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## Message from the Chair



It gives me great pleasure to present our Annual Report for 2022/23.

After a sustained period of rapid growth, we placed a premium on stabilisation this year, enabling successes to be embedded and the ongoing delivery of our growing range of activities to be secured. Notwithstanding this context we have enhanced the impact across all our core activities and continue to evolve in our priority areas of urban green space regeneration, nature-based wellbeing and sustainable living. Our award-winning recycling service increased its range of items collected, our habitat management work expanded to new sites, Ecotherapy hours increased year-on-year, and on energy efficiency, we hosted warm space events and helped more households install energy savings measures.

For a charity such as ours, increased ambition brings increased overheads. Like any organisation, we are sensitive to inflationary pressures and the impact an emerging cost of living crisis can have, both on our workforce and our benefactors.

We are delighted to have secured multi-year grants from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and National Lottery Community Fund, enabling us to further develop our Green Corridors work as well as our Ecotherapy and Education programmes. We have also taken steps to adapt our organisational design in response to how we have grown, with the management team assuming increased responsibility. Our secured funding and renewed focus on delivery gives us a strong platform for the years to come and we are grateful for the contributions we receive from all our funders.

This year I'd also like to highlight the ongoing support of our fantastic volunteers, who collectively contribute over 5,000 hours of their time to us. Against a backdrop where across the charity sector we see volunteer engagement in decline, it is a great source of pride that the St Nicks community binds people together and offers a welcoming experience to those volunteering with us for the first time.

We were delighted to see this community out in force once again at our events after a two-year hiatus. To experience over 500 people on the nature reserve for the Autumn Fayre was a real highlight and a great showcase for our surroundings and the activities we conduct both on-site and further afield. Our revived in-person events programme was a welcome reminder of our role within our local community and the support we appreciatively receive in return.

We welcomed Ellie Stead as our new CEO in April 2022, and it is fair to say she has very much hit the ground running in her first 12 months with us! Amongst our delight at Ellie's arrival, there was also sadness in May 2022 with the news that our long-time patron, Anneliese Emmans Dean, had passed away. Anneliese was involved at St Nicks for over 15 years and will be sadly missed by all of us. Her poetry remains loved by many for its ability to capture the joy of nature and our connection with it, and it feels only fitting to conclude this year's message in Annaliese's own words:

When the wren sings, sings long, sings loud,  
When the wren sings, sings strong, sings proud,  
When the wren sings, sings sweet, sings true,  
When the wren sings, my heart sings too.

Stuart Leslie  
Chair of the Board of Trustees  
March 2023

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## CEO's report

Having now seen St Nicks through all seasons of the year, I am continually surprised and delighted by the passion and strength of our team members and how we utilise our deep skills, knowledge and experience to benefit our communities and the environment in general.

Our success in securing a grant from National Lottery Heritage Fund to extend our Green Corridors programme shows how skilled we are at combining conservation and community in pragmatic and accessible ways through partnerships with multiple local groups and organisations.

A further grant from National Lottery Community Fund to expand our Ecotherapy and Education programmes for the next three years further demonstrates the positive impact and outcomes our activities have in improving mental health through nature connectedness and building resilience and understanding of nature with younger generations.

If those two programmes weren't enough to demonstrate we are experts in our somewhat eclectic combination of fields, we were also privileged to win Collection Crew of the Year at the Waste and Recycling Awards in May 2023!

We are fortunate to have secured funding to further develop our reach and cement our expertise through partnerships and local communities – we are immensely grateful to all our supporters, funders and volunteers to ensure that in times where the cost of living remains a reality we can continue to provide meaningful and significant benefit to all those who need us.

We launched our new website in the last year, improving accessibility and ensuring the site is easier to navigate and represents a much more accurate reflection of the progressive charity we are today. We have also made physical changes to our site to assist those with mobility challenges and continue to look for ways to improve access to our nature reserve and services across all dimensions. Our GPS nature trails through the reserve also launched this year can also be accessed via our website.

Above all else, we have worked hard to continually evolve and adapt to ensure we are keeping pace with economic pressures, changes in the charity sector and the needs of our communities and volunteers.

