

Natural Kirklees

Charity number 1174259

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 September 2021



West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

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Trustees' report for the year ended 30 September 2021

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		Resigned 19 November 2020
Edwin Day	Treasurer	
Christine Senior		
Phil Slater		
David Rudd		Appointed 19 November 2020

Charity number 1174259

Principal address

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Bankers

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Accountants

West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

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LS10 2QW

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 2021

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

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.

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

Our Charity has been of particular help this year. The local Council has had to impose many restrictions on the use of Green spaces and Parks and we have had to keep our member groups informed of these and interpret how the restrictions affect our members activities. We have acted as mediators and points of contact as the local authority has moved staff into other roles to fight the pandemic.

We have continued to hold our quarterly meetings by Zoom and been available to our members to sort out their problems, liaise with the local authority and be there for just a chat if required. When restrictions were lifted in stages again we have given advice and provided Covid related risk assessments to enable our members to restart their activities in a safe manner.

Throughout the whole of the lockdown periods we have sent out regular newsletters to keep members aware of developments, keep them in touch with each other and try and keep things as normal as possible. We are now back to meeting in person and most restrictions have been lifted by the Council.

The activity in the past year has been severely impacted due to the Covid-19 virus and as a result both our income and expenditure have been a lot less than planned. Our income derives from a Kirklees Council grant that was less than in previous years due to the inevitable inactivity but is not seen as an issue going forward. 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.

Financial review

Net payments for the year were £3,990, all relating to restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves at the year end were 'nil' as all activities are funded.

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 on 14/10/2021

Edwin R Day (Trustee)

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 30 September 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants	(2)	-	10,000	10,000	25,000
Total receipts		<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Payments					
Insurance		-	9,707	9,707	7,855
Tool store		-	1,320	1,320	889
Website		-	417	417	919
Administration		-	66	66	51
Events and activities		-	30	30	-
Accounting		-	300	300	252
Knotweed eradication work		-	2,150	2,150	475
Small grants programme		-	-	-	3,333
Total payments		<u>-</u>	<u>13,990</u>	<u>13,990</u>	<u>13,774</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		-	(3,990)	(3,990)	11,226
Fund balances brought forward		-	42,769	42,769	31,543
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>-</u>	<u>38,779</u>	<u>38,779</u>	<u>42,769</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2021

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Yorkshire Bank	-	38,779	38,779	42,769
Total cash funds	<u>-</u>	<u>38,779</u>	<u>38,779</u>	<u>42,769</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Computer, printer and accessories

Liabilities

Independent examination

£
240
<u>240</u>

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 14/10/2021

Edwin R Day (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 30 September 2021

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 2021

2 Grants	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Kirklees Council	-	10,000	10,000	25,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance c/f £
Kirklees Council	40,244	10,000	11,840	38,404
Kirklees Council (Knotweed)	2,525	-	2,150	375
	<u>42,769</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>13,990</u>	<u>38,779</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.