



Trustees Annual Report Year Ending 30 Nov 2025

Our Aims

- 1 Monitoring the water quality in the River Great Ouse through Bedfordshire.
- 2 Identifying the nature and sources of pollution in the river and informing the Environment Agency.
- 3 Working with and through the Environment Agency to ensure that our processes are legal and accurate.
- 4 Working with Bedfordshire Borough Council to ensure that the help we require in accessing testing sites are agreed.
- 5 Working with departments within Bedford Borough Council to identify potential sources of pollution from outfalls.
- 6 Increasing awareness of the problems of pollution in the river through education in schools and through local press.

Our testing programme will complete 3 full years in early 2026 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 2026 with the added investment in procuring or sharing monitors (“sondes”) that will give us 24/7 data on pollution “hot spots”.

We have successfully built a working relationship with the Geography and Environment Department of Birmingham University. We will be sharing equipment and data.

Funding

The Wells family continue to support us and we continue to seek funds to allow us to undertake increased testing as follows-

Dry Day testing

Water companies are not allowed to spill untreated sewage on dry days. They often do so and our programme will be to work with Birmingham University, using a series of mini sondes that will detect turbulence on dry days and inform us immediately thus allowing sampling.

Outfall Safari

We are fully aware that there are a number of sites where we record high levels of E.coli with no apparent source. We are undertaking a 2 year programme to identify outfalls and test the water at these points.

Extending the monthly testing programme

We will increase the sites to 20 thus covering the Great Ouse through the whole of Bedfordshire.

Volunteers

Our "citizen scientists" now number 40



Accounts for Period 30th November 2024 to 1st December 2025

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Starting Bank Balance	£28,004	RS Hydro Proteus Sondes support	£ 2,896
		E.Coli Testing laboratories	£ 4,675
DIL Motion	£ 1,375	Water Testing Chemicals	£ 2,788
National Highways	£ 8,275	Water Testing Equipment	£ 4,088
Charles Wells	£10,000	Admin & Website costs	£ 5,027
Bedford Rural Fund	£ 2,749	Insurance - Liability & Sonde insurance	£ 2,618
Wixamtree Charity	£10,000	Expenses	£ 2,075
Insurance credit	£ 618		
		TOTAL	£24,167
TOTAL	£33,017		
current bank balance 30/11	£36,854		
TOTAL INCOME =	£ 33,017	TOTAL EXPENDITURE =	£ 24,167

**Beginning Bank Balance £28,004 + Income £33,017 - Expenditure £24,167
= Current Bank Balance : £36,854**

ASSETS

In-Situ Sonde = £ 9,898
Kayak + Trailer = £ 2,159
Testing Equipment = £2,100

Independent Examiners Report : 2024-25

Bedfordshire Great Ouse Valley Environmental Trust



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