



# Annual report 2023/24

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# Message from the Chair of Trustees

I am delighted to reflect on a period of growth and collaboration, underpinned by our longstanding commitment to positive environmental impact. The past 12 months has seen our green heart in York beat ever stronger, and we are proud of how we continue to nurture both nature and people.

The charity sector has faced a wide array of pressures this year. Cost inflation and reduced funding opportunities have impacted many organisations, including ours. These financial constraints make it harder to deliver services and meet the rising needs of our community and our habitats. Despite these challenges, the need for the services we provide has grown. St Nicks has had to be agile and resourceful, to ensure our ability to offer environmental stewardship, mental health services, and sustainable living education continues to flourish. As public concern over climate change and biodiversity loss continues to rise, charities like St Nicks play an essential role in preserving habitats, reducing carbon footprints, and educating communities about sustainable living.

Our success is built on the strength of our partnerships and the generosity of our volunteers. We seek out opportunities for collaboration, for example when joining forces with local schools for tree-planting days and nature education workshops, identifying opportunities for expansion of our Green Corridors work, or via our involvement in the York Precious Plastics project, which tackles plastic waste head-on by transforming it into usable products.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our funders and other external bodies, including the National Lottery Heritage Fund and City of York Council. These partnerships help us expand our reach and enhance our capacity. We are delighted to be in the process of renewing our recycling contract with CYC, and our recycling service continues to receive national recognition.

In August 2023 we suffered a break-in at the Environment Centre which caused significant disruption to our operations. Thanks to the positive attitude, determination and resilience of our dedicated staff team, alongside the kindness of our wider network of supporters and volunteers in donating money and time to our recovery campaign, we were able to adjust, bounce back, and most importantly minimise the impact on our service provision. It served as a reminder that when plans get knocked off course unexpectedly, the power of our culture and our community is invaluable to us. We do not take this for granted and acknowledge the pressures faced when persevering during an uncertain crisis management phase. Nevertheless, we should be proud of how our people tackled adversity head-on and got St Nicks back up on its feet.

Finally – to continue this sentiment, a thank you. To everyone who has supported St Nicks over the past year – volunteers, staff, funders, and community members – for helping us grow and thrive. Together, we can continue to build a more sustainable future for York.

# CEO's report



This has been a difficult year for the charity sector – almost two thirds of charities have reported having to do more with less compared to a year ago as well as using reserves and asking funders for assistance with increased costs (Source UK Fundraising Jan 2024).

Research by Charities Aid Foundation suggests that 50% of charities now say they are at full capacity and cannot help anyone else, because of increased demand and sustained financial challenges. One in seven (15%) say they are having to turn people in need away. Charities are propping up government services by more than £2.4bn a year, according to a report by Think Tank NPC.

In the context of this challenging landscape and despite cost pressures and challenges in the availability of funding for core costs rather than projects, St Nicks has had a tremendous year, both financial in terms of grants and funding secured combined with making the very best of all our people and resources. We have not accessed our reserves and have seen continued growth in our income level, balancing costs to ensure we have finalised the year at a breakeven point.

Our strategy to focus on our areas of deep expertise, seeking larger, multi-year grants has seen successful results in the last year, with significant grants from National Lottery Community Fund, National Lottery Heritage Fund and National Lottery Climate Action Fund helping to secure both our Ecotherapy and Nature-Based Wellbeing programme for three years and enabling the extension of our Green Corridors pilot to include Urban Green Corridors across York.

That said, we feel the demand from the pressure being experienced by statutory services in the areas where we provide services. Staff burnout in the community sector is REAL – we have had to review and focus our internal support to ensure our teams and team members, though diligent, committed and creative, are not consistently going beyond what it is reasonable to expect them to deliver.

Unfortunately, the break-in and associated damage we experienced in August did not help, creating additional pressure, particularly on our recycling team due to the damage to our electric vehicles.

We intensified our focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing internally – signed up to the Mental Health at Work Commitment and we continue to work on how best to support all aspects of mental health across our teams knowing that this is needs to constantly evolve as our dynamics change.

In May, Sam Taylor, Waste & Recycling Manager, came in 21st of the “Hot 100” in Resource and Waste Management as an Architect of Change: “Her Tireless efforts in waste education truly inspire change”.

Just as the year closed Sam and her team submitted our bid for our ongoing partnership with CYC for residential recycling within the city centre, further cementing our presence within and across the city. With the support of our funders, we also became a Living Wage Foundation accredited employer, an achievement we have been aspiring to for some time, and one which few charitable organisations in our area have achieved.

In September we came highly commended in the Green Category of the BBC Radio York Make a Difference Awards.

As I leave St Nicks to move to a new role in the sector, I remain incredibly proud of the team here and what they've accomplished over the last few years. They are a testament to all that St Nicks represents and I have no doubt that this will continue under the new CEO.

Ellie Stead

## Our charity's purpose

St Nicks aims to:

- Preserve and conserve the area known as St Nicholas Fields, including the flora and fauna of the area, for the benefit and education of the public
- Promote the public education of persons resident in York and surrounding areas in principles and benefits of environmental and conservation issues and of sustainability including but not limited to recycling and waste reduction
- Promote the benefit of the public by providing facilities in the interests of social welfare and leisure time occupation with the object of improving their conditions of life

We work to meet these aims in the following ways:

### Reducing carbon emissions

We have continued to provide a free energy advice service for York residents who are either on a low income, or aged 65+ or experiencing a long term health condition or disability. This partnership between St Nicks and York Community Energy is funded through the Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme, and supported by Yorkshire Energy Doctor as well as other local partners.

We have continued to issue fuel vouchers on behalf of the City of York Council to qualifying York residents who need help with meeting their energy costs.

We have continued hosting Open Eco Homes events and drop-in discussions. Around a third of York's carbon emissions come from the way we heat and power our homes. Making them much more energy efficient brings numerous benefits so we facilitate information sharing and understanding of energy saving home upgrades via our York Open Eco Homes events.



## Nature-based wellbeing

The Ecotherapy programme has continued with its roster of vital and oversubscribed nature-connectedness groups. Participating in these groups allows people with mental health challenges to improve their wellbeing through connections with nature. We host and facilitate seven year-round weekly activity sessions and four additional seasonal groups, as well as drop-in events to celebrate World Mental Health Day and at other points in the year.

In response to continued winter pressures and with the positive feedback received from the previous year, we continued to host a Warm Space with support from CYC between November and March.

Our monthly Nature Adventurer sessions continue, as well as holiday clubs during Christmas, Easter and summer breaks, enabling children to grow in confidence, skills and passion about the natural world.

## Green corridors

While our reach has expanded significantly in recent years, St Nicks Local Nature Reserve remains the only site which we have the official responsibility for managing. As our original site, it has provided us with the learning ground to develop our habitat management and ecological surveying skills and experience. The site management is a collaborative effort with a diverse range of groups (Weekly conservation volunteers, Wildwatch group, St Nicks Ecotherapy group Bearing Fruit, Blueberry Academy, Student Action Group, school and business groups) all contributing. It is this same collaborative community approach, developed over time at St Nicks, which is now being replicated across the wider corridors.

