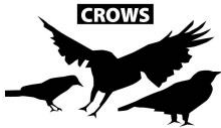


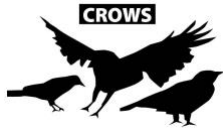
CROWS – Community Rights of Way Service

Charity number 1201645

Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024



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Trustees' report for the period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial period and up to and including the date the report was approved were:-

Name	Dates
Patricia Brennan	Appointed 03/01/2024
Peter Clarke	Resigned 24/04/2024
Alice Eleanor Green	Appointed 24/04/2024
Linda Joyce Heald	Appointed 26/04/2023
Jan Jeremy Langowski	Appointed 26/04/2023
David Purcell	Appointed 24/04/2024
Richard Guy Stephenson	Appointed 26/04/2023

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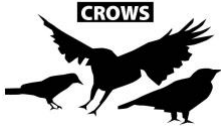
The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1201645, on 19/01/2023.

Principal address

Unit 3
Mount Shed
Banksfield Road
Mytholmroyd
West Yorkshire
HX7 5NW

Bankers

Virgin Money Ltd
25 Manchester Road
Burnley
BB11 1HX



Structure, governance and management

CROWS is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by a constitution adopted in January 2023.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are the founding trustees of the charity or are otherwise appointed by the trustees. Trustee appointments are made in accordance with the constitution of the charity.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects and public benefit statement

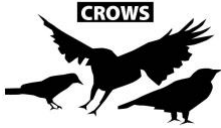
CROWS is a charity working to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation within the upper Calder and Ryburn valleys in the Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale, of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life by working to maintain and improve public access to the countryside in the area.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, in relation to the charity's objects.

The charity's main activities

The objectives of the organisation are achieved by:

- Repairing, maintaining and installing signposts, bridges, boardwalks, stiles, steps.
- Improving drainage, cutting back encroaching vegetation.
- Liaising with, and making representations to, Calderdale Council, path users, landowners, statutory authorities and local community organisations.



Achievements and performance

Most of our work involved small jobs that had been reported by the general public, but we also completed a few milestones, e.g:-

- We made several improvements on the **Pennine Way** that were identified by Natural England.
- The **Todmorden Moor Geology trail** had deteriorated and was completely refurbished with new waymarks and boardwalks. CROWS is helping to get this fascinating walk re-published.
- Waymarks on the **Calderdale Way** were renewed and the current set of directions checked. CROWS has helped with the publication on the **Heart of the Pennines** website.
- Significant repair work was carried out on the popular **riverside path in Cragg Vale**. The work included replacing two bridges at Castle Gate Dam which had become unsafe.
- We have repaired and improved the routes for a new **3 Walks Around Pecket Well leaflet** produced by Friends of Calderdale Countryside.
- The large flight of steps above **Scaitcliffe Woods leading to Flailcroft** was rebuilt.

Over 900 days were worked by around 30 volunteers. We have working parties volunteering on three days a week (in nearly all weathers).