Ellie Stead, CEO



## Why we do what we do: our purpose

If you look at the Charities Commission website or our Constitution, our stated purpose is to:

- Preserve and conserve the area known as St Nicholas Fields for the benefit and education of the public
- Educate the residents of York in principles and benefits of environmental and conservation issues and sustainability including recycling and waste reduction
- Provide facilities for residents with the aim of improving their conditions of life through social welfare and leisure

We do so much more than this at St Nicks, because it's not just the "what" we do, it's the "how" we do it. We are deeply committed to creating, building and supporting communities through nature. You won't find a more dedicated team of people - truly passionate about the difference they can make and how they can enable positive change through partnerships with others.

## Significant Activities

We deliver our charitable aims in a number of ways:

### Nature-based wellbeing

**Ecotherapy:** The Ecotherapy programme has continued with its roster of vital and over-subscribed nature-connectedness groups. Participating in these groups allows people with mental health challenges to improve their wellbeing through connections with nature. The need for these groups has never been greater, with a further 35 new enrolments, taking the 5-year total to 244. A new Ecotherapy Officer post has been created to link Ecotherapy activity to wider Green Corridors work, creating a recovery pathway which can now include a transition into mainstream conservation volunteering for those who feel ready.

**Community support:** The funded Thriving at Work programme entered its final months. Aiming to equip individual employees with the resources to thrive at work and to equip small to medium sized businesses in supporting employee's mental wellbeing, St Nicks have helped bring nature-connectedness to the workplace in diverse businesses across York. Funded by City of York Council to provide a Warm Space in response to winter pressures, the Nature-based Wellbeing team opened our doors on Thursday afternoons between November and March. Serving homemade soups and cakes, a warm welcome and varied 'Puzzling for Wellbeing' activities, we created a warm and hospitable hub which was treasured by those who came along.



## Significant activities (continued)



**Education and young people:** We are running monthly Nature Adventurer groups and very popular holiday clubs, enabling children to grow in confidence, skills and passion about the natural world. Our Green Mentor leads groups of highly engaged young people in several York schools and youth organisations and school visits to St Nicks to learn about nature, sustainability and waste are very popular.

### Green corridors York

Green Corridors York strives for “more, bigger, better and more joined up” greenspaces and initiatives. Between September 2021 and March 2023, we successfully implemented the Green Corridors concept across the three landscape scale corridors in York thanks to the Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

**Nature conservation:** The project worked with landowners and managers, community groups and businesses, schools and individual volunteers to enhance habitats including rivers and becks, meadow, woodland, wetlands and ponds. A joined-up corridors approach to nature conservation has benefitted the endangered Tansy beetle. The beetle requires suitable habitat at a minimum of 200-metre intervals as it does not fly, therefore needs to walk between habitats to mix with other populations to expand its range. The project has worked to bridge gaps in habitat by creating more habitat and managing invasive species and scrub to protect existing habitat.

**Citizen science:** Citizen science ecological monitoring collected species and habitat data to increase knowledge of sites to help with their conservation and protection. Survey work confirmed the presence of two healthy populations of endangered water voles across the corridors, habitat improvement work in these areas will allow these species the space to thrive. Joint working with the North and East Yorkshire Ecological Data Centre has developed a working citizen science method for using UK Habitats Surveying and the Defra Biodiversity Metric to assess and measure habitats.

**Wild York:** The Wild York partnership (United by Design, Jai Sandhu, DogEatCog, St Nicks) has developed an online interactive map showing York’s green spaces, what habitat they provide, who looks after them, and what you can do there. The Wild York website is currently under further development to include information on key species and habitats, including survey data, conservation issues and solutions we can implement.

**Habitat services:** The Green Corridors project helped build capacity at St Nicks through the developing St Nicks Habitat Services work. This included delivering contract work for national, regional and local bodies including Froglife, Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Joseph Rowntree Housing



Trust, the Environment Agency, City of York Council, plus private landowners and Parish Councils. Work has included floodplain meadow restoration, pond creation and delivering community engagement activities. Income has increased from £18,000 to £39,000 in the last year, allowing us to invest more into our Green Corridors approach.

### Waste minimisation

#### Residential & commercial recycling collections:

This year we have increased the types of materials we can collect from our residents and commercial customers to include type 5 plastics and cables, leads and wires. The area we collect business recycling from has also increased, with multiple customers in Fulford, Clifton and New Earswick. We have also, proudly taken on the responsibility of managing the foil drop off locations around the city from Foil for Snappy. These are located at various public car parks and household waste recycling sites around the city.

