

GREENSIDE GREENWAY

England & Wales · Charity number 1197601

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-01-20

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS ARE TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE COMMUNITY, THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROVISION OF SAFE ROUTES, PATHS AND FACILITIES FOR CYCLING, WALKING AND OTHER FORMS OF LOW ENERGY TRANSPORT AND TO UNDERTAKE AND CARRY OUT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF A CHARITABLE NATURE WHICH WILL ASSIST IN PROMOTING HEALTHY RECREATION AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: Working around the town of Pudsey we aim to promote and encourage for the public benefit in the community, the development & provision of safe routes, paths and facilities for cycling, walking and other forms of low energy transport and to undertake and carry out projects and activities of a charitable nature which will assist in promoting healthy recreation and the protection of the environment.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bradford City
- Leeds City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,637	£1,822	-	-
2024-03-31	£1,182	£96	-	-
2023-03-31	£1,182	£96	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew James Wilson		2021-11-25
Denise Ann Hanson JP		2021-11-25
Gary Lemal		2021-11-25
George Leslie Dyker		2024-05-12
Lee Carter Bsc		2021-11-25
Susan Jennifer Jarosz		2024-05-12
Timothy Francis Devereux		2024-05-12

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Thank you for your ongoing support of this group promoting the low energy use of Pudsey's old railway line.

We meet again in the upstairs room of the Royal Hotel, Station Street. Thank you to our hosts. There will be a slide presentation, during which you will be able to ask questions and find out what is happening with the route.

It is just 12 months since Andy Jarosz stepped down as chair of Greenside Greenway Community Interest Organisation. The group had just had the [unveiling of the Heritage Information Boards](#), by West Yorkshire Mayor Tracy Brabin, with Pudsey councillor Trish Smith in attendance.

Highlighting the route of the former Pudsey Loop railway to the combined authority has possibly helped identify Pudsey and the greenway as a route option for the proposed Mass Transit Scheme, which will include a modern tram system connecting Leeds and Bradford.

There are a number of stakeholders involved in the choice of the preferred routes for the Mass Transit Scheme. These include Leeds City Council, Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council, home owners, businesses, WY Passenger Transport Executive, WY Highways, to name a few, however Greenside Greenway CIO also has a voice as a stakeholder body.

Over the last 12 months the committee, appointed by the trustees appointed at last year's AGM have continued to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held in the Royal, Station Street, and we are always happy for others who are interested to join in.

David Dixon has taken on secretarial duties for both the committee and the trustees.

David has also completed a booklet guiding users along the Greenside Greenway from Mount Pleasant through the Crimbles, Lowtown to Greenside, along Smalewell, down the path to the track-bed along the Embankment to Black Hey, before returning to Pudsey via the beck, Alexandra Road and Tofts.

The booklet will be added to the [Greenside Greenway website](#).

Greenside Greenway have continued to widen some of the most overgrown pathways. There were some paths which had greenery growing from both sides into the middle.



Volunteers now believe that all the paths are wide enough for two people to walk along side by side. It will also be easier when meeting someone coming in the opposite direction.

Last year we had a balsam bash a little later than ideal. Our next balsam bash will be Saturday, 4 June meeting at 10am by the Fox and Grapes pub. Hopefully it will be after the plants are tall enough to find amongst other plants and before they are in full flower.

David Dixon looked at a strategic plan for the Greenside Greenway and put together a document to clarify direction for us and help us coordinate our activities.

This strategic plan was reviewed and accepted by the committee. It includes analysis of the different uses and potential uses for the greenway and identifies opportunities, demand and risk.

Three goals were also set: the preservation of historical infrastructure, securing access for users and securing an unhindered greenway route.

The plan also looked at funding, engaging with other groups and targeting individuals with specific skills or knowledge. An operational plan was also defined with goals, divided into stages utilising individual responsibility and set time scales.



Last May we attended Pudsey Carnival and the model train travelling through a miniature Greenside Tunnel was very popular. Andy Wilson has further improved the layout for this year's carnival.

Our friends in Litter Free Pudsey have continued their excellent work in keeping the footpaths and roads of Pudsey clear. Once frequent mass litter picks along the Greenway are no longer required, but individuals still litter pick from time to time.