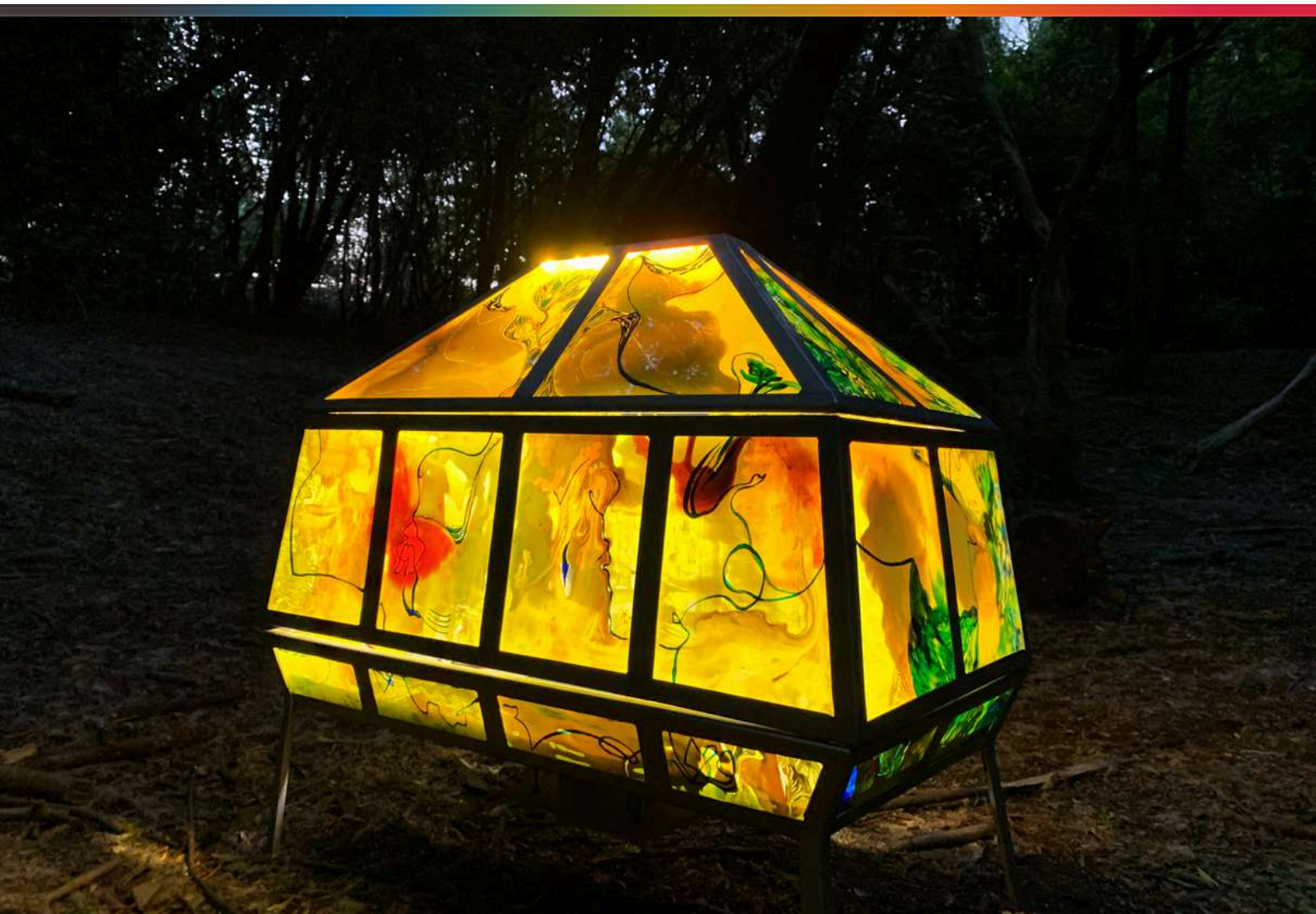
Green Corridors York strives for “more, bigger, better and more joined up” greenspaces and initiatives. We successfully secured funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to scale up the Green Corridors York concept across the city. With partners, we've developed a sustainable plan to expand from 78ha (GRCF pilot) to 280ha of York's special and often unique natural heritage, its rivers and floodplains. The total area of the corridors will cover 1950ha, which we will impact through wider stakeholder engagement work. To successfully deliver the project at this increased scale, we have developed 7 Community Corridor Hubs (St Nicks Environment Centre being the original). These are strategic bases for training, machinery and equipment, plant and tree propagation, engagement and delivering improvements across the corridors.

We have continued to develop Wild York, an online interactive map (initially developed during the pilot project) and the new online portal aims to make nature more accessible and democratise environmental decision making.

We've been developing our citizen science activities by supporting and training individuals, groups and landowners to have the biggest possible impact across the corridors. This includes bringing our rivers back to life through nature friendly management, protecting rare Tansy beetles by connecting and improving their specialist habitats, enhancing habitat for endangered water vole to boost their depleted populations and improving management to enhance floodplain habitats. We have also continued to develop and train citizen science volunteers in a range of self-led and peer-supported ecological surveys.

## Recycling and waste management

We have continued to collect recycling from York central residents in line with our contract with City of York Council. Our commercial recycling service, for regular, one off and event recycling has also continued to grow. Thanks to an exciting new partnership with the Recycled Candle Company we have also managed to increase the number of types of material we can collect at the kerbside. York Pride was once again the biggest event we recycled from this year, but the Bisby Road Street Party, Poppleton Sports day and York Cycle Rally also benefited from our teams services and diverted valuable resources from general waste.



A Dataset's Dream, art and poetry installation we hosted in 2023

# Key achievements in 2023/4

## Ecotherapy

**74** participants enrolled in Ecotherapy

**95%** of participants felt more connected to nature thanks to their time at St Nicks

**4,237** participant hours logged at Ecotherapy activities

**403** hours of 1:1 mentoring for mental health logged with participants

**412** attendees at our holiday activities for children and young people



## Minimising waste

**578.2** tonnes of business and recycling waste collected and hand sorted

**1049.19**

kg of "difficult to recycle" materials recycled through TerraCycle, including over:

**0%** contamination rate so no materials are rejected by reprocessors and incinerated

**310** kg of pens

**12** public recycling points maintained, as well as monthly drop-in sessions at St Nicks

**415** kg of crisps, nut & snack packaging

**229** kg of toothbrushes & toothpaste tubes



# Green corridors

**113** hectares worked across for nature recovery

**5** new Community Conservation Hubs developed

**1,500** m of the Foss and its tributaries where water vole populations were recorded

**8** km of becks and rivers where St Nicks introduced nature-friendly management

**In our Big Community Challenge 2023 in partnership with City of York Council, we held 45 sessions at 15 sites across York, supported by 556 volunteers representing 19 employers and the local community.**



# Key achievements: reducing carbon, improving lives

## Energy Redress Fund

In May, our multi-year Energy Redress programme came to a close. The duration of this programme included significant and unprecedented changes to energy markets including significant price rises and suppliers going out of business. Despite sometimes struggling to keep up with demand, the programme made a positive overall impact on the lives of vulnerable residents who were struggling with energy bills and keeping warm.