**Vehicles:** In 2022/23 we also secured funding to buy two new E-Cargo tricycles which have helped us achieve the highlights above. Our pedal powered trike is still in use, whilst the other we have donated to the Green Spaces Team.

**Sustainable living:** We have held multiple school sessions teaching children about the issues around single use plastic and enabled them to get hands on with our Precious Plastic York machinery. We have also increased recycling rates at numerous houses of multiple occupancy and flats around the city thanks to a project funded by Guildhall Ward.



### Reducing carbon emissions

**Energy advice & support:** 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.

**Fuel vouchers;** We have issued these on behalf of the City of York Council to qualifying York residents who need help with meeting their energy costs meeting energy costs.

**Eco Homes events:** 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 event series.





# Strategy to meet our purpose

Our **vision** is to enable thriving and connected biodiverse communities.

Our **mission** is to build and connect flourishing communities through urban greenspace regeneration, nature-based wellbeing and sustainable living.

Our activities are underpinned by our **values**: Collaboration, Integrity, Innovation and Professionalism.

Our **strategy** to meet and deliver to our purpose comprises of three core elements:

- Urban greenspace regeneration: **Nature**
- Improve wellbeing through nature connectedness: **People**
- Empower communities to flourish sustainably: **Planet**

The key drivers for this strategic approach are embedded within and across all our activities:



## Nature

Design, lead and deliver innovative projects that regenerate, transform and connect greenspaces and their support groups across the Vale of York and beyond.

## People

Provide inclusive specialist nature-based support to improve mental and physical wellbeing, building individual and community resilience.

## Planet

Promote carbon neutral and zero waste lifestyles and provide services that encourage and enable communities to develop sustainably and thrive.

# Areas of focus for coming year & future aspirations



By Joel Fergusson

Our people are undoubtedly our biggest asset at St Nicks and their wellbeing and growth is important to us in our commitment to them as individuals but also to the continued evolution of St Nicks.

As well as an extensive Team Member survey to ensure we are continually improving how we work together effectively, we are investing in several training programme to invest in our people. This engagement and investment will continue to enable us to give back to the communities in which we operate, share knowledge and expertise and continue to innovate.

Following support and engagement we have provided through our mental health expertise via the Thriving at Work programme to local companies and their employees, we are working through a full assessment against the “Mental Health at Work” scheme for our own team members at St Nicks, and hope to make further progress on this during the coming year.



After securing two separate National Lottery grants for our Ecotherapy and Green Corridors work, our attention on fundraising will now shift to our Environment Centre. In 2024 the Centre will be 20 years old and although it was state of the art when built, our continued evolution means that it is not truly fit for the charity we are today and where we want to be in the future. Any extension and/or retrofit is likely to be a multi-year project and we will have to map out significant logistical challenges to ensure we can continue to run all activities while we undertake such a huge change to our working space. This is obviously reliant on securing significant funding to undertake this work, costs for which have increased significantly in recent years.



# St Nicks: key achievements in 2022/23



## Ecotherapy

**3,900** participant course hours delivered

**363** hours of one-to-one mentoring and assessments delivered

**35** new enrolments to Ecotherapy

**89%** of those attending drop-in or warm spaces events said that being at St Nicks made them feel less isolated

**558.5** tonnes of business and residential recycling collected and hand sorted

**100%** sent for recycling within the UK

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

**£3,950** from materials sent to Terracycle

**12** public drop-off locations for recycling maintained, with five new this year

## Minimising waste



## Green corridors

**89 hectares** of habitat (over 200 football pitches) of wildlife habitat improved across York

**455** volunteers trained to help manage sites for wildlife

**1,400** tansy plants planted to create and improve Tansy beetle habitat

**810** people engaged with across the city at information events

**41** new Citizen Scientists recruited

**31** local groups helped through St Nicks' support hub

**£5,500** saved by helping residents to challenge incorrect bills and chase rebates

**51** households provided with emergency fuel vouchers

**640** households advised and supported

**132** homes had simple energy saving measures installed

**24,000 kWh** estimated amount of energy saved per year thanks to the installed energy efficiency measures

## Reducing carbon emissions





# Achievements: Nature-based wellbeing



“ I came away with a sense of achievement and I haven't felt that for a long time. It was really therapeutic. ”

St Nicks have been awarded several significant funding grants to be able to not only continue with the Ecotherapy programme, but to develop and grow it. Over the next three years we will aim to reach many more adults with mental health challenges. The number of groups has grown, including sessions on a Friday where there was previously a gap in provision. We are running an Ecotherapy group alongside occupational health teams in Foss Park hospital and holding friendly, informal drop-in days co-designed by participants.

