



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From**

**To**

Period start date

Period end date

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## Section A

## Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

Croyde Area Residents Association

**Other names charity is known by**

CARA

**Registered charity number (if any)**

266599

**Charity's principal address**

39 Davids Hill

Georgeham

Braunton, Devon

**Postcode**  
**EX33 1QF**

**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

Stephen Vine

Chair

1 Jan until 28 July 2021

Members at AGM or Committee ratified by members at AGM

2

Philip Mark Hall

Chair

28 July 2021 to date

As above

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Jenny Giles

Treasurer

As above

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Margaret Beaumont

Secretary

As above

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**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)
Constitution	
	How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)
Residents Association	
	Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)
Key office holders, selected by membership in AGM or co-opted by Committee and ratified at next AGM by membership	

### 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.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

See documents filed

#### 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)

Legal action in the courts to protect the North Devon Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty ("AONB") in Croyde Bay from harmful development and/or impacts on the natural environment. Making representations on certain planning and other applications which may be viewed as having a harmful impact on the AONB and/or the environment. Promotion of the AONB and environmental issues in Croyde and its surrounding area (Georgeham Parish) via CARA developed websites, social media and/or activities to generate public interest and support. Commissioning videos to assist with this. Contributions through volunteer work and fundraising and grants towards community assets and services. For example, new community footpath/fence for a community footpath, helping to procure, locate, install and maintain defibrillator equipment in the community, local community food bank collection and volunteer work relating to distribution and assistance to members of the community. Carrying out community activities such as local choir, Christmas carols, monthly community teas and other community related events.

The Trustees declare that during the Trustee Annual Report Period 1 January to 31 December 2021 inclusive they have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guides PB1, PB2 and PB3 in relation to CARA's objectives, activities, operations and reporting.

### 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.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**
**High Court and Court of Appeal legal action**

The legal action commenced in the High Court by CARA in July 2020 and referred to in last year's Trustee's report continued throughout 2021, finally coming to a conclusion at the end of the year. Following CARA's success in the High Court in March 2021 to overturn an unlawful and harmful planning permission, the court case continued. The interested party sought leave to appeal from the High Court Judge which was refused. The interested party then sought leave from the Court of Appeal which was granted. CARA was involved in obtaining legal representation on both applications for leave to appeal and then in representing its case at the Court of Appeal. This involved lodging various documents at the Court of Appeal, obtaining a consent order on limitation of costs and reviewing and commenting on documents lodged by the appellant relating to the appeal. Court of Appeal Hearing dates were set for January 2022. CARA fund raised to meet these legal costs and the anticipated costs and potential liabilities of the Court of Appeal hearing dates in January 2022, to secure legal representation for the hearing before the Court of Appeal. It was necessary to secure sufficient funds to cover the costs and liabilities in relation to the court case through crowd funding and other fundraising initiatives as CARA has no other resources to meet such costs and liabilities. The legal costs for the court case run in the tens of thousands of pounds. The funding generated by membership fees is well under £1000 per annum. A Crowd funding website (Crowd Justice) was used to raise funds as were websites, Instagram and twitter accounts set up by CARA. There was a Croyde Village Green campaign during the autumn school holidays to raise the profile of the court case and its issues. Funds raised through collections, tombola, raffle (with prizes being donated by local businesses and residents), kids crafts and banners and posters and leaflets being handed out to visitors, tourists and the local community. Shortly after this and prior to the Court of Appeal Hearing dates, the appellant withdrew their appeal and agreed to contribute towards CARA's legal costs. CARA accepted the appellants offer that if CARA donated its legal costs of up to £35, 000 towards community projects, the appellant would match fund this sum. CARA has agreed to do this on the basis that any community projects it contributes to comply with the objects of the fund it set up to finance the legal action. A grants programme is being set up for commencement in Spring 2022 for funding towards community projects in the locality.

