



Itchen Navigation Preservation Trust

Annual Report and Accounts

For the period 1st January to 31st December 2024

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Trustees Annual Report

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Itchen Navigation Preservation Trust is a CIO first registered with the Charity Commission under reference 1201965 on 16th February 2023.

Trustees

The Trustees during this period were:

Name	Position Held	Date Appointed	Date Resigned
Kieran Gillingham	CEO	16.02.2023	
Richard King	Secretary/Treasurer (July 2024 onwards)	16.02.2023	
Andy Roberts	Chair (July 2024 onwards)	16.02.2023	
Gordon King		16.02.2023	
Christopher (Jim) Shepperd	Chair	16.02.2023	01.07.2024
Elaine Flower	Secretary/Treasurer	16.02.2023	01.07.2024
Jon Watkins	IT Director	01.08.2023	01.07.2024
Fiona Hardie	Communications Director	16.02.2023	01.07.2024

Objects of the Charity

The Objects of the Charity are:

1. to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Itchen Navigation in particular but not exclusively by
 - a. collaborating with individuals, groups, companies, governmental agencies or public bodies, statutory bodies, other charities and other interested parties, provided that in each case where the Trust undertakes work in relation to property which it does not own or hold in trust, any private benefit to the owner of the property is merely incidental, and
 - b. enabling and encouraging volunteer participation, and
 - c. improving the public access to The Itchen Navigation, and
 - d. creating a means of communication, sharing of information and the provision of an archive of relevant information accessible to all.
2. to advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Itchen Navigation

The Vision, Mission and Values of the Charity

The Trust has identified its Vision, Mission and Values as:

Vision: A resilient ecosystem, where nature and people thrive.

Mission: Through collaborative efforts, we aim to conserve, protect, and improve the physical and natural environment of the navigation. By nurturing a culture of education, we will empower individuals to understand and safeguard its unique features, ensuring its preservation for generations to come.

Values:

Mission-Centric Decision Making – Every decision we make is driven by our commitment to furthering our mission and making a positive impact.

Integrity – we uphold honesty, transparency, and ethical conduct in all we do

Respect – we treat every individual with respect and fairness, regardless of their background, beliefs, or circumstances.

Accountability – we are accountable to our donors, members, volunteers and partners and ensure resources are used responsibly

Collaboration – we believe in the power of collective action and actively seek partnerships to maximise our impact and create sustainable change.

Sustainability – We are committed to minimising our environmental impact, promoting social responsibility, and ensuring long-term economic viability.

Delivering the Public Benefit of the Charity

The trustees are pleased with the significant progress the INPT has made during 2024. The reduction in number of trustees during the period has allowed the INPT to find a balance between good governance and efficient decision making in order to progress projects. These projects provide a solid credibility base for the charity to demonstrate it can deliver on projects proposed.

During 2024 the following projects were delivered

- Repair of a breach in the public footpath between the Railway bridge and Withymead Lock.
- Over 3 weekends trimming back of significant foliage previously encroaching on the footpath running alongside the Itchen Navigation and Withy Meadows in Eastleigh, improving access along the route to the public.
- Installation of a new bench for public use close to the Ham Farm entrance to the Itchen Navigation public footpath

- **Establishment of a new conservation area at Withy Meadows – installation of fencing and education notices to protect unique reed bed habitats on the route to allow the area a chance to re-generate. This project included temporary closure of dog steps during the salmon season to protect their unique breeding grounds.**

Of course these projects could not be delivered without the time and effort provided by the INPT volunteers. The INPT is grateful to the volunteers concerned for their continued support.

The INPT estimates that 352 volunteer hours were provided to deliver the above mentioned projects.

All projects were delivered in consultation with and in line with guidance provided by the local authorities, Natural England and the Environment Agency as necessary.

Earlier in 2024 the INPT started a project to develop a website to advertise the charity's activities, and provide further educational articles to the public. The cost of the initial development of this project was met via a restricted-use donation from a current (at the time) trustee. Following the departure of a number of trustees during the period, the remaining trustees undertook a review of the activities of the INPT and concluded that the financial resources needed to further development the website were not in the continuing interest of the INPT, given the limited time and resources available going forward. Therefore this project has been paused for an indefinite period of time.

The trustees are encouraged by the level of external interest in the INPT's activities during the year. Combined with the current plans for future projects drawn up, the Trustees are confident that during 2025 the INPT can build on and deliver further projects along the Itchen Navigation, which can enhance the area and improve the experience for the public.

Financial Review

Accounts for the Period 1st January to 31st December 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance C/F	1,307.13	1,307.13	-	-	-	-
Income:						
Grants	1,871.67	41.44	1,830.23	-	-	-
Donations	3,445.72	1,645.72	1,800.00	2,113.41	2,113.41	-
Interest	2.94	2.94	-	1.74	1.74	-
	5,320.33	1,690.10	3,630.23	2,115.15	2,115.15	-
Expenditure:						
Bench	250.00	-	250.00	-	-	-
Concrete	31.70	31.70	-	-	-	-
Fence Netting	443.74	-	443.74	-	-	-
Fence Posts	978.00	181.44	796.56	-	-	-
Fencing Equipment	92.97	71.29	21.68	-	-	-
Fuel/Oil	11.59	-	11.59	-	-	-
Hi-Vis Vests	153.89	153.89	-	-	-	-
Small Signs	18.66	-	18.66	-	-	-
Insurance	829.78	829.78	-	89.60	89.60	-
Secretarial	60.00	60.00	-	-	-	-
Telephone	94.72	94.72	-	17.50	17.50	-
Bank Charges	60.00	60.00	-	40.00	40.00	-
Logo Design	-	-	-	600.00	600.00	-
Equipment – Post Hole Digger	-	-	-	60.92	60.92	-
Website Development	1,800.00	-	1,800.00	-	-	-
	4,825.05	1,482.82	3,342.23	808.02	808.02	-
Excess of Income over Expenditure	495.28	207.28	288.00	1,307.13	1,307.13	-
Represented By:						
Balance In CAF Bank	1,802.41	1,514.41	288.00	1,307.13	1,307.13	-

These accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.

The charity has benefited by a donation in kind from Steam Town in Bishopstoke who have kindly donated the room in which the trustees meet once a month during the first half of 2024. The supplier of the bench for the aforementioned project did so at a discount of 50%. Finally, Microsoft have donated ten copies of their Microsoft 365 licences for use by the charity.

The charity does not currently have any paid employees or contractors.

Declaration

The trustees confirm that the above report and accounts reflect the activities of the charity over the period and the financial position as at 31 December 2024.



Kieran GillinghamCEO.....

Date...7 October 2025.....