Through installing energy saving measures in their homes and/or referring them for bigger works, we've also helped to reduce York's carbon emissions.

We know that a number of referrals to other agencies have led to home repairs and installations of other measures - from draught-proofing in council houses to solar panels on private roofs or a new fridge replacing an ancient predecessor. Sometimes, even just having a friendly chat with residents worried about their bills, explaining how things work and what support is available, has had a big impact on their wellbeing.

"I am writing to express my appreciation to York Energy Advice. In particular I am impressed by your personable, caring professional ways. You have been more than helpful to me in these uncertain and stressful circumstances of keeping warm. The approach and advice by York Energy Advice have been consistently useful and down to earth. [The advisor] who visited is an absolute gem. He is not only good at getting on with the work, but great at explaining things in a friendly manner. I am sure that he puts lots of people at ease. I hope more people in the community can benefit from your most worthy and excellent work."

Here are some of the key deliverables across the lifetime of the project:

- Home visits delivered: 337
- Crisis payments made: 79
- Total distinct households reached with energy advice: 861
- Households provided with at least one small measure: 184
- Estimated annual energy savings achieved (kWh) through measures installed: 35,609kWh
- Actual financial gains or savings on bills: £5,700+
- Number of frontline workers/volunteers trained by project: 97
- In-depth home assessments: 4 whole house assessments and 6 home energy check-ups

We're confident the legacy of this project is a useful and well used local advice service, which is much needed in tackling both fuel poverty and the climate crisis.

York Community Energy (YCE) has secured continuation and expansion core funding for the service from the Shared Prosperity Fund administered by the City of York Council. This has allowed them to employ a new member of staff and secure a locally based office space. St Nicks will continue to work in close partnership with YCE on an ongoing basis.

These changes in funding and structure meant saying good-bye to Ivana as she moved to work exclusively for YCE in June 2023. Over an amazing 19 years working at St Nicks, Ivana took on a wide range of different roles within the charity and has seen it through an enormous amount of change and growth. Over this time Ivana has had a significant positive impact, sharing her passion for protecting nature and educating others on sustainability. We wish Ivana all the best in her role at YCE.



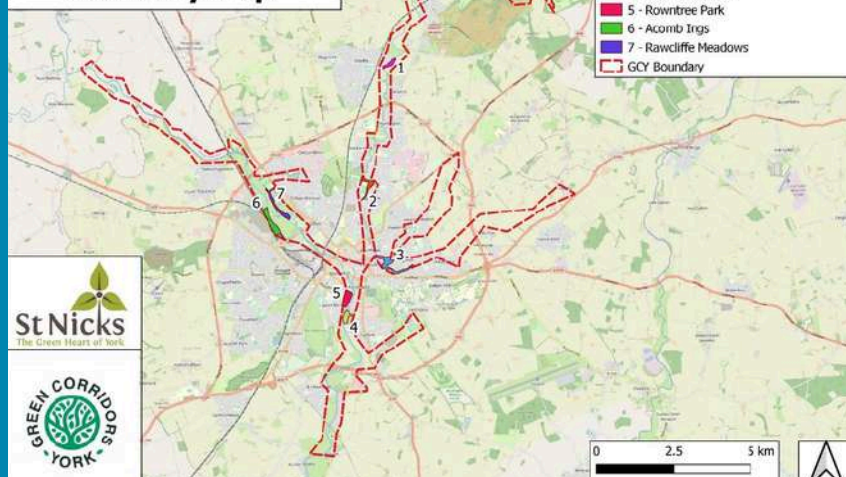
## York Open Eco Homes

On Sunday 1st October, York Community Energy in partnership with St Nicks ran their annual York Open Eco Homes Event. This allowed members of the public to visit eco-friendly homes and learn more about upgrading your home for energy saving, efficiency, lower bills and reduced carbon footprint.



# Significant activities: Green Corridors York (GCY)

## Green Corridors York - Rivers and Floodplains Boundary Map



"Our vision is to seamlessly integrate our efforts with St. Nicks' Green Corridors York project, a strategic move aimed at enhancing and expanding green spaces throughout the city. This collaborative initiative holds immense significance in bolstering the environmental sustainability of our beloved city."

- Holly Hennell, Manager at York Cares

## St Nicks LNR - Wildwatch

The St Nicks Wildwatch group have met weekly to record species on the nature reserve since 2011. As the species list grows (2,411 in March 2024), so does the enthusiasm by the group to record even more weird, wonderful and often unrecorded wildlife. The highlight of the year came in August, when Sam Buckton found Common Cudweed at the Hazel Court entrance. This wildflower is Near Threatened on both the Great Britain and England Red List (following IUCN criteria). In the same location Sam found several other interesting plants including Sticky Groundsel, Marsh Cudweed, Annual Pearlwort and Wall Speedwell, most of which are new records for the site.

One of the group's favourite finds from the year was a spectacular troupe of Scarlet Elfcups (at least 32!) on a pile of dead branches near the Foss Islands Cycle Path entrance in February 2024.

In June, Amy Bowman had success in attracting *Synanthedon tipuliformis* (Currant Clearwing moths) to a pheromone lure in the Environment Centre garden, where they feed on the Redcurrant bushes. In September, Amy discovered a nest of Yellow Meadow Ants *Lasius flavus* NFR on the bank surrounding the Dragon Stones. This ant is an ecosystem engineer, creating favourable grassland conditions for many other species.

## Improved river management

York Consortium of Drainage Boards (YCDB) manage the majority of our rivers. They have traditionally been seen as a barrier to delivering joined up riparian projects due to differing habitat management priorities. With partners, we have developed a positive working relationship with the Consortium, leading to the potential habitat enhancement of over 100km of waterways to support fragmented and isolated species and habitats such as water vole, tansy beetle and floodplain meadow.

This includes a biodiversity trail by the Foss Internal Drainage Board where a range of different and sympathetic management methods are being tested along the lower reaches of the Foss.

## Yorkshire water vole project

Water voles have suffered a catastrophic decline across Yorkshire in recent years, due to mink predation and habitat loss. Up to date survey data is essential to identify priority areas for mink control and habitat improvement works. (Kathryn Lillistone EA Project Lead). In 2023 we worked with the River Foss Society and the EA to survey for water vole and mink at sites in the Foss catchment. New positive records of water voles were recorded on the River Foss, Westfield Beck and at Strensall Common which is encouraging after few records in previous years.

## Tansy beetle research project

In partnership with the Tansy Beetle Action Group we undertook a Natural England Species Recovery Programme funded project asking the research question: How do Different Riverbank Management Techniques Benefit the Tansy Beetle and Wider Biodiversity? The aim of the study was to understand the wider invertebrate and plant communities that are associated with tansy beetle habitat and how this can be optimised for biodiversity benefits in Yorkshire River corridors (Tansy Beetle Conservation Plan 2023-2027, Objective 1.3.1). This study has provided a good starting point for future research and potential benefits to wider biodiversity, but more robust research designs with larger numbers of sites are needed

to further understand specific management regimes and tansy beetle abundance. 2023 has been a record year for Tansy beetle along the river Ouse. The annual survey revealed a population estimate of 91,000 – nearly double the previous highest estimate of 46,000 back in 2016. This demonstrates how successful positive changes in riverbank management can be.



