

Natural Kirklees

Charity number 1174259

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 September 2020**



West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

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Trustees' report for the year ended 30 September 2020

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	
Joan Vevers	Secretary	
Mary Kenworthy	Treasurer	To 1 July 2020
Edwin Day	Treasurer	From 1 July 2020
Christine Senior		
Winton Harrison		Appointed 1 September 2020
		Resigned 22 October 2020
Phil Slater		Appointed 1 September 2020

Charity number 1174259

Principal address

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Bankers

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Independent examiner

Stephen Procter

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Structure, governance and management

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

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 year ended 30 September 2020

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 113 member volunteer groups who work tirelessly to improve their green space, hold events to raise funds and most importantly bring the local community together. In normal, unrestricted years 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

The Charity has continued to operate as the umbrella organisation for "Friends of" groups and green space management groups. We currently have 113 group members and 9 individual members.

We have continued to provide our free Insurance Scheme to 72 Full Member Groups which still saves £120 per annum on average to each group concerned.

We have continued to offer our free tool loan scheme to both Full and Associate member groups. We have extended the availability of this scheme to School Groups and Church Groups who by definition do not qualify for membership.

We have continued to work in collaboration with another local Charity to continue our Invasive Species Eradication Scheme.

We have held the first round of our "Small Grants Scheme" and have granted funding to seven groups for projects they have run throughout this year.

The onset of the Coronavirus pandemic has halted our Quarterly members meetings and to keep in touch with our member groups we have been sending regular Newsletters keeping them up to date with how the trustees are working to keep the charity operational and keeping them abreast of the latest Government and Local Authority guidelines concerning the virus.

We have remained available to members by e mail and Zoom to answer any queries they may have had.

Covid-19

Whilst the coronavirus has had a significant effect on our day to day activities (as we have had to modify our role as regards site visits and meetings) the financial effect will be minimal as we continue to hold funds for the coming year and do not anticipate any significant fall in funding.

At the time of signing these accounts the charity has been impacted by the global Covid-19 virus. The trustees have reassessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2020

Objectives and activities

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £11,226, all relating to restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free cash reserves at the year end were nil.

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: Ed Day

Date: 28th October 2020

Name: Edwin Day (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Natural Kirklees Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 30 September 2020, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 the CIO 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.

Signed: S.Procter Name: Stephen Procter

Date: 28 October 2020

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 30 September 2020

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	-	25,000	25,000	23,250
Total receipts		<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>23,250</u>
Payments					
Insurance		-	7,855	7,855	7,165
Tool store		-	889	889	727
Website		-	919	919	377
Publicity		-	-	-	180
Stationery		-	51	51	-
Events and activities		-	-	-	5,707
Accounting		-	252	252	216
Knotweed eradication work		-	475	475	-
Small grants programme		-	3,333	3,333	-
Total payments		<u>-</u>	<u>13,774</u>	<u>13,774</u>	<u>14,372</u>
Net receipts		-	11,226	11,226	8,878
Fund balances brought forward		-	31,543	31,543	22,665
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>-</u>	<u>42,769</u>	<u>42,769</u>	<u>31,543</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2020

	2020	2020	2020	2019
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Yorkshire Bank	-	42,769	42,769	31,543
Total cash funds	<u>-</u>	<u>42,769</u>	<u>42,769</u>	<u>31,543</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Computer, printer and accessories

Liabilities

Independent examination

£
<u>300</u>
<u>300</u>

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on

Date: 28th October 2020

Signed: Ed Day

(Trustee)

Name: Edwin Day

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 30 September 2020

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 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 year ended 30 September 2020

2 Grants and donations	2020 Unrestricted funds £	2020 Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Kirklees Council	-	25,000	25,000	20,000
Kirklees Council (Knotweed)	-	-	-	3,000
Voluntary Action Kirklees	-	-	-	250
	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>23,250</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance c/f £
Kirklees Council	28,543	25,000	13,299	40,244
Kirklees Council (Knotweed)	3,000	-	475	2,525
	<u>31,543</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>13,774</u>	<u>42,769</u>

Fund name

Purpose of restriction

Kirklees Council

Towards the costs of insurance, tool share scheme, website, publicity and promotional events. Also monies for distribution as part of a small grants programme.

Kirklees Council (Knotweed)

Towards the costs of Japanese Knotweed eradication.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

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

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.