"Thank you to the St Nicks team for putting on the Warm Space afternoons. I have found them a real boost to my mood and wellbeing. They've been a safe and inclusive space to socialise which is often so difficult for many of us, and something I've not found anywhere else. Thank you."

Co-design and a sense of belonging have been the drivers for a creative revamp of our Ecotherapy chalet, where the artistic and practical talents of group members have been unleashed! Our relationships with Social Prescribers and other referral agencies across the city have strengthened and we are reaching a more diverse group of people in need.

"As someone struggling with my mental health, it is very difficult to feel comfortable in this kind of environment, but St Nicks is a welcoming friendly place."

1:1 mentoring continues to be in very high demand with 363 hours delivered by one team member alone. The Grow at Home group ran through summer of 2022, funded by a grant from the Guild of St George. Fascinating and engaging Ecotherapy activities linked and inspired by the work of John Ruskin were delivered over a number of months and provided much food for thought with regards to similarly scoped groups in the future.

We were part of the successful Department of Work and Pensions-funded Thriving at Work scheme, where we contributed to outputs which exceeded the targets. We cherish the skill set that this project gave our team and we will continue to provide this type of support in a new format. All the stories in this project were inspiring, but one St Nicks case study in particular was very emblematic of the value of the project. In this example, two employees and the business were simultaneously, but separately supported: the outcomes for all were so striking that it was developed into a film for use by the Department in future.



Similarly, we outperformed expectations in the Green Influencers project, and will continue the work of generating groups of engaged, active, inquisitive and confident young green champions across York. The Green Influencer project has been particularly effective at reaching those groups that experience barriers to accessing nature; ethnic minorities, travelling communities and pupils with special educational and behavioural needs in particular.

" It has been hugely rewarding for all our pupils who have found a sense of belonging, purpose and sense of achievement ... The impact on pupil's mental health has been considerable! This facilitation has developed confidence and trust in some our most vulnerable pupils."

" I found the Bushcraft group so helpful and it has helped me so much to think more positively and have more confidence."



## Achievements: Green Corridors

“It has given our volunteers a sense of being able to help improve our green spaces and community.”



Successful partnership work with Natural England ensured that rare floodplain meadow habitat at Fulford Ings received a hay cut in 2022 after multiple years without appropriate management. Through engagement with local farmers, York University and Natural England we are working on setting up a longer-term agreement to maintain this.

Branding and educational tools were developed to increase the visibility of Green Corridors York and provide innovative methods of engaging communities. A Green Corridors animation (<https://vimeo.com/778910119/0fc196f445>) is used for events and education. A logo was created to use on all project literature, signage and posters. A prototype transportable education tool was developed to tell the stories of our corridors and the habitats and species they support, why they are at risk and achievable solutions.

Working with the River Foss Society and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust we successfully established a citizen science project to survey and monitor water voles, and their non-native predator's American mink, across 19km of the River Foss as part of the Yorkshire Water Vole Project.

The Hull Road Park Beck Restoration project successfully restored the natural processes of a heavily modified, often stagnant, 1km section of Osbaldwick Beck.

The beck is now full of wildlife including regularly sighted little egrets and herons. 279 species were recorded during a half day mini-bioblitz event last summer!

The Green Corridors York project is currently being externally evaluated as an 'excellent case study' to showcase project delivery and learning from Green Recovery Challenge funding.



“St Nicks are a key on-the-ground delivery partner in the Tansy Beetle Action Group (a group of local organisations focused on the beetle's conservation). They have been undertaking actions for habitat management for the beetle along the River Ouse, as well as supporting awareness raising. The Green Corridor York project is a key project in the delivery of this plan and so underpin recovery efforts for the Tansy Beetle.”

**Vicky Wilkins, Species Recovery Trust**

## Making St Nicks more accessible

2022/23 saw us secure funding for, and install a handrail to make the slope into our garden more user friendly. The feedback since the installation has been resoundingly positive. We also achieved level 2 as Disability Confident Employers which employers sign up to voluntarily and take action to improve how they recruit, retain and develop disabled people.