## Wild York

The interactive map (initially developed during the pilot project) and new online portal aims to make nature more accessible and democratise environmental decision making. Further developments will include:

- More detailed information about local projects and how to get involved.
- Information on key species and habitats, including survey data, conservation issues and solutions we can implement.
- Online space for communities to have a voice and instigate change including suggesting sites which could be restored or reimaged, reporting management issues or pollution incidents and celebrating nature.
- Section for 'learning' tools

# Significant activities: Nature-based wellbeing

## Ecotherapy:

### improving wellbeing through nature connectedness

The Ecotherapy programme, funded primarily by the National Lottery Community Fund and a Community Mental Health Team grant, continues to see a high level of demand. We work proactively with a variety of community organisations to manage new referrals, but have seen many groups remain full, with waiting lists. Last year a total of 74 adult participants attended 4,237 hours of activities across seven weekly and four seasonal activities. The regularity of group sessions, and the accompanying 1:1 mentoring, continue to offer

participants routine and help them build resilience, counteract loneliness, and have a positive impact on both physical and mental wellbeing.



Mentoring continues to offer a supportive, non-judgemental space for participants to work through difficulties, set and achieve goals, explore challenges and make informed decisions about how to handle situations. Last year we saw demand for 1:1 mentoring increase and delivered over 400 hours of support in total. Feedback from Ecotherapy participants saw 95% say

they felt more connected to nature through St Nicks, and 91% felt more connected to other people through participating in Ecotherapy activities.

Participants are integral to the community at St Nicks, and Ecotherapy provides a calm and supportive environment, where they can shift their focus from their mental health on to nature, creativity, and learning and sharing their skills. We remain committed to fostering a culture of coproduction, empowering and enabling participants to be involved in all aspects of decision making, building on their strengths and ensuring their voices are heard and rights are championed, with the goal being for them to self-advocate in time.

“St Nicks genuinely saves lives. It is a sanctuary in and amongst the noise”

“Always considered St Nicks life-saving but now its something more, something affirmative and positive. It’s a very supportive space in which to be damaged/broken and yet still find purpose. Other people make this place what it is and there are so many wonderful people here. Thank you”

- Ecotherapy participants

“The Ecotherapy programme at St Nicks has literally been a lifeline for me in helping me to manage anxiety and depression. The kindness, thoughtfulness, care and support I have received here is the most wonderful and most appreciated thing. Because of it I do not need to contact my GP and I am able to gradually rebuild my life after trauma and manage challenges that arise. I truly wish that more people are able to access this kind of therapy. I think it would make a huge difference to our society and our world. I really hope this programme can be expanded and used as a model for other centres and programmes to follow.”

- Ecotherapy participant

## Education and Outreach:

### improving access and interaction with nature and St Nicks

Education and outreach work has continued to grow, with our youth mentor enhancing local partnerships to engage more children and young people with our Green Leaders scheme, holiday clubs and other educational activities. 118 young people took part in our Green Leaders scheme which aims to create a deeper interest in nature, develop resilience and self-confidence, and improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people. A local primary school, two alternative education providers, a scout group based at York Mosque, and the Traveller’s Trust were all involved. Our holiday club activities saw 428 children attend in total and were part-funded by City of York Council’s Holiday Activities Fund. Seasonal activities were shaped around participants interests and needs, and have included: bushcraft (den building, safe tree climbing, rope swings); nature crafts (willow weaving, natural dying, whittling), environmental projects (bug hotels, bird feeders, planting wildflowers); nature connection and exploration (mindfulness, observation/ID skills).

A teacher we worked with told us “It’s been so nice seeing the group progress over a period of months and how they have built up a connection with each other and seeing how they work together. They love spending time in nature and it has encouraged us to set up our own forest school area at school so children can go and spend time outside more.”



# Significant activities: waste minimisation

"I love it [the recycling service]! You guys are always on time and are very efficient!"

- Residential recycling customer

## Break-in and response

In August 2023 St Nicks was burglarised. Thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused to our garden, outbuildings and our beloved vehicles. Doris, the bigger of our two vehicles was stolen, whilst Edith who the thieves could not get working was smashed up. To say our team was upset would be an understatement!

To be honest, this senseless act of destruction really shook us, we were doubting our place in the community and had no way of knowing if the criminals would come back to try and gain entry into the building or to cause further damage. We were unable to work the day we discovered the burglary as our entire garden, paths leading to it and environment centre were active crime scenes. All of our sessions and groups had to be cancelled at very short notice. It quickly became apparent that it would not only be our staff and volunteers that were hurt by this crime.



As we needed to communicate the closure of the site for the day news of the crime spread quickly. What we hadn't anticipated was the outpouring of support, offers of aid both financial and physical and ideas for making the site more secure. We received almost £2000 in donations to support us in the clean up.



Complications with the recovery of the vehicles and insurance meant we would not see Doris back on the road within this financial year however our fantastic team have worked incredibly hard to ensure there was no drop in service for our residents or business customers. We wanted to take this as another opportunity to thank our incredible community for their support in what was for us a very trying time.

## Garage, future plans & awards!

In December 2023 we finally got planning permission to erect a garage to store our vehicles. The build is due to happen in 2024, which will free up much needed space within our garden and storage units. This year our Residential Recycling contract with City of York Council also expires, we will need to go to tender to reapply for the contract. As part of that process we will include provision to become a living wage employer.

In May our recycling crew were awarded Collection Crew of the Year at the Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management! Part of their prize, which was awarded in front of industry experts at the Grosvenor Hotel in London was a trip away for the current members of the team. Thanks to our staffs pre booked commitments, six members of the team will have a long weekend away together in September 2024!

In 2023 we also rolled out the first UK kerbside collection of candle wastes. Candles are not commonly recyclable but working with The Recycled Candle Company we are able to collect wax, wax melts, tea light holders and glass jars from our residents and as part of our Terracycle collections. The Recycled Candle Company then recycles it all back into luxury candle products. We are thrilled that some of our Business recycling customers have now opted to stock Recycled Candle Company products, so maybe you'll be buying back materials you'd sent to be recycled!



