | 5 | £ Nil |
| TOTAL ASSETS AT YEAR END | | £ 1,600 |

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st December, 2002

Cash Assets

| | |
|--|---------|
| Bank Account | £ 1,300 |
| Gift Aid to be applied for (HMRC) | £ 300 |

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|--------------------|-----|
| Liabilities | Nil |
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These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by: Signed

_____ Dated _____

Andrew Saunders, Chairman & Trustee

Burndell Bridge Society CIO

Notes to the Accounts for the period ended 31st December, 2022 Receipts & Payments Account for Period ending 31st December, 2022

1. Receipts & Payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through the CIO bank account.

2. Directors' Donations

During the first year of the CIO's activities, the Directors donated £ 50 each, in addition to one Director donating the equivalent amount in kind, through covering the costs of a publicity leaflet at the time of the Yapton Fair in August 2022.

3. Grants

During the first year, Yapton Parish Council made a donation of £ 50 towards the costs of the Canal exhibition held at Yapton & Ford Parish Hall in August, 2022.

4. Gift Aid

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24th February, 2023 (Version 3, Draft)

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