Our biggest success for improving our accessibility this year came when 11 staff successfully completed their level 1 British Sign Language qualification. Our Nature based wellbeing team have made great use of these new skills already and our recycling team have also utilised these skills whilst out on collection with members of the public. We are seeking funding to continue to build on our skills in BSL.

We have also been developing our website with support from SeeGreen to make our online material more user-friendly and accessible to a wider range of people. The new website will go live in April 2023.



## Achievements: Waste minimisation



“Thank you for a year of faultless service ... you just get on and do a perfect job every time, week in, week out. Well done and thank you!”

There were a few big changes in what waste can be recycled in York in 2022. Foil for Snappy closed down and in honour of the amazing legacy Karen – founder of Foil for Snappy – we agreed to take on the busiest collection points and collections from the household waste recycling sites. Since November 2022, we have been collecting foil from recycling points in supermarket car parks and from both Strensall and Hazel Court recycling sites.

The other major change was that type five plastics are now recyclable at the kerbside. Type five plastics include products such as ice cream tubs, margarine tubs and yoghurt pots, and they have long been the most common item people included by mistake in their weekly recycling collections. Being able to finally accept them was a relief for all members of the recycling team! The massive increase in plastics collected means we have had to increase the size and number of plastic skip exchanges we have from St Nicks. Luckily our e-trikes (which are now a year old!) and our two hardy Goupils are more than up to the task.

Despite the increase in plastic types collected, the year 2022/23 actually saw a decline in the mass of residential recycling we collected: down by 10 tonnes from the year before to 416.

However when reviewing the data from our recycling, the composition of the waste collected has changed: in previous years the amount of paper – a traditionally heavy material especially when it comes to magazines and books – has been much higher. We are seeing a steady decline in the amount of people regularly putting papers and magazines in their recycling boxes. Obviously come winter festivities the amount of paper peaks for a week or two after December 25th...

In contrast, though our business recycling has seen an increase in weight from 142.5tonnes in 2021/22 up to 155.3tonnes in 2022/23.

With over 300 regular, one off and event recycling customers it is no surprise that the amounts of commercial recycling we collect continues to increase.



Unfortunately, progress on our Precious Plastic York project had to slow as the growth of other departments within the organisation has meant that our space is at a premium. As our team have been working at events, sorting Terracycle and running our Zero Waste York Facebook group we have still been as busy as ever. We are hopeful that we will be able to hit the ground running with it in 2024 and beyond.

## Events 2022/23



This year saw our first major events post-COVID with the welcome return of our annual Ceilidh, Winter Concert and Autumn Fayre as well as a new “taster” day to help ensure our communities are aware of ALL that we do – our mix of activities is somewhat eclectic! Our Autumn Fayre saw the heaviest attendance to date with a fantastic age range and set of activities provided for free by the St Nick’s team and our volunteers and supporters. Keep an eye on our newsletter and website for upcoming events.



## Achievements: Reducing carbon, improving lives



“ I can't tell you just how much you've helped. I don't feel like I'm going to have to go cold this winter anymore. - Ms KM ”

### York Energy Advice

This joint project with York Community Energy (YCE) went from strength to strength in its second year. The friendly team spoke to or supported over 640 local vulnerable households on their energy issues. Thousands of pounds were saved on bills thanks to our supplier intervention. During 287 visits, more than 130 homes had some simple energy efficiency measures installed such as LED light bulbs or draught-proofing. Together these are estimated to save almost 24,000 kWh per year – the equivalent of two years' worth of gas consumption in an average household. The service also shows how improving energy efficiency is such a big win-win for both people and the planet through reducing bills, increasing comfort and reducing carbon emissions.

The project team were also busy securing further funding beyond the original grant from the Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme. Thanks to an already blossoming partnership with Age UK and Older Citizens Advocacy York, they were able to get a grant from City of York Council's Financial Inclusion Steering Board to focus more on people aged 50+. More funding has followed and YCE is now ready to take the project onto the next level.

Although St Nicks will continue to work with the community benefit society, York Energy Advice will become YCE's own project from June 2023. Over time they aim to turn the service into a one-stop-shop for anyone needing advice and support on any energy-related issue, including home retrofits. For more information or referral, see [www.yorkenergyadvice.org.uk](http://www.yorkenergyadvice.org.uk) or call 01904 922249.