We have in previous years had consultants from various bodies look at the infrastructure we have along the greenway and they have looked at improving junctions to encourage cycling and low energy transport.

In some cases this is straightforward, perhaps adjusting a corner to improve line of sight making it safer for different user types. In other instances steps could be replaced with a slope making it easier for wheelchairs and bicycles.

Where a path comes to a road there is a need for a barrier to prevent cyclists from whizzing straight across. Many of the junctions are quite complex, combining the requirements of road users, pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.



Closed: Greenside Tunnel. Photo: John Baron

The possibility of Mass Transit utilising the Greenway makes it prudent to wait and see what happens.

If a tram line is installed then accommodation will need to be made for other users. This isn't just a wish but a health and safety necessity which the WYCA is fully aware of.

If a tram can go over a bridge, through a tunnel or along a stretch of former railway so can a pedestrian, cyclist or horse and rider with this in mind any tram system will include creating a parallel route for other users.

The effect of the parallel pathway means that if the Mass Transit Scheme is to come through Pudsey a large part of the creation of a fully functioning greenway will be undertaken with the construction of the tramway.

The reason many cycleways don't get used as fully as they might is because they are not well connected. Cyclists in Pudsey have to get to the Leeds & Bradford Cycle SuperHighway before they can use it.

Travelling to the centre of Pudsey you can go up Richardshaw Lane with the steep hill and parked cars to negotiate.

Coming from Leeds will include Swinnow Road and Lowtown with parked cars an little opportunity for safe overtaking. Cyclists returning from Bradford will also have had to brave being overtaken too closely and negotiate parked cars.

We do not know what will happen with the the Mass Transit scheme so we will continue to maintain the old railway line through Pudsey, we will continue to liaise with the combined authority and their consultants.

The group would like to see trams along the greenway, as this is a good way to fulfill our aims of creating a greenway through Pudsey. The group is very aware of the concerns of residents along the route who may in the short term be affected to their serious detriment.

The group does not support the development of the Tong and Fulneck Valley or development of Black Carr Woods.

What happens if WYCA decides following all the consultations not to bring the Mass Transit Scheme through Pudsey? It is my belief that even if the trams are to run along Stanningley Road and the A647 into Bradford then the Pudsey Loop will be preserved for future expansion of the tram network.

As Chair of Greenside Greenway, I have met with West Yorkshire Mayor Tracy Brabin on more than one occasion and I am very pleased at her enthusiasm for Mass Transit in West Yorkshire. She is awaiting the end of the consultation before she reveals the preferred routes.



In January I met with the Chancellor of the Exchequer at 11 Downing Street where she asked me about the Greenside Greenways relationship towards Mass Transit. I assured her we were very supportive of the route through Pudsey, though we did have concerns around those residents who would suffer serious disruption. Rachel Reeves is the MP for Pudsey and meeting her at Downing Street was a huge privilege.



In conclusion, although I am standing down as a Trustee of the Greenside Greenway CIO, I look forward to continuing being the Chair of the working group. Once we have a decision from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority as to the Mass Transit route we will be able to focus more clearly on our objectives.

I would like to personally thank David Dixon, Judith Wardle and George Dyker for their unerring support and continued enthusiasm for the Greenside Greenway along with the rest of the committee.

Gary Lemal.

Greenside Greenway		YE2025		YE2024	
Annual Accounts	£	£		£	£
	INCOME				
			£4,267.28		
	Funds from Virgin to Unity account				
	Donation & Fundraising		£525.00		£181.60
	Loans*				£1,000.00
	Grant from Leeds CC		£2,112.00		
	EXPENDITURE				
	Funds from Virgin to Unity account	£4,267.28			
	Information boards	£1,760.00			
	Bank Service Charge	£62.17			
	Stall Fees			£22.00	
	Fundraising prizes			£74.00	£96.00
	Totals	£6,089.45	£6,904.28	£96.00	£1,277.60
	(LOSS)/SURPLUS TO PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		£814.83		£1,181.60
	Total balance at 1st April 2024	£2,156.28	(a)		
	Total balance at 1st April 2025	£2,704.11	(b)		
	(b) - (a) =	£547.83			

