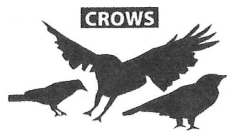


CROWS – Community Rights of Way Service

Charity number 1201645

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025**



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Trustees' report for the period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

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 26/04/2024

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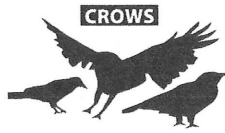
The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1201645, on 19/01/2023.

Principal address

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

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Virgin Money Ltd
25 Manchester Road
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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

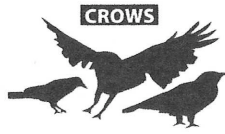
CROWS is a charity working to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation within the upper Calder and Ryburn valleys in the Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale, of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason 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 and 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 jobs that had been reported by the general public, but we also worked on some long term projects: e.g.

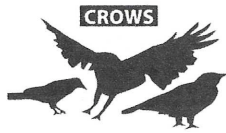
- A bridge was installed to create a safe route over a large area of very wet peat bog on the causey path between Gaddings Dam and Warland Reservoir.
- The Todmorden Moor Geology Trail upgrades were completed and this fascinating walk is now re-published on [Heart of the Pennines website](#).
- We completed the repair of steps, bridges and the crumbling edges on the popular Hebden Bridge riverside paths around Foster Dam.
- The ancient stone packhorse bridge at Blackshaw Head was rebuilt for future generations to enjoy.
- The walking routes around Luddenden Valley produced by the Luddenden Conservation Society have been waymarked, repaired and improved.
- All the stone steps were cleared and several new wooden steps were installed on the path from Heptonstall down to Midgehole. There is more to do, but we are well on the way.
- The paths around the Dodd Naze estate in Hebden Bridge were rescued from encroaching vegetation with a local plan for their continued upkeep.
- Two new bridges were installed over the Colden (below Egypt) and over Ramsden Clough, above Walsden.
- Six new finger-posts were installed across the area.
- The popular riverside path at Ripponden was refurbished.

Over a thousand days were worked by volunteers during the year. We have continued working three days a week in nearly all weathers.

A detailed account of our activities can be seen on the regularly updated CROWS [blog](#).

Risk management

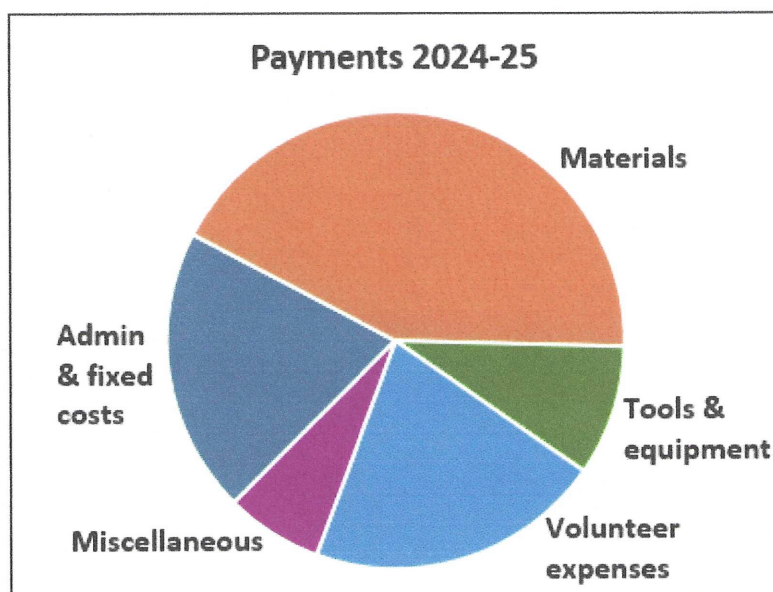
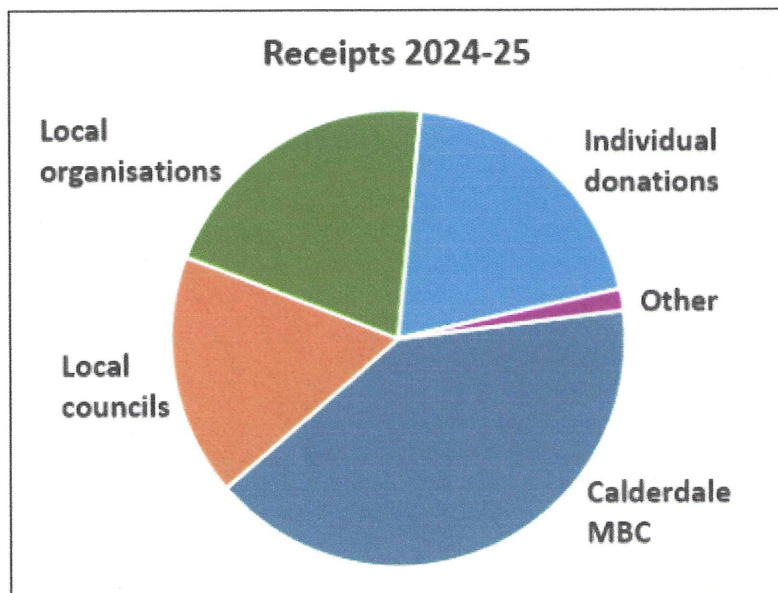
The Trustees have introduced and documented a risk management process to assess business risks and have implemented systems to mitigate these risks. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures or authorisation of all transactions and projects. This also ensures consistent quality 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.

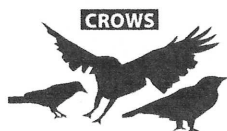


Financial review

Net receipts for the year were £35,930 and net payments were £29,814. This resulted in an increase over the previous year of £6116 in cash funds.

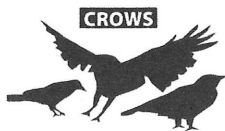
Sources of income are well spread with no reliance on any one source and controls are in place to monitor income and expenditure on a regular basis.





Reserves policy

The charity's free cash reserves at the year-end were £29,814. 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 for the financial period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

Section A - Receipts and payments

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

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Receipts		
Individual donations	7,091	8,089
For work done for Calderdale MBC	14,500	855
For work done for town and parish councils	6,110	5,850
Other receipts for work done	7,466	11,268
Bank interest	218	163
Other receipts	545	6
Total Receipts	35,930	26,231
Payments		
Materials	12,295	10,768
Tools and Equipment	2,665	1,644
Volunteer expenses	6,053	4,141
Admin and fixed costs	5,835	5,666
Bank charges	136	109
Other	1963	12
Total payments	28,947	22,340
Net receipts	6,983	3,891
Cash funds 31/3/2023	22,831	18,940
Cash funds 31/3/2024	29,814	22,831

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

	£	£
Cash funds		
Current Account (Virgin Money)	13,404	6,639
Savings Account	16,409	16,192
Total cash funds	29,814	22,831

Audited and found correct with no issues.

Signature

Print name

ANGELA WRIGHT

Date of approval

23/5/2025

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

Signature

Print name

JAN LANGOWSKI

Date of approval

22/7/2025