



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Report for the period

From **1st September 2024 (founding)** To **31st December 2025**

Charity name: **Water Rangers**

Charity registration number: **1209475**

## Objectives and Activities

|                                                                                                                                                                      | SORP reference     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | Para 1.17          | <p>To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of waterways in the United Kingdom including through the provision of equipment and resources for collecting and disseminating data relating to the ecology of such waterways.</p> <p>To advance the education of the public for this purpose through the provision of educational information and resources to support citizen science.</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. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>Water Rangers has worked in collaboration with a number of groups and companies with similar objectives. This includes the Rivers Trust, the South East Rivers Trust, the catchment partnerships, Thames 21, the Environment Agency, and relevant water companies.</p> <p>In providing an open database for the collection and sharing of water quality information, Water Rangers has contributed this information to support national programmes and projects. (viz CaSTCo, and Freshwater Watch).</p> <p>Working locally with schools and contributing to the STEM organisation,</p> |

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|                                                                                                                              |           | <p>registering 500 hours of activity in schools and related educational events.</p> <p>The charity has collected sponsorship from public and local government and works alongside local groups and charitable trusts to source funding and provide water quality testing equipment.</p> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | Trustees have regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charities Commission                                                                                                                                                                                               |

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                                  | SORP reference |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Policy on grant making                                           | Para 1.38      | The charity makes no grants, but trains and enables volunteers to perform water quality reporting using tools and protocols recognised and accepted by the industry and academic users of the resulting data.                                                                                                                                |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38      | Environmental and water quality concerns are significant. The charity has engaged with groups in several areas, providing a positive approach to voluntary efforts, and working with such as Mental Health Swims, and other water users to provide knowledge and engagement with understanding the use and risks of water use in our rivers. |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | Para 1.38      | As a wholly volunteer operation with no employees, the charity has supported volunteers across several groups and organisations to collect and records water quality information, following training in appropriate protocols to allow these data to be used.                                                                                |
| Other                                                            |                | <p>Water Rangers is linked as contributing to Catchment Systems Thinking Cooperative (CaSTCo), and the Better Water Network+ UKRI sponsored programme as well as river catchment interest groups in several areas of the country.</p> <p>This engagement is expanding.</p>                                                                   |

## Achievements and Performance

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| 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      | In a successful first year of operation, Water Rangers has been able to support 51 organisations in the UK with the provision of water quality testing kits to volunteers. This enabled 689 test locations to be sampled to give 5,250 separate observations giving 64,372 datapoints. This information is made available on an open database for public access, and is shared with many organisations, also forming part of the CaSTCo open data hub.<br>Provision of these data allows a clearer understanding of the state of local water bodies, identifying problem areas, and enabling users to better understand any risks in water based activities. |

## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 | Water Rangers is financially viable, with sufficient funds for planned activities |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 | Reserves are held for planned projects                                            |
| Amount of reserves held                                                          | Para 1.22 | £7000                                                                             |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves                                                | Para 1.22 | This balance is carried forward for planned projects in 2025/6                    |
| 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 | n/a                                                                               |

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | Water Rangers is supported by district and county grant funding from local authorities, coupled with donations and sponsorship from individuals and groups with an interest in the information made available |
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## Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           |                        |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | Constitution           |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)                                                                                                  | Para 1.25 | 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 trustees | Para 1.25 | Trustees are co-opted. |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | Established policies and procedures are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Protection</li> <li>• GDPR</li> <li>• Equality Diversity Inclusion</li> <li>• Privacy</li> <li>• Safeguarding</li> <li>• Volunteer Management</li> <li>• Youth Volunteers</li> </ul> |
| Relationship with any related parties                                      | Para 1.51 | Water Rangers works closely with Trusts and organisations in the country's river catchment aligned as part of the Rivers Trust. Water Rangers is a member of the Catchment Systems Thinking Organisation, and is linked with the wider Water Rangers Canadian Non-profit.   |

### Reference and Administrative details

|                             |                                                   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Charity name                | Water Rangers                                     |
| Other name the charity uses | n/a                                               |
| Registered charity number   | 1209475                                           |
| Charity's principal address | 5 Phillips Close<br>Headley<br>Hampshire GU35 8LY |
|                             |                                                   |

# 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 | Alistair Young       | Chair           |                                   | Coopted                                                       |
| 2 | Daisy Gates-Campbell |                 |                                   | Coopted                                                       |
| 3 | Katie Miller         |                 |                                   | Coopted                                                       |

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved  
n/a

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity  
n/a

## Declarations

|                                                                          |                                                                                      |
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| The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. |                                                                                      |
| Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees                               |                                                                                      |
| Signature(s)                                                             |  |
|                                                                          |                                                                                      |
| Full name(s)                                                             | Alistair Young                                                                       |
|                                                                          |                                                                                      |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)                                      | Chair                                                                                |
|                                                                          |                                                                                      |
| Date                                                                     | 24th July 2026                                                                       |

**Water Rangers****Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2025 (UK)**

First year of operation

| Income                                    | Unrestricted Funds | Designated Funds | Total Funds      |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grants                                    |                    | 700.00           | 700.00           |
| Donations                                 | 5,170.00           | 2,500.00         | 7,670.00         |
| Test Equipment                            | 13,185.00          |                  | 13,185.00        |
| Testing Consumables                       | 4,030.00           |                  | 4,030.00         |
| Interest/Cashback                         | 1.16               |                  | 1.16             |
| Training                                  | 70.00              |                  | 70.00            |
|                                           | <b>22,456.16</b>   | <b>3,200.00</b>  | <b>25,656.16</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                        |                    |                  |                  |
| Admin and Misc Costs                      | 1,305.68           |                  | 1,305.68         |
| Water Testing Kit                         |                    | 13,185.00        | 13,185.00        |
| Water Testing Consumables                 | 4,030.00           |                  | 4,030.00         |
| Training                                  | 70.00              |                  | 70.00            |
|                                           | <b>5,405.68</b>    | <b>13,185.00</b> | <b>18,590.68</b> |
| <b>Net Income / Expenditure</b>           |                    |                  | <b>7,065.48</b>  |
| <b>Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025</b> |                    |                  |                  |
| <i>Current Assets</i>                     |                    |                  |                  |
| Cash Book                                 |                    |                  | 2,515.00         |
| Bank                                      |                    |                  | 4,550.48         |
|                                           |                    |                  | <b>7,065.48</b>  |
| <i>Represented by</i>                     |                    |                  |                  |
| Unrestricted Funds                        |                    |                  | 4,565.48         |
| Designated Funds                          |                    |                  | 2,500.00         |
|                                           |                    |                  | <b>7,065.48</b>  |