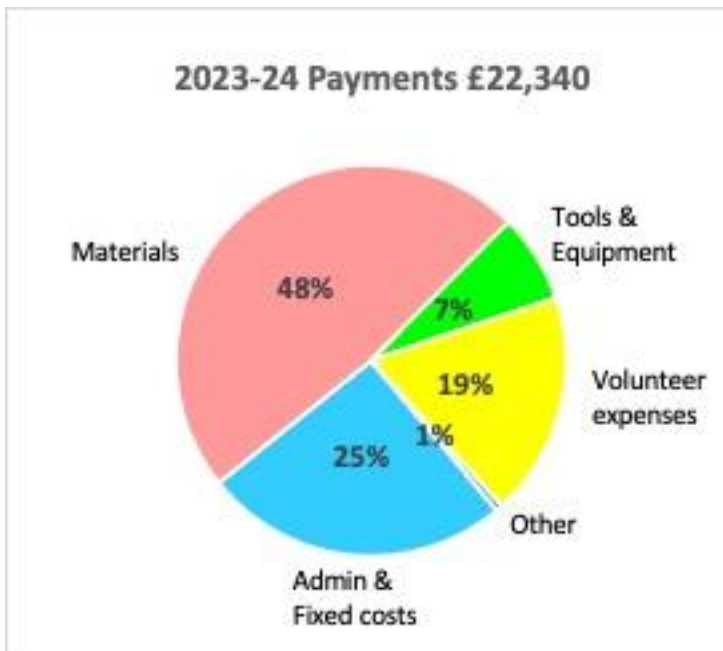
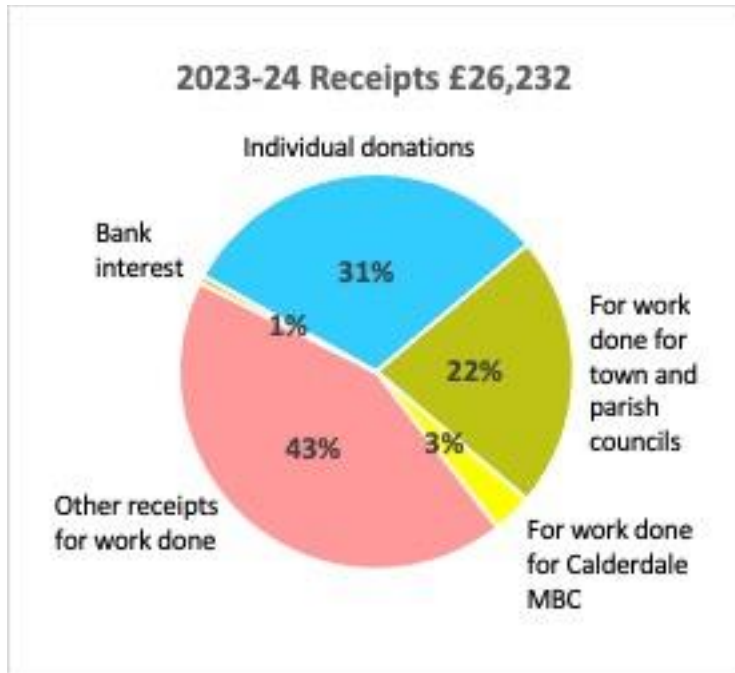
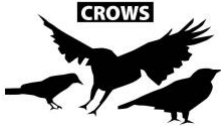
Risk management

The Trustees have introduced and documented a risk management process to assess business risks and have implemented systems to mitigate these risks. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures or authorisation of all transactions and projects. This also ensures consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the Charity. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to relevant sites. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the Charity.

Financial review

Net receipts for the year were £26,232 and net payments were £22,340. This resulted in an increase over the previous year of £3892 in cash funds.

Sources of income are well spread with no reliance on any one source and controls are in place to monitor income and expenditure on a regular basis.



Reserves policy

The charity's free cash reserves at the year end were £22,832. It is the charity's policy to maintain a reserve to provide working capital in the region of £15,000 to fund its general activities for the year ahead.

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Annual Accounts 2023-2024

Section A Receipts and payments

(All the money is held in a single unrestricted fund.)

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Receipts		
Individual donations	£ 8,089	8,870
For work done for Calderdale MBC	£ 855	5,882
For work done for town and parish councils	£ 5,850	4,653
Other receipts for work done	£ 11,268	2,492
Bank interest	£ 163	21
Other receipts	£ 6	-
Total Receipts	£ 26,231	21,918
Payments		
Materials	£ 10,768	9,761
Tools and Equipment	£ 1,644	1,454
Volunteer expenses	£ 4,141	3,943
Admin and fixed costs	£ 5,666	4,128
Bankcharges	£ 109	
Other	£ 12	
Total payments	£ 22,339	19,286
Net receipts	£ 3,892	2,633
Cash funds 31/3/2023	£ 18,940	16,307
Cash funds 31/3/2024	£ 22,831	18,939.68

Section B - Statement of assets and liabilities at the year end

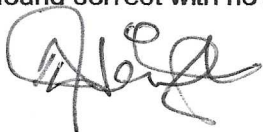
Cash funds	£	£
Current Account (Virgin Money)	£ 6,639	10,910
Savings Account	£ 16,192	8,029
Total cash funds	£ 22,831	18,939

Other monetary assets	£	£
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Assets used by the charity	£	£
Tools at the depot	-	-
Stocks of materials	-	-

Audited and found correct with no issues by:

Signature



Print name

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Date of approval

14/11/2024

Approved by Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Signature



Print name

JAN LANGOWSKI

Date of approval

14/11/2024