**Applications affecting the AONB/the natural environment**

CARA has engaged legal representatives and specialists to make representations to the local authority on a couple of applications that could have a significant impact on the AONB and/or the natural environment

**Community assets and events**

CARA has assisted with fundraising and grants for various community projects and initiatives. For example, it secured funding towards a fence for the new footpath in the playing fields at Georgeham to stop cars obstructing the foot path. The Georgeham & Croyde Caring Community Group have started up

monthly afternoon tea sessions in the Village Hall Croyde for the community and are looking to expand this to Georgeham Village Hall in 2022. CARA assisted with an application to Jay's Aim Charity to secure a defibrillator being located at Down End Car Park at the southern end of Croyde Bay. CARA provided Christmas Carol singing and festive drinks for the community in December 2021.

With the lifting of covid restrictions CARA is looking to commence more of its usual social fundraising activities and will be holding a couple of Jazz Cafes in the first half of 2022.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

CARA does not have any employees. All its activities and operations are performed by volunteers from the local community. It is solely dependent on volunteers, fund raising and its membership fees, for this. It does not spend money or incur liabilities where it does not have the funds to meet the expenditure or liabilities concerned.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**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 reason for the significant level of funds generated and held in 2021 is almost singularly due to the fundraising for the court case referred to above. Having been successful in the legal action (and the other side having contributed towards these costs), CARA will have surplus funds remaining. These funds will be applied in accordance with the charitable objects specified.

## Section G

## Declaration

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

**Date**



**CROYDE AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>		
Membership Subscriptions	1406	890
Fundraising for High Court action against unlawful planning	61343	44544
Georgeham Pathway fundraising	1000	1325
Community Care group donations	840	1683
Community Choir fundraising	250	-
General donations	209	10
Carols on the Green	30	-
	<u>65078</u>	<u>48452</u>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>		
Legal and campaign costs re High Court action	47772	19172
-Contribution to CARA legal fees from Parkdean	-27790	-
-Contribution to CARA legal fees from NDDC	-7210	-
Georgeham Pathway donation	3825	-
Community Care group food boxes	512	239
Choir - Hire of Hall	120	-
Carols on the green refreshments	70	-
Community Care group afternoon teas	40	-
Public Liability Insurance	621	397
CPRE Annual Subscription	60	-
Website & printing	-	109
Miscellaneous	90	21
Photo Competition	-	150
Film Night	-	105
Defibrillator	-	10
Traffic Monitor	-	73
Christmas lighting	-	93
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Surplus of receipts over payments for the year	46969	28083
Funds brought forward	<u>33314</u>	<u>5231</u>
<b>Funds at the year end</b>	<b><u>80283</u></b>	<b><u>33314</u></b>



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**ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

**BALANCE SHEET**

	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>		
General	3831	5123
Residual funds from High Court action		
-Community projects with Parkdean (match funding)	35000	-
-Balance for AONB protection	38944	25373
Community Care group	1458	1445
Play Park	50	50
Georgeham Pathway	1000	1325
<b>Total Reserves at 31st December</b>	<b><u>80283</u></b>	<b><u>33314</u></b>
 <b>Represented by:</b>		
Bank account	76351	32550
Cash	538	764
Solicitors client account	3394	-
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**Note re High Court action**

The Association commenced a High Court action in July 2020 against Parkdean and North Devon District Council to overturn an illegal planning consent granted in 2014. The High Court ruled in favour of the CARA in March 2021 and although Parkdean subsequently sought leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal, they withdrew this in November 2021. The accounts reflect all of the legal and campaign costs incurred by CARA, the fund raising received over the two years and the contribution received towards the legal costs from Parkdean and NDDC following the High Court decision. A further cost contribution of £8107 was received from Parkdean in January 2022 relating to CARA's legal costs incurred for the appeal. These funds will be reflected in the 2022 accounts. CARA and Parkdean have subsequently agreed to match £35000 each on mutually agreed community projects, CARA's contribution is separately identified above in Unrestricted Funds.

signed on behalf of the Trustees

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Phil Hall  
Chairman

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Jenny Giles  
Treasurer



**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Croyde Area Residents Association**  
**(Charity number 266599)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Croyde Area Residents Association (CARA) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 set out on pages 1 and 2.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of CARA you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of CARA's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of CARA as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Brian Howard Whitty  
Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
Westwinds, Moor Lane, Croyde EX33 IPA.

Date: April 2022



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