# Looking ahead

## Areas of focus for 2024/25 and future aspirations

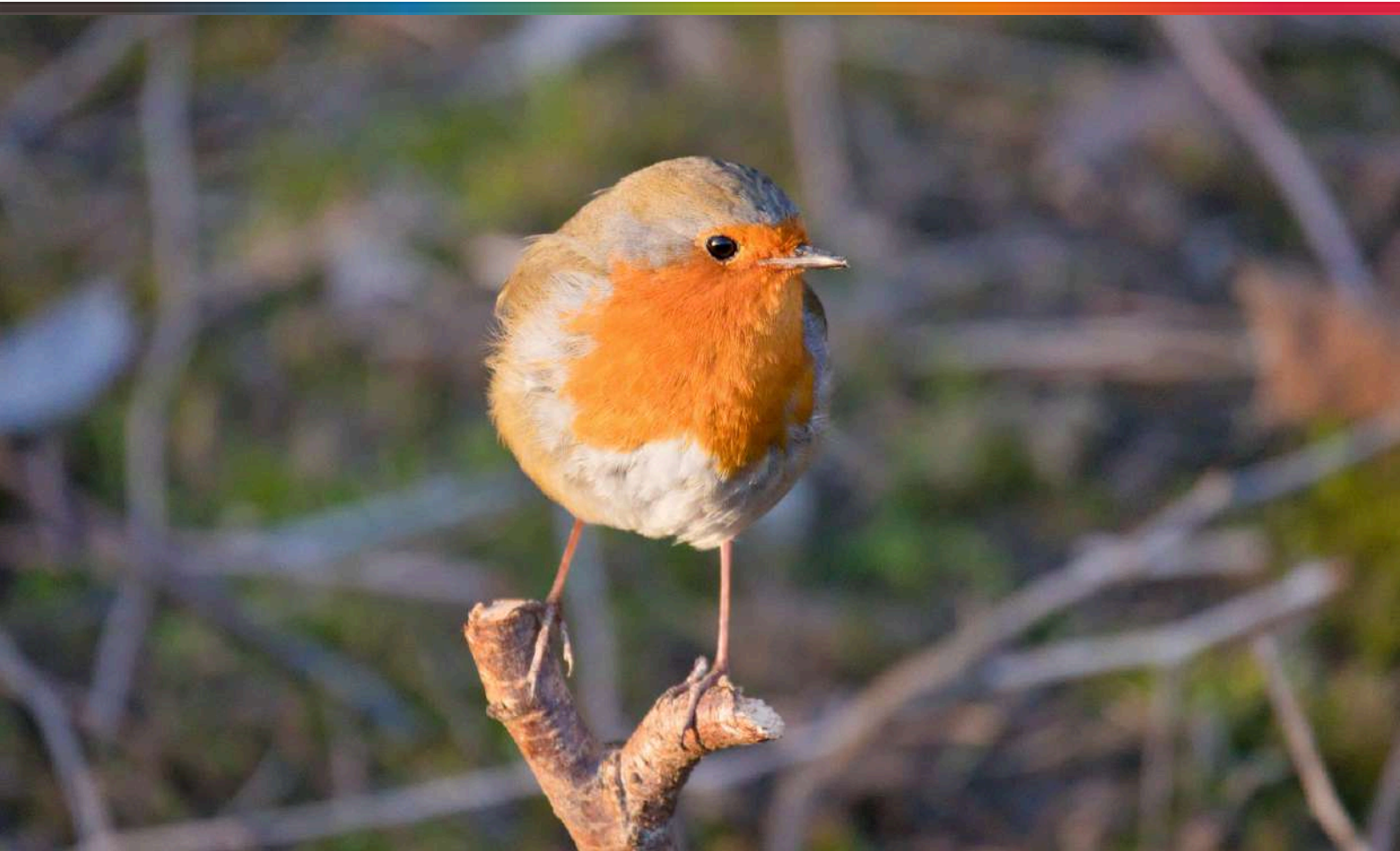
Our Environment Centre, though leading edge and fit for purpose when it was built over 20 years ago, is now in need of a major retrofit and extension. The charity has grown substantially, and we are more aware of the limitations of the space we have for our teams, participants, volunteers, and community, so the design and layout of the building need a significant overhaul in order to help our space work better for everyone.

COVID significantly changed how the building was used, and we have now re-consulted all user groups and are working with Native architects on a revised design to submit for planning approval. Once a design is approved, we start the very significant task of securing major funding to undertake this, combined with the logistics of ensuring our activities continue to run smoothly throughout any building work.

Our commitment to the VCSE Collaborative continues, to ensure that we have a voice and representation in the provision of care and services through all channels including the Integrated Care Board.

We remain close to aspects of the relaunch of the Climate Commission in York and the various working groups, many of which interconnect and touch into work that we undertake.

Finally, we are keeping a very close watch on the progression of discussions around Natural Capital, and what opportunities this may hold for St Nicks in the longer term.



# Who we are



## Trustees

Stuart Leslie (Chair)  
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Sam Taylor, Waste & Recycling Manager  
Eleanor Tookey, Ecotherapy Officer  
Nicola Ward, Green Corridors Officer - Ouse  
Staurt Watling, Recycling Officer  
Jo Young, Nature-based Wellbeing Manager (until March 2024)

"I feel that our team celebrate each other's contribution. This is due to the caring and appreciative environment created by our manager and shared by each other"

- Staff survey response , 2023

# Volunteers

We would like to thank our volunteers for their efforts, energy and enthusiasm: across educational activities, green corridor sites, park rangers, citizen scientists, eco-crafters, helping events to run smoothly, corporate groups... the list goes on and we are so grateful for every single person who generously shares their time and skills to help make York a place where people value wildlife, the environment and each other equally to sustain a rich and healthy life for all.

## Governance and risk management

The Friends of St Nicholas Fields is a registered CIO (charity number 1153739). In line with our Constitution, the Board of Trustees may appoint up to twelve trustees, who are ratified by our members at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are selected and appointed based on the skills they bring to the charity.

The Board of Trustees and senior management team regularly review our risk register in order to govern effectively and mitigate any identified risks. In relation to some of our higher scoring risks, we have made good progress in addressing potential issues around securing continuity of funding (financial), economic and political changes (external), and succession planning (governance).

Overall, the Board of Trustees of St Nicks have given consideration to the most significant risks to which the charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that appropriate and proportional systems and procedures are in place to mitigate those risks.

## Financial activities 2023/4

In 2023/2024 St Nicks generated income of £655,526 against £582,172 in the previous year. Total expenditure amounted to £654,883 (2022/2023 £617,228). The net result of the charity for the year is a surplus of £654 (2022/2023 deficit £35,056).

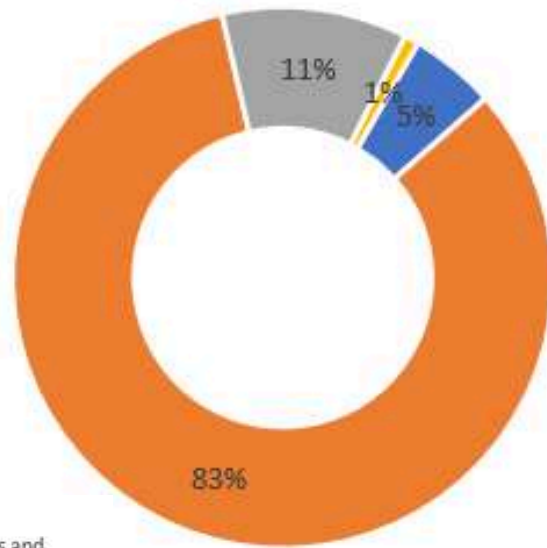
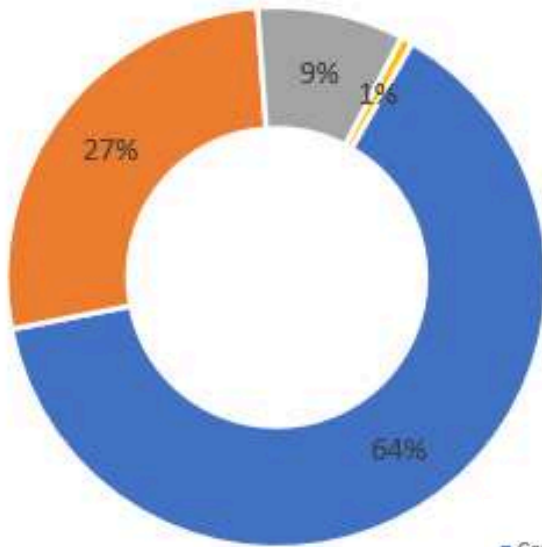
This virtual breakeven position is exactly as planned for the year end.