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CAMPAIGN UPDATE 2024

We have campaigned and organised on several different fronts as we strive to make Greenside Greenway a reality. Here is an overview of our activities since January 2023, as Covid restrictions were finally relaxed.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To promote and encourage for the public benefit in the community, the development and provision of safe routes, paths and facilities for cycling, walking and other forms of low energy transport.
- To undertake and carry out projects and activities of a charitable nature, which will assist in promoting healthy recreation and the protection of the environment.
- To fund a feasibility study into the costs and practicalities of the construction of a greenway path, available for cyclists and walkers through the Greenside Tunnel. If feasible, in terms of costs and funding, to secure the eventual construction of the Greenway
- To secure the eventual linkage of the Greenway to the Leeds Cycleway at Stanningley, and to the Spen Valley Greenway at Oakenshaw, by constructing a Greenway linking through Tyersal, Holmewood and Low Moor railway station.

- To liaise with and lobby all relevant organisations who can help and assist with the eventual construction of the Greenway.
- We aim to promote and encourage for the public benefit in the community, the development & provision of safe routes, paths and facilities for cycling, walking and other forms of low energy transport and to undertake and carry out projects and activities of a charitable nature which will assist in promoting healthy recreation and the protection of the environment

CHARITABLE STATUS

We completed the application process to the Charity Commissioners, who confirmed our status in January 2022. There are now two distinct parts of the organization. The Trustees of the Charity (Number 1197601) have to file transparent accounts and reports which are reported and published on-line, while the Greenway Committee continues to steer and organise activities.

ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNING ACTIVITIES

- No **litter picks** of the route were organised because many local groups do them already, but a programme of **guided walks** of the entire route will be scheduled this year. We have produced an informative map of the route created by a local illustrator, as well as a detailed walking guide with maps and hints, which will soon be available.
- We have also **cut down vegetation** along the path route and have identified two broken benches 'which have been discovered'. We have recently been given permission to repair and restore these two benches, and there are plans to build others.
- **Problems with illegal bikes**, We have posted notices to report illegal quad and motor bikes in Black Carr Woods/Fulneck and on the embankment. We have also liaised with West Yorkshire Police on this.
- **Highways England**, (owner of the Tunnel) We reported insecure gates, and requested them to fit more secure locks. Works are now completed to prevent anti-social activities. We have applied for permission to lead guided

walks through the tunnel and are awaiting a positive response.

- **Heritage Display Boards for Lowtown and Greenside stations**, We have been allocated funding by Leeds City Council for two new heritage information boards, thanks to diligent campaigning by Councillor Trish Smith. These boards were unveiled in April by West Yorkshire Mayor Tracey Brabin. We were been promised a bench seat at each site, with completion expected later this year.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

- **Social events**. Over £100 was raised at Pudsey Carnival, and a smaller amount was collected at the Scarecrow Festival in Pudsey Park.
- **Applications for fundraising**. Over the last 12 months we have made applications to City Connect, and local charities. We have also approached Sustrans to consider funding a feasibility study for phases 2/3. So far with no success.

PLANNING ITEMS

We have objected to the extra two dwellings built (retrospective planning application in 2021) by EP homes which were ignored, additional landfill, and that no seeding has taken place which was one of the conditions made when the partial infill was granted in 2017.

We have commented on a planning application on phase 2 of the route near Varleys Yard/Kent Road housing development and re-requested 5 metres of additional land next to the current top footpath.

We objected to plans by Omega Stone to change their showroom by asking for footpath from Glebe Mount to Carlisle Road to be re-opened, after its illegal closure. Developments in this area needs to be closely monitored

ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Progressing the Feasibility Study.** We have had a meeting with the WY Combined Authority and Leeds City Council, to get the route into the next batch of Walking and Cycling Infrastructure plans.
- **Phase 2/3 Stanningley to Mount Pleasant Road - Carlisle Road.** At the same meeting it was suggested we consider progressing these phases first, as most of route already has access, is not as expensive with minimal land issues. We will need funds for a feasibility study.
- **Other Organisations,** We are members of Leeds Parks and Countryside Forum, there are over 90 local groups within Leeds. We also keep in touch with other Greenway groups such as Elmet and Queensbury, Harrogate Cycling Forum, Leeds Ramblers Association .and other local groups such as Save Tong Valley, Litter Free Pudsey, Pudsey and District Civic Society.
- **Walking and Cycling works in Pudsey,** This project is to make links to New Pudsey rail station easier for residents and encourage more walking and cycling. We took part in a planning meeting, and asked for signage to be included as part of the phase 2/3 of the Greenway . Nothing has happened since.
- **Local Media promoting the Greenway.** Many thanks to West Leeds Dispatch for excellent articles on our plans.
- We operate and maintain a web site **greensidegreenway.org** have a Facebook page: **Greenside Greenway** and our Twitter account is at: **@greensidegreen**. With 1,500 followers.
- **Membership** for supporters of Greenside Greenway group is free and we have over 130 supporters.
- **Committee meetings** are held monthly at the Royal Hotel and we have an active committee working on different issues.
- **The current committee** is made up from people local to Pudsey: Chair: Andrew Jarosz*, Vice Chair: Gary Lemal*, Secretary: Martin Stanley*, Treasurer; Tim Devereaux*, Membership Secretary: Andy Wilson*, Other committee

members are: Lee Carter*, David Dixon, Chris Dunford-Kelk*, George Dyker*, Suzie Jarosz* Fiz Lemal, Denise Hanson, Judy Wardle* **Members with asterisks are also Charity Trustees.**

FAREWELLS and RETURNS

Sadly three members are leaving the Trustees, this year. All are staying

on the committee.

Andrew Jarosz, founder member and Chair from 2017 is leaving, because there is a three-year membership term, but remains supportive, and will remain on the committee.

Judy Wardle is standing down as Trustee, because of the three-year rule, and will remain on the committee.

Chris Dunford-Kelk is standing down as Trustee, because of the three-year rule, and will remain on the committee.

Denise Hanson, elected at the first AGM in 2018, returns to the Trustees after a one-year break.

May 2024

Greenside Greenway Treasurer's report, 2024

In March the committee agreed to set up a new bank account, with four signatories, two of whom will be needed to authorise any expenditure, and we chose Unity Trust Bank as some of us have used it with other organisations and it has a good reputation. I am pleased to report that the lengthy process of setting up a new bank account is almost complete. The signatories will put their names to the account application submission form tonight and then I will send it to Unity along with other required documentation.

Tim Devereux

14/05/24

GREENSIDE GREENWAY DRAFT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT For the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations & Fundraising		181.60		260
Loans		1000.00		
EXPENDITURE				
Website Costs	-		153	
Post, Stationary & Printing costs	-		48	
Stall fees	22		20	
Fundraising prizes	74	96.00	46	267
(LOSS)/SURPLUS TO PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		1,085.60		(7)

Balance at 1st April 2023 £1,070.68 (a)
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T F Devereux
Treasurer

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Greenside Greenway Trustee Meeting

The Royal

11/4/2023

7.30pm

Charity Number: 1197601

Present: Andrew Jarosz (AJ), Lee Carter (LC), Martin Stanley (MS) (reporting), Gary Lemal (GL), Judy Wardle (JW), George Dyker (GD) , Tim Devereux (TD)

Apologies: Chris Dundford Kelk (CDK), Denise Hanson (DH), Charlotte Hobson (CH), Andrew Wilson (AW).

Observing: Suzy Jarosz

Current Trustees:

Chair: Andrew Jarosz

Gary Lemal

Martin Stanley

David Dowden

Andy Wilson

Lee Carter

Chris Dunford Kelk

Denise Hanson

Charlotte Hobson

Judy Wardle

Trustees Annual Report

Annual report was circulated. Comments made to AJ and he will update prior to AGM

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Annual Accounts

TD presented accounts. To be audited by Edward Pogmore, prior to the AGM.

Trustees replacement elections

To step down: DH, CH, David Dowden,

To continue: JW, LC, AJ, GL, MS, AJ, CDK

Recommended Trustees: GD, SJ, TiD

Future Dates

AGM 9th May 7.30pm The Royal

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