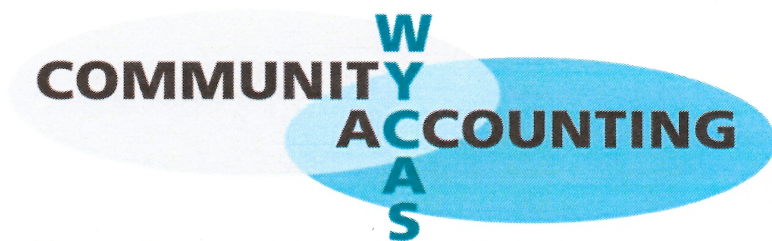


Natural Kirklees

Charity number 1174259

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the period 15 August 2017 to 30 September 2018



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Trustees' report for the period 15 August 2017 to 30 September 2018

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Timothy Duke	Chair	From 28 June 2018
	Vice-chair	To 28 June 2018
Peter Turner	Chair	To 28 June 2018
Joan Vevers	Secretary	
Mary Kenworthy	Treasurer	
Robert Barraclough		
Edwin Day		

Charity number

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1174259, on 15 August 2017.

Principal address

The Depot
Beaumont Park
Huddersfield
HD4 7AS

Bankers

Yorkshire Bank PLC
40 New Street
Huddersfield
HD1 2BT

Independent examiner

Stephen Procter

West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

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34 Lupton Street
Leeds
LS10 2QW

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 15 August 2017.

Charity Reconstruction

At 15 August 2017 the unincorporated association Natural Kirklees was dissolved and transferred its assets to Natural Kirklees (charity number 1174259). The purpose of the transfer was to give the existing organisation an incorporated charity structure.

During the reconstruction there has been no significant change to the beneficiary class, the purposes for which funds are held or the persons who constitute the trustee body.

For this reason, the principles of merger accounting have been applied in stating the comparatives.

Since the accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, no further notes regarding this reconstruction are required.

No significant adjustments have been required in aligning the accounting policies.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the period 15 August 2017 to 30 September 2018

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

1. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Kirklees by promoting biological diversity.
2. To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

The charity's main activities

Umbrella organisation for volunteer groups in Kirklees promoting conservation and biodiversity. Providing free insurance and tool share for groups working on Kirklees green spaces.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular giving help and support to the 94 member volunteer groups who work tirelessly to improve their green space, hold events to raise funds and most importantly bring the local community together. The final outcome is £1,000,000 in volunteer time improving green spaces and looking after the environment, conservation, education and guidance on working practices, grants, exercise, fresh air, good company and a healthy feeling.

Achievements and performance

We currently have 94 volunteer groups on the Natural Kirklees website directory, 60 of these have taken up the insurance scheme and a number of them use the tool stores.

Quarterly meetings are held to bring groups together, to discuss common problems and hopefully resolve problems by liaising with the volunteer co-ordinators. Tool sharpening was demonstrated at the last meeting. Wildlife sightings are reported and discussed. At the annual fete groups are encouraged to showcase their work.

Kirklees Volunteer Co-ordinators are a great help to groups and arrange work days for firms and individuals who volunteer under corporate responsibility provision.

Peace Pit Poly Tunnel Group run by s2r and volunteer co-ordinator is very busy now growing plants for parks and green spaces and schools. Volunteers meet each week to plant seeds, prick out plants and grow vegetables. The entry for the Harrogate Spring Flower Show was a very good example of council staff and volunteers working together to achieve a Silver Gilt Medal and the Newby Cup.

We continue to improve the website and get information to groups by newsletters, on the news section of the website and via social media. The strategic action plan has progressed in all areas.

In the future we will extend the website to include Bioblitz information, surveys of the biodiversity at each green space and carry out a skills audit on our volunteers to create a network of groups and individuals helping each other.

Financial review

Net expenditure for the year was £8,310, all relating to restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free cash reserves at the year end were nil. (All funds held are restricted).

The charity has no formal reserves policy. All project funds are restricted and the group have no liabilities beyond the running of the funded activities.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

Signed: 

Date: 30/10/18

Name M. Kenworthy (Trustee)

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Receipts and payments account

for the period 15 August 2017 to 30 September 2018

	Notes	2018 Unrestricted funds £	2018 Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants	(2)	-	-	-	20,000
Donations		50	-	50	-
Total receipts		<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Payments					
Insurance		-	6,508	6,508	4,649
Tool store		50	1,079	1,129	437
Website		-	351	351	2,148
Publicity		-	372	372	175
Total payments		<u>50</u>	<u>8,310</u>	<u>8,360</u>	<u>7,409</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>-</u>	<u>(8,310)</u>	<u>(8,310)</u>	<u>12,591</u>
Cash fund balances brought forward		<u>-</u>	<u>30,975</u>	<u>30,975</u>	<u>18,384</u>
Cash fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>-</u>	<u>22,665</u>	<u>22,665</u>	<u>30,975</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2018

	2018 Unrestricted £	2018 Restricted £	2018 Total £	2017 Total £
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	-	22,665	22,665	30,975
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	-	22,665	22,665	30,975

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Computer, printer and accessories

Liabilities

Accounts preparation

£


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Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on

Date: 31/10/18

Signed: 

(Trustee)

Name MEKEN WORTHY

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Notes to the accounts

for the period 15 August 2017 to 30 September 2018

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the period 15 August 2017 to 30 September 2018

2 Grants and donations

	2018 Unrestricted funds £	2018 Restricted funds £	2018 Total funds £	2017 Total funds £
Kirklees Council	-	-	-	20,000
Donations	50	-	50	-
	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>20,000</u>

3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance c/f £
Kirklees Council	30,948	-	8,283	22,665
Heritage Lottery Fund	27	-	27	-
	<u>30,975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,310</u>	<u>22,665</u>

Fund name

Purpose of restriction

Kirklees Council

Towards the costs of insurance, tool share scheme, website and publicity.

Heritage Lottery Fund

For set up and running costs, including website.

4 Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

5 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during this year or the previous year.