



Trustees Annual Report Year Ending 30 Nov 2024

Our Aims

The two key aims are-

- 1 Monitoring the water quality in the Great Ouse through Bedfordshire.
- 2 Increasing awareness of the problems of pollution in the river through education in schools.

Our testing programme will complete 2 full years in early 2025 and we have developed enough data to convince Bedford Borough Council and the Environment Agency that our work is of a very high standard and fully accepted. This work will continue into 2025 with the added investment in procuring monitors (“sondes”) that will give us 24/7 data on pollution “hot spots”.

In November 2024, we presented to a group of 50 school heads and one of the most influential schools (as it has a significant number of river users) wants to work with us.

Funding

Our reputation has led to grants from local and rural funds plus significant grants from Garfield Weston, National Highways and a local brewer, The Wells family funds all our laboratory testing costs. We are financially viable.

Volunteers

Our “Citizen Scientists” number around 30 and they all invariably turn out on testing mornings rain, hail or shine. We split the teams into 4 groups over the (current) 12 sites thus enabling us to

Achievements

We have now acquired 3 sondes and two are semi permanently in place up and down stream from a hot spot. We intend to use the data that they produce to illuminate doubt and argument about the potential sources of pollution and allow us and the Environment Agency to focus on the polluter(s).

Alan D Horn BSc BA(Hons) MBA
Chair



Accounts for Period 31st May 2023 to 30th November 2024

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Starting Bank Balance	£ 291	In-Situ Europe Sonde	£ 9,898
Start-Up Donations	£ 800	RS Hydro Proteus Sondes	£20,000
Bedford Borough Council	£11,302		£38,807
National Highways	£60,720	Totalling = £67,082	£ 8,275
Garfield Weston	£25,000	Simplex Labs / Glenfield Testing Labs	£ 4,800
Charles Wells	£14,000		£ 5,759
Bedford Rural Fund	£ 8,275	Totalling = £10,719	£ 160
Robinson Charity	£ 1,000	RS Hydro Installation costs	£ 2,133
Bank Interest	£ 20	Test Kits	£ 152
		Kayak	£ 549
(current bank balance 30/11	£28,004)	Kayak Trailer	£ 1,610
		Zurich Insurance	£ 314
		Sundry Expenses	£ 919
		Software Support	£ 28
TOTAL INCOME =	£121,117	TOTAL EXPENDITURE =	£ 93,404

Beginning Bank Balance £291 + Income £121,117 – Current Bank Balance £28,004
= Total expenditure over the year = £93,404

ASSETS

Proteus Sondes = £67,082
In-Situ Sonde = £ 9,898
Kayak + Trailer = £ 2,159

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5th March 2025

To Whom It May Concern

Re: The Income and Expenditure Accounts of BedsGovet, A Registered Charity (Reg.No 11198830)

Ernest Services Ltd , a registered HMRC Agent, has been asked by Trustees of the above charity to review/approve the charity's first set of accounts. This for its financial year ending 30th November, 2024.

Our Finance Director, Mike FitzGerald has agreed to the request – on a Pro Bono basis.

The charity is entitled to exemption from taxation and audit requirements

I can confirm that to the best of my knowledge, endeavours, and review the BedsGovet Charity has produced a true and fair "Income and Expenditure Account" for the period ending 30th November 2024. – see attached

Yours


Mike FitzGerald FCMA
Director, Ernest Services Limited

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