

WITNEY FLOOD GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1204457

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-08-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY THE PRESERVATION OF HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTY BY WORKING WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO PRESERVE, MAINTAIN, RESTORE, AND/OR IMPROVE FLOOD DEFENCES AND FLOOD PROTECTION MEASURES AND FLOOD DAMAGE IN THE AREA OF WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-01	£921	£3,489	-	-
2024-09-01	£10,489	£7,004	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
William Wareing	Chair	
Anthony John Stark		
JOHN KEITH JAMESON		
Michael Anthony French		

WITNEY FLOOD GROUP

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	02	09	2024		01	09	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Witney Flood Group	
Other names charity is known by		
Registered charity number (if any)	1204457	
Charity's principal address	30 New Yatt Road	
	Witney	
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 William Wareing	Chair		
2 Anthony John Stark	Treasurer		
3 John Keith Jameson			
4 Michael Anthony French			
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6			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO – FOUNDATION Registered 23 August 2023
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The Charity is constituted by its submission to the Charity Commission and as registered on 23 rd August 2023.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Any new Trustee if adopted will have an adequate induction detailing the aims and objectives and current work of the Charity.

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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the benefit of the community the preservation of human life and property by working with other state holders to preserve, maintain, restore, and/or improve flood defences and flood protection measures and flood damage in the area of Witney, Oxfordshire

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Continued to build working relationship with all parties (Environment Agency (EA), Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC), Witney Town Council (WTC) and our Member of Parliament. Invited to sit on Multi-agency flood mitigation group. Now considered the group for agencies to contact for information with respect to flooding in Witney and the river Windrush.

Commented on various WODC planning applications which had a potential to worsen flooding in Witney.

Obtained funding and implemented a River Sensor Network in seven key locations on the River Windrush throughout Witney.

Set up Oxfordshire’s first group of Volunteer Flood Wardens with support from OCC as Lead Local Flood Authority to be points of contact for Witney residents with respect to flooding issues and the formation of local emergency plans. Group is active and meets regularly and was involved in the November 2024 flooding incident in Witney.

Continued to address concerns with the Environment Agency in respect to Maintenance, Enforcement and the progress of the long-term Flood Alleviation Scheme for Witney.

All the above support our aims and objectives in being a pressure group for appropriate flood mitigation measures to be introduced in Witney.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We do not make grants to others.

We do not have funds to invest.

Our only volunteers are the seven Flood Wardens

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We currently do not have any reserves as any funds remaining in our account is ringfenced for planned expenditure. We will be seeking to obtain further funding so we can extend the river sensor network and employ hydrologist expertise to support responses to planning applications.

Any future reserves will be used for this purpose and maintenance of our sensor network and website and to publicise the work of the charity

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charities principle source of funding is through County Council, District Council and Town Council grants. These have paid for our sensor network baseline and planned extension, and revised website.

During this year we secured funding from the Town Council for public engagement activities – display boards, flyers, and marketing material to hand out to the public to increase awareness of our activities.

We do not have and due to lack of funds do not currently need an investment policy

Section F

Other optional information


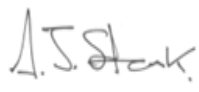
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

William Wareing	Anthony John Stark
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

17/3/2026

17/3/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Witney Flood Group

No (if any)
1204457

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 02/09/2024	To	Period end date 01/09/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
West Oxfordshire District Council	-	121	-	121	-
Witney Town Council	-	800	-	800	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	921	-	921	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	921	-	921	-
A3 Payments					
Public Liability Insurance	-	121	-	121	-
Website Development	-	225	-	225	-
River Sensor Network Project	-	3 143	-	3 143	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	3 489	-	3 489	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Purchase of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	3 489	-	3 489	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	2 568	-	2 568	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	3 484	-	3 484	-
Cash funds this year end	-	916	-	916	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	916	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use



Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	

		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	William Wareing - Chairman	17/03/2025
	Anthony Stark - Treasurer	17/03/2025

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<p>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)</p>	<p>Established working relationship with all parties (Environment Agency (EA), Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC), Witney Town Council (WTC)). Invited to sit on Multi-agency flood mitigation group. Now considered the group for agencies to contact for information with respect to flooding in Witney and the river Windrush.</p> <p>Commented on various WODC planning applications which had a potential to worsen flooding in Witney.</p> <p>Created a business case (mid 2023) and obtained funding (Feb 2024) to implement a River Sensor Network in seven key locations on the River Windrush throughout Witney.</p> <p>Obtained Local councillors funding for our improved website: https://witneyfloodgroup.co.uk which is now live.</p> <p>Invited by OCC as Lead Local Flood Authority to be the first pilot of setting up a group of Flood Wardens to be points of contact for Witney residents with respect to flooding issues and the formation of local emergency plans. Group is now established with seven members.</p> <p>Presented and Exhibited at Witney Waterways Day.</p> <p>Pressed the Environment Agency to maintain the River Windrush appropriately and also to carry out a river survey.</p> <p>All the above support our aims and objectives in being a pressure group for appropriate flood mitigation measures to be introduced in Witney.</p>

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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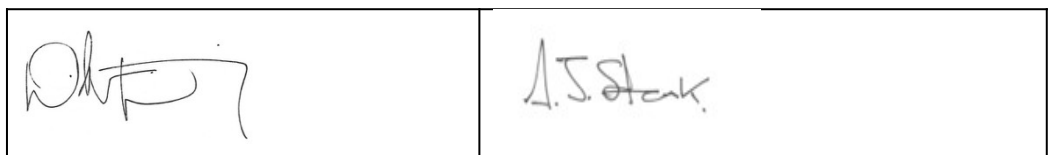
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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

William Wareing

Anthony John Stark

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

15/4/2025

15/4/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Tney Flood Group

No (if any)
1204457

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 23/08/2023	To	Period end date 01/09/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
West Oxfordshire District Council	-	118	-	118	-
Oxfordshire County Council	-	10,071	-	10,071	-
Oxfordshire County Council	-	300	-	300	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	10,489	-	10,489	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	10,489	-	10,489	-
A3 Payments					
Public Liability Insurance	-	118	-	118	-
Maintenance	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	2,118	-	2,118	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase of Fixed Assets	-	4,887	-	4,887	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	4,887	-	4,887	-
Total payments	-	7,004	-	7,004	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	3,484	-	3,484	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	3,484	-	3,484	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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B1 Cash funds

	-	3,484	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	-	3,484	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK	OK	OK
Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-



B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Electronic Gateways and Sensors, gauge boards and sundry fittings	Restricted	4,887	4,887
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	William Wareing - Chairman	15/11/2024
	Anthony Stark - Treasurer	15/11/2024