

Water Of Leith Conservation Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC000015

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Company (the charity is registered with Companies House)
Registered	1988-11-01
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	24 Lanark Road Edinburgh EH14 1TQ
Website	www.waterofleith.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: The Water of Leith Conservation Trust works to protect and enhance Edinburgh's river as a haven for wildlife and a valuable green corridor for people. We are the only organisation caring for the whole 24-mile Water of Leith, delivering over 250 clean-ups and 170 learning sessions each year. Our volunteers maintain the walkway, restore habitats, tackle pollution and invasive species, and monitor biodiversity—ensuring the river remains healthy, accessible, and resilient to climate change. Through education, outdoor learning, and community involvement, we connect people of all ages with nature and inspire stewardship of this vital urban ecosystem. Operating since 1988, we also run the Water of Leith Visitor Centre 7 days a week with free exhibition and community cafe. 'A healthy river cared for by its community'

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: To conserve the Water of Leith and its environs, promote the natural and built heritage of the river, advance education and benefit the community, by: a) Raising awareness of the river. b) Providing teaching and learning services for all age groups. c) Operating the Water of Leith Visitor Centre as an educational visitor attraction and community resource. d) Encouraging the protection and enhancement of biodiversity along the river and its environs. e) Enabling volunteers and the public to take practical action to conserve and enhance the natural and built environment. f) Encouraging responsible access to, and recreational use of, the river and its walkway. g) Promoting the sustainable use and management of the river. h) Working in partnership with others.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,347,147	£607,784	-	10
2024-03-31	£445,072	£445,969	-	9
2023-03-31	£267,471	£254,011	-	7
2022-03-31	£187,993	£214,659	-	7
2021-03-31	£152,023	£188,686	-	7