We are in the process of securing our partnership contract with City of York Council for a five-year period for residential recycling.

We remain thankful to all our funding partners this year, whose recognition of the value we provide has enabled us to be accredited as a Living Wage Employer. Thank you to all our members, supporters and hard-working volunteers as well as the fantastic team at St Nicks for a record year of results and outcomes.

2022-23

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- Grants, Donations and Legacies
- Charitable Activities
- Other Trading Activities
- Other

# Thank you to our key supporters

Better Connect  
 Brelms Trust  
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 Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme  
 Energy Savings Trust  
 Environment Agency  
 Ernest Cook Trust  
 Groundwork  
 Heworth Ward Committee  
 Hey Smile Foundation  
 Hull Road Ward Committee  
 Joseph Rowntree Foundation  
 Natural England  
 Natural England Species Recovery Fund  
 Seed Corn Fund  
 Neighbourly  
 Persimmon Homes  
 Spark Fund

Tang Hall Big Local  
 The National Lottery Community Fund  
 The National Lottery Heritage Fund  
 Two Ridings Community Foundation  
 York CVS  
 York St John University  
 Yorkshire Water

### Organisations donating funds or other support:

Latimer  
 York CVS  
 York Cares  
 River Foss Society  
 GoodGym  
 North and East Yorkshire Ecological Data Centre  
 Yorkshire Wildlife Trust  
 Foss Internal Drainage Board

# Friends of St Nicholas Fields

(Charity Registration Number 1153739)

Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements for  
the year ended

31st March 2024

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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report on the accounts of: Friends of St Nicholas Fields

for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 23 to 36.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the "2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

**The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Institute Of Management Accountants.**

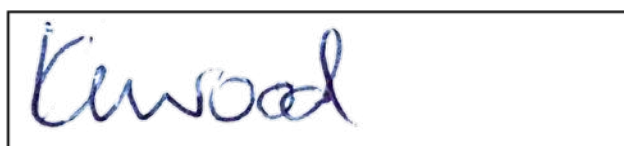
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date: 7th November 2024

**Friends of St Nicholas Fields**  
(Charity Registration Number 1153739)

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended: 31 March 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3.1	33,727	-	33,727	20,474
Charitable activities	3.2	178,752	363,025	541,777	506,290
Other trading activities	3.3	72,525	117	72,642	51,100
Investments	3.4	1,835	-	1,835	285
Other	3.5	5,545	-	5,545	4,023
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>292,384</b>	<b>363,142</b>	<b>655,526</b>	<b>582,172</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	4.1	457	28	485	3,579
Charitable activities	4.2	291,284	363,114	654,398	613,649
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>291,741</b>	<b>363,142</b>	<b>654,883</b>	<b>617,228</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>643</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>(35,056)</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		<b>(60 )</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>583</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>(35,056)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>132,465</b>	<b>297,866</b>	<b>430,331</b>	<b>465,387</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>133,048</b>	<b>297,926</b>	<b>430,974</b>	<b>430,331</b>



**Friends of St Nicholas Fields**  
(Charity Registration Number 1153739)

**Balance Sheet as at: 31st March 2024**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	298,793	295,645
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>298,793</u>	<u>295,645</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	8	154,886	206,013
Debtors & prepayments	9	68,133	72,007
Stock		-	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>223,019</u>	<u>278,020</u>
<b>Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors and accruals	10	(90,838)	(143,334)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>132,181</u>	<u>134,686</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>430,974</u>	<u>430,331</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>	11		
Unrestricted Funds (General)		133,048	132,465
Restricted Funds		297,926	297,866
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	11	<u>430,974</u>	<u>430,331</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on:

And signed on their behalf by:



Stuart Leslie, Chair of Trustees

## Friends of St Nicholas Fields

**Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended:**

**31st March 2024**

	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year</b>	643	(35,056 )
<b>Add: Depreciation for the year</b>	<u>5,748</u>	<u>3,918</u>
<b>Working capital changes</b>		
(Increase)/decrease in stock	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	3,874	(25,669 )
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(52,496 )	(30,807 )
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<u><b>(42,231 )</b></u>	<u><b>(87,614 )</b></u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets	8,896	1,000
Disposal of fixed assets	-	-
	<u><b>8,896</b></u>	<u><b>1,000</b></u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	(51,127 )	(88,614 )
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2020	206,013	294,627
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2021</b>	<u><b>154,886</b></u>	<u><b>206,013</b></u>

Notes to the accounts for the year ended:

31st March 2024

## 1 Basis of preparation

### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

### 1.2 Change of basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

### 1.3 Change to previous accounts

There has been some recategorisation of income and expenditure from last year. This does not affect the total figures.

## 2 Accounting policies

### Income and endowments

#### Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- receipt of the resources is probable; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure, the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

#### Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has evidence of entitlement to the resources and receipt is probable.

#### Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

#### Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

## **Expenditure and Liabilities**

### **Expenditure**

#### **Raising funds**

Cost of raising funds comprise those costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

#### **Charitable activities**

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### **Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

### **Assets**

#### **Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £2000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt, less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Office equipment	25%	straight line basis
Project equipment	25%	straight line basis
Computer equipment	33.33%	straight line basis
Adventure playground equipment	25%	straight line basis

#### **Environment Centre**

Depreciation is on a straight line basis in line with the lease length.

### **Fund accounting**

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

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended:

31 March 2024

3 Income and endowments	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
<b>3.1 Donations and legacies</b>						
Donations	13,225	-	13,225	7,346	-	7,346
Legacies	5,000	-	5,000	3,106	-	3,106
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	15,502	-	15,502	10,022	-	10,022
	<b>33,727</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,727</b>	<b>20,474</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,474</b>
<b>3.2 Charitable activities</b>						
Grants	-	359,744	359,744	-	349,589	349,589
Wasre minimalisation	12,422	-	12,422	-	-	-
Recycling scheme	111,279	3,281	114,560	108,038	-	108,038
Recycling credits	13,643	-	13,643	25,655	-	25,655
Local Nature Reserve SLA	23,008	-	23,008	23,008	-	23,008
Habitat contract work	18,400	-	18,400	-	-	-
	<b>178,752</b>	<b>363,025</b>	<b>541,777</b>	<b>156,701</b>	<b>349,589</b>	<b>506,290</b>
<b>3.3 Other trading activities</b>						
Educational, lettings & rentals	2,815	117	2,932	1,339	225	1,564
Membership fees	1,453	-	1,453	800	-	800
Educational events	3,287	-	3,287	2,944	1,138	4,082
General sales	64,936	-	64,936	44,594	-	44,594
Shop sales	34	-	34	60	-	60
	<b>72,525</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>72,642</b>	<b>49,737</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>51,100</b>
<b>3.4 Investments</b>						
Bank interest	1,835	-	1,835	285	-	285
	<b>1,835</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>285</b>
<b>3.5 Other</b>						
Other sundry income	1,645	-	1,645	123	-	123
Open University - Branching out	3,900	-	3,900	3,900	-	3,900
JRS furlough grant	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>5,545</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,545</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,023</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>292,384</b>	<b>363,142</b>	<b>655,526</b>	<b>231,220</b>	<b>350,952</b>	<b>582,172</b>

