



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/5/2024 Period start date To 30/5/2025 Period end date

Charity name: CREEKLINK HERITAGE TRAIL

Charity registration number: 1205283

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance education for the public benefit by the establishment and maintenance of a Creekside heritage trail designed to enable awareness and understanding of the 19th century industrial history and current biodiversity of Deptford Creek, in particular but not exclusively, among local communities in the London Boroughs of Greenwich and Lewisham who by reason of their proximity to the Deptford Creek neighbourhood, share a common historical legacy.

<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<p>CreekLink Heritage Trail began its first full year as a charity in May 2024 with a commitment to raising funds for the creation of phase 1 of the heritage trail. There were 4 trustees meetings including an AGM.</p> <p>Trustees agreed phase 1 would be for the first 4 interpretation panels to be sited on upper and mid-Creek. Longer term the trustees aim to create a Heritage Trail that will run the whole 1.2 kilometre length of the Creek, creating public awareness and understanding of its rich and largely forgotten 19th century industrial history and its continuing present day biodiversity. CreekLink identified the sites where it intends to install the heritage panels, backed up by a website and other outreach activities.</p> <p>Over the year CreekLink received funding from the following: Greenwich Council's Neighbourhood Growth Fund; Thames Water; RER London; Thames Tideway Tunnel. A total of £20,075. Trustees agreed a plan to bring project management of phase 1 in-house, under the shared responsibility of Chair and Secretary, who provided their services free of charge. This would enable all funds raised to be spent on the design, manufacture and installation of the first 4 panels and associated community activities.</p> <p>CreekLink trustees spent the year creating content and initial designs for all 4 panels . This was achieved alongside constructive discussions with funders, and the landlords of the four chosen information board sites. It led to the beginning of the complicated process of gaining the necessary legal and planning consents for erecting the panels.</p> <p>After advice and consideration trustees agreed to commission signage specialists Fitzpatrick Woolmer to design and manufacture the heritage panels. An initial payment of £4000 was made in November 2024. By end of April the initial design for the panels was agreed, the first two panels had planning approval from all landlords and the council. The third panel design was completed, but still awaiting final landlord and planning consent. For the fourth panel content had been drafted and installation permission discussions were taking place with the landlord. Copyright clearance was obtained for all the images we planned to use on the heritage panels.</p> <p>As part of outreach CreekLink's Chair gave a talk on the heritage trail project to a local history organisation in LB Lewisham.</p>
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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance, they are aware of the guidance and have taken it into account when making decisions.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>CreekLink's long-term aim is to raise awareness and understanding of both residents and visitors to, first, the Creek's rich but ignored 19th century industrial history; and, second, to the Creek's current biodiversity. Our draft content for the heritage panels was reviewed and checked by local historians and an editor to ensure the text was accessible and relevant to our key audiences: the local community and visitors to the area.</p> <p>A key achievement over the year was gaining funding for CreekLink's phase 1 plans, which will enable the first 4 heritage panels to be completed and further develop our plans for engaging the local community with the trail and contributing to a better understanding of their shared heritage.</p> <p>Closer ties with the Creek Education Trust, responsible for the Creekside Discovery Centre were established. CreekLink commissioned them to provide content and photos for panels 1, 3 and 4 relating to the bio-diversity of the contemporary Creek. We also agreed to run joint family activity days at the Discovery Centre to enable local families to find out more about the Creek and the heritage trail.</p> <p>February 2025 saw the Trustee looking after web development take the first steps towards updating the CreekLink website to take better account of the various ongoing developments and to provide people with more Creek heritage photos and stories. Each panel will have a QR code that will provide a direct link to the website.</p>

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the period CreekLink had an income of £20,075 and expenditure of £4,666. Income for 4 panels and community activities as follows: £4,400 from Greenwich Neighbourhood Growth Fund; £5,075 from Thames Water; £5,000 from Thames Tideway Tunnel; £5,000 from RER London and £60 from Mycenae House. Expenditure as follows: £4,000 initial payment to signage specialists Fitzpatrick Woolmer; £231 to Historic England for photo copyrights; £235 to Royal Borough Greenwich Planning for panel 1 planning permission and £200 to Creekside Education Trust for supplying photos and text on biodiversity for panel 1.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	CreekLink does not require significant reserves as all funding is secured in advance of each heritage panel being committed to. However, the trustees have agreed to maintain a small reserve of approximately 10% of the one-off panel cost to cover unforeseen expenses related to the delivery and on-going maintenance. This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure financial stability.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 18/10/2023
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more	Para 1.25	Trustees are selected for their skills, knowledge, experience and their links to the local community. The first trustees have been appointed to serve for 4, 3 or 2 years.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	CreekLink Heritage Trail
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1205283
Charity's principal address	17 Egerton Drive, Greenwich, London SE10 8JS

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	Mick Delap	Chair		
2	Barbara Reid	Secretary		
3	Diana Greaves	Treasurer		
4	Tom Webb			
5	Matthew Vaughan Ginn			
6	John Lloyd			
7	Calum O'Byrne Mulligan			
8	Hannah Stockton			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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)

Barbara Reid

Mick Delap

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Chair

Date

23/2/2026



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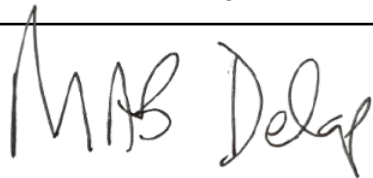
Charity Name			No (if any)		
CREEKLINK HERITAGE TRAIL					
Receipts and payments accounts					
For the period from		1-May-24	To		30-Apr-25

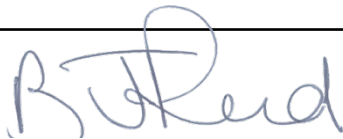
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Royal Borough of Greenwich	4,440	-	-	4,440
Mycenae House	60	-	-	60
Thames Water	5,075	-	-	5,075
RER	5,000	-	-	5,000
Bazalgette Tunnel	5,500	-	-	5,500
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,075	-	-	20075.08
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total receipts	20,075	0	0	20075.08
A3 Payments				
Fizpatrick Woolmer - designers	4,000	-	-	4,000
Planning fees to LBG	235	-	-	235
Fees for photo copyright	231	-	-	231
Creekside Education	200	-	-	200
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
Sub total	4,666	-	-	4666
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total payments	4,666	0	0	4666
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,409	0	0	15409.08
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 0	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	15,409	0	0	15409.08

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Account	15,409	-

		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	15,409	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	
		MICK DELAP	



		BARBARA REID
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OK
Endowment funds
to nearest £
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Current value (optional)
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Current value (optional)
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When due (optional)
Date of approval
13-Feb-25

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