#### 4 Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds #	Total 2023 £
<b>4.1 Raising funds</b>						
Marketing & publicity costs	100	28	128	1,150	315	1,465
Purchases for resale	357	-	357	2,114	-	2,114
	<b>457</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>3,579</b>
<b>4.2 Charitable activities</b>						
Salaries	200,708	245,017	445,725	191,019	224,355	415,374
Staff training & other costs	125	3,410	3,535	4,873	4,528	9,401
Volunteer training & other costs	-	534	534	668	1,160	1,828
Rent & rates	344	89	433	810	282	1,092
Utilities	1,653	649	2,302	2,111	846	2,957
Cleaning, repairs & renewals	14,225	757	14,982	5,189	624	5,813
Health and safety & security	1,557	493	2,050	1,532	674	2,206
Telephone, IT & communications	6,721	2,777	9,498	2,143	2,214	4,357
Postage & stationery	2,753	1,167	3,920	1,697	707	2,404
Insurance	8,609	5,254	13,863	13,129	1,941	15,070
Memberships & subscriptions	1,352	531	1,883	2,707	1,086	3,793
Legal & professional fees	587	8,453	9,040	4,745	10,711	15,456
Resources & equipment	6,747	17,530	24,277	11,973	16,959	28,932
Project support	956	21,054	22,010	3,450	29,980	33,430
Other project costs	20,448	47,069	67,517	4,021	45,012	49,033
Accountancy fees	13,528	5,312	18,840	12,011	4,819	16,830
Bank charges	332	72	404	150	61	211
Event costs	3,032	-	3,032	1,197	332	1,529
Sundry expenses	2,641	-	2,641			
Bad debts & balances written off	839	1,325	2,164	12	3	15
Depreciation	4,127	1,621	5,748	2,796	1,122	3,918
	<b>291,284</b>	<b>363,114</b>	<b>654,398</b>	<b>266,233</b>	<b>347,416</b>	<b>613,649</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>291,741</b>	<b>363,142</b>	<b>654,883</b>	<b>269,497</b>	<b>347,731</b>	<b>617,228</b>

#### 5 Expenses & fees

No trustees received a remuneration for services rendered during the year, nor were any trustees' out of pocket expenses reimbursed.

##### 5.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	<u>1,200</u>	<u>750</u>

#### 6 Staff costs and emoluments

##### 6.1 Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Gross salaries	411,774	384,461
Employers National Insurance	25,780	23,659
Pension contributions	8,171	7,254
	<u>445,725</u>	<u>415,374</u>

##### 6.2 Average number of full time equivalent employees by department

	2024	2023
Fundraising	2.00	2.00
Charitable activities	10.27	10.45
Governance	0.50	0.50
Other	2.00	2.00
Total	<u>14.77</u>	<u>14.95</u>

No employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000 (2023:Nil)

## 7 Fixed assets

2024	Leasehold Environment £	Office equipment £	General equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>7.1 Cost or valuation</b>					
Balance b/fwd	324,111	-	64,820	-	388,931
Additions	-	-	8,896	-	8,896
Disposals	-	-	(63,820)	-	-
Balance c/fwd	<u>324,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>397,827</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
Balance b/fwd	29,466	-	63,820	-	93,286
Charge for year	3,274	-	2,474	-	5,748
Disposals	-	-	(63,820)	-	-
Balance c/fwd	<u>32,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,474</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,034</u>
Net book value					
31 March 2024	<u>291,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298,793</u>
<b>2023</b>					
	Leasehold Environment £	Office equipment £	General equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
Balance b/fwd	324,111	-	63,820	-	387,931
Additions	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance c/fwd	<u>324,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>388,931</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
Balance b/fwd	26,192	-	63,176	-	89,368
Charge for year	3,274	-	644	-	3,918
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance c/fwd	<u>29,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,286</u>
Net book value					
31 March 2023	<u>294,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>295,645</u>

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	2023 £
<b>8 Cash at bank and in hand</b>				
Current bank account	-	-	-	32,380
CAF Cash account	14,996	-	14,996	84,055
CAF Gold account	40,345	-	40,345	20,095
Triodos	-	-	-	67,124
Virgin money giving	-	-	-	103
Go cardless	(30)	-	(30)	(117)
Cashplus business debit card	-	-	-	-
Flagstone Group Ltd	98,538	-	98,538	-
PayPal account	142	-	142	1,017
Soldo	575	-	575	737
Other cash in hand	320	-	320	619
	<u>154,886</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,886</u>	<u>206,013</u>

#### 9 Debtors and prepayments

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Debtors and prepayments</b>		
Trade debtors	45,238	36,947
Other debtors	415	472
Prepayments and accrued income	22,480	34,588
<b>Total</b>	<u>68,133</u>	<u>72,007</u>

#### 10 Creditors and accruals

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	9,794	13,274
Deposits held	202	202
Accruals and deferred income	70,417	113,965
Tax and social security	10,425	15,893
<b>Total</b>	<u>90,838</u>	<u>143,334</u>



## 11 Movement of funds

### 11.1 Movement of major funds

2024 Fund name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
<b>Unrestricted funds (General)</b>					
General unrestricted funds	124,714	279,962	291,741	(60 )	112,875
Waste minimisation	7,751	12,422	-	-	20,173
	<u>132,465</u>	<u>279,962</u>	<u>291,741</u>	<u>(60 )</u>	<u>133,048</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Environment Centre	294,645	-	-	-	294,645
<b>Grants Central</b>					
Energy redress	-	11,945	11,945	-	-
Kickstarter	(60 )	-	-	60	-
Big Give	-	7,340	7,340	-	-
<b>Grants Waste minimisation</b>					
Precious plastic	3,281	3,850	3,850	-	3,281
<b>Grants Green Spaces</b>					
Brelms Trust	-	4,505	4,505	-	-
Green recovery	-	894	894	-	-
HR Park	-	15,471	15,471	-	-
York urban becks	-	3,459	3,459	-	-
York urban becks 2	-	46,526	46,526	-	-
Yorkshire water	-	3,964	3,964	-	-
National lottery heritage	-	49,036	49,036	-	-
NE Seedcorn	-	13,750	13,750	-	-
New to nature	-	16,329	16,329	-	-
Rawcliffe lake	-	2,063	2,063	-	-
<b>Grants Nature &amp; wellbeing</b>					
Green influencers scheme	-	9,143	9,143	-	-
National lottery community fund	-	111,328	111,328	-	-
BLF 2	-	8,335	8,335	-	-
JRCT	-	6,379	6,379	-	-
CMHT	-	13,974	13,974	-	-
TRCF Green leaders	-	9,830	9,830	-	-
Deciding together	-	11,630	11,630	-	-
Two Ridings COL	-	7,570	7,570	-	-
Thriving at work	-	5,821	5,821	-	-
	<u>297,866</u>	<u>363,142</u>	<u>363,142</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>297,926</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>430,331</u>	<u>643,104</u>	<u>654,883</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>430,974</u>

### Transfer of funds

The kickstarter fund has now finished and a transfer has been made to clear the balance.

2023 Fund name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
<b>Unrestricted funds (General)</b>					
General unrestricted funds	153,950	231,220	269,497	9,041	124,714
Waste minimisation	-	-	-	7,751	7,751
	<u>153,950</u>	<u>231,220</u>	<u>269,497</u>	<u>16,792</u>	<u>132,465</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Environment Centre	302,299	-	-	(7,654)	294,645
Waste minimisation	7,751	-	-	(7,751)	-
TEVV 2	1,387	-	-	(1,387)	-
<b>Grants Central</b>					
Energy redress	-	21,135	21,195	-	(60)
Kickstarter	-	8,340	8,340	-	-
Building Capacities	-	8,364	8,364	-	-
<b>Grants Waste minimisation</b>					
Precious Plastic	-	4,814	1,533	-	3,281
Guildhall & binstore project	-	1,700	1,700	-	-
<b>Grants Green Spaces</b>					
Brelms Trust	-	6,012	6,012	-	-
CYC Fishergate ward	-	1,300	1,300	-	-
Green recovery	-	66,626	66,626	-	-
HR Park	-	59,447	59,447	-	-
York urban becks	-	3,258	3,258	-	-
Heworth Ward	-	90	90	-	-
Yorkshire water	-	15,586	15,586	-	-
<b>Grants Nature &amp; Wellbeing</b>					
Green influencers scheme	-	18,563	18,563	-	-
National lottery community fund	-	64,670	64,670	-	-
HAF	-	6,847	6,847	-	-
Nature for all	-	9,950	9,950	-	-
Green social prescribing	-	9,768	9,768	-	-
NRN seed corn	-	8,857	8,857	-	-
Deciding together	-	6,867	6,867	-	-
Multiply	-	4,560	4,560	-	-
Thriving at work	-	24,198	24,198	-	-
	<u>311,437</u>	<u>350,952</u>	<u>347,731</u>	<u>(16,792)</u>	<u>297,866</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>465,387</u>	<u>582,172</u>	<u>617,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>430,331</u>

The waste minimisation fund has been recognised this year as a designated fund and not restricted as it is underspend that has been set aside for 'rainy day' spending.

The TEVV surplus has been transferred to unrestricted as there was an error resulting in underallocation in previous years. This fund has now been spent with no further reporting required by the funders.

## 11.2 Details of Funds Held

### Unrestricted Funds (General)

The General fund is unrestricted and available for the general purposes of the Organisation.

### Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund, which are:

#### Environment Centre

A fund used towards building of the centre to provide environmental educational facilities.

#### Energy redress

Partnership project providing quality advice directly to householders in vulnerable situations underpinned by a 'whole house' approach.

#### Big Give

Funding provided for improvement Works to our environment centre

#### Precious plastic

To set up and test our own in house recycling system for plastics which will be used at events and workshops

#### Brelms Trust

Part fund salary of Natural Habitats Manager

#### Green recovery

National Lottery Heritage fund to kick start the creation and restoration of more, bigger, better and more joined up habitats across three landscape scale corridors and 22 sites across York Local Authority Area, including floodplain meadow, hedgerows, woodland and riparian habitat of the critically endangered tansy beetle

#### HR Park

Environmental Agency funding to restore natural processes of Osbaldwick Beck through Hull Road Park

#### York urban becks

City of York Council funds to undertake ecological surveys of Hull Road park and the wider Osbaldwick beck.

#### York urban becks 2

City of York Council funds to undertake ecological surveys of Hull Road park and the wider Osbaldwick beck.

#### Yorkshire water

Restore and enhance habitats along urban reaches of Tang Hall and Osbaldwick Becks

#### National lottery heritage

Green Corridors York Rivers and Floodplains - 3 year project connecting habitats and communities for nature recovery across York's rivers and floodplains

#### NE Seedcorn

Natural England seed corn fund to test out methods to engage more and wider range of people in natural conservation across Fulford Ings corridor

#### New to nature

Funding from Groundwork for a Green Corridors York trainee for 12 months. Trainees are paid a competitive wage for 12-months while gaining valuable hands-on experience in the environmental sector. This not only allows them to support themselves but also offers a stepping stone towards a fulfilling career.

#### Rawcliffe lake

Funding from Yorkshire Water Biodiversity Fund to enhance habitats around Rawcliffe Lake

#### Green influencers scheme

Two Ridings Community Foundation funding which funds our Green Mentor to run organised Green Influencer groups with schools and other youth organisations

#### National lottery community fund

Funding over 5 years (May 2018-May 2023) to fund the Ecotherapy Programme

#### BLF 2

Big Lottery Fund - Used to fund our Ecotherpay programme

#### JRCT

funded expansion of two additional weekly groups, Discover Nature and Discover Nature Closer Look, alongside additional staff time and two trips for the group participants.

## CMHT

NHS commissioned funding for the Making Tracks project that tops up our Ecotherapy provision. Covering Foss Park allotment sessions, Making Tracks conservation sessions, and a proportion of Ecotherapy Officer (Green Corridors) and Ecotherapy Officer (Administration) staff hours.

### TRCF Green leaders

An extension of the Green Influencers scheme facilitating Green Leaders groups at local primary schools aimed at Year 5 and 6 (ages 10-11), one with Pupil Referral Unit aimed at Years 6-8 (ages 11-13), and also engaged with York Mosque Scouts. Green Leaders aim was for groups to learn about types of environmental and conservation action, while building skills, confidence, and independence.

### Deciding together

Via Two Ridings Community Foundation, this funding provided for a pilot for increasing partnership work around nature connectedness and mental wellbeing across York

### Two Ridings COL

Warm Spaces provision last year, offering a warm space with food and hot drinks available, games to play, and referrals to foodbanks if needed. The warm space was open to all the community

### Thriving at work

Government funded programme which allows us to deliver mental health awareness and resilience to small/medium enterprises and individuals in work.

## 12 Net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
<b>Balances at 31st March 2024</b>	£	£	£
Fixed assets	4,148	294,645	298,793
Current assets	149,668	73,351	223,019
Current liabilities	(20,768 )	(70,070 )	(90,838)
	<u>133,048</u>	<u>297,926</u>	<u>430,974</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
<b>Balances at 31st March 2023</b>	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,000	294,645	295,645
Current assets	274,799	3,221	278,020
Current liabilities	(143,334 )	-	(143,334)
	<u>132,465</u>	<u>297,866</u>	<u>430,331</u>



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