### York Open Eco Homes and Other Events

Our partnership with York Community Energy gave rise to several themed events in our York Open Eco Homes series. The annual open-door event enabled 150 visits to 5 local homes at varying stages of being retrofitted for energy efficiency, greater comfort and reduced carbon emissions. Knowing that a third of York's carbon emissions comes from the way we heat and power our homes is a strong motivator for doing all we can to encourage more residents to tackle those.

To further help share knowledge and experiences we also ran a couple of “Eco Homes Café” events and an introductory course on “Energy Saving Home Upgrades” in conjunction with York Learning and Retrofit+ Architecture. These proved popular with around 60 people attending. Unfortunately, improving homes is not always very simple. Although the events generated positive feedback, they also highlighted the complexity and unaffordability of extensive upgrades. These are required in most UK homes if we are to adequately address the climate crisis and fuel poverty. Raising awareness of the need and some of the solutions is our contribution to the process.

We use many ways to also raise the profile of St Nicks and what we do in the city. Talks and tours for various audiences are particularly enjoyable. This year we engaged with over a hundred people, including on site tours for York St John's and Sheffield Hallam students and a talk for the Ladies Circle.

“York Energy Advice service helped me when I was in a difficult situation. When it comes to practical support, I received a visit regarding energy consumption and energy efficiency of the house. I also received financial and emotional support because I felt supported and I was no longer alone with this problem. I highly recommend this service.” - Ms B





## Financial activities 2022/23

In 2022/23 St Nicks generated income of £582,172 against £577,865 in the previous year. Total expenditure amounted to £617,228 (2021/22: £509,376), an increase of £107,852 compared to the previous year. The net results of the charity for the year is a deficit of £35,056 (2021/22 – Surplus £68,489). This deficit was planned last year, in partial support of activities we wished to complete and in partial utilisation of the surplus from the previous year. This expenditure was in part to ensure our team members received a sufficient pay rise to accommodate significant increases in cost of living expenses. A further one of cost of living payment will be made to all staff in October 2023 (to be approved by Trustees in August 2023) as part of the commitment made regarding salary increases. This will still result in a net surplus (and contribution to reserves) across the two years 2021/22 and 2022/23.

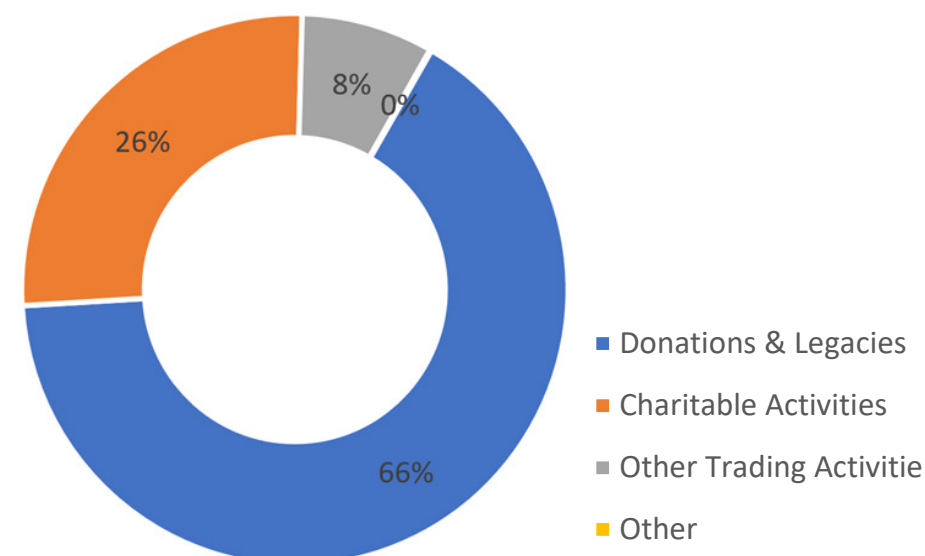
At the end of the first quarter of 2023 as we came to our year end, we were delighted to have secured two significant grants from both National Lottery Heritage Fund and National Lottery Community Fund to enable us to expand our Green Corridors York pilot and to extend cover for our Ecotherapy programme for a further three years. We will soon commence dialogue with City of York Council in relation to our contract in relation to residential recycling, which is due to come to the close of the current term in March 2024.

We remain thankful to all our funding partners and supporters, volunteers and members and to the entire team at St Nicks who have worked incredibly hard to deliver an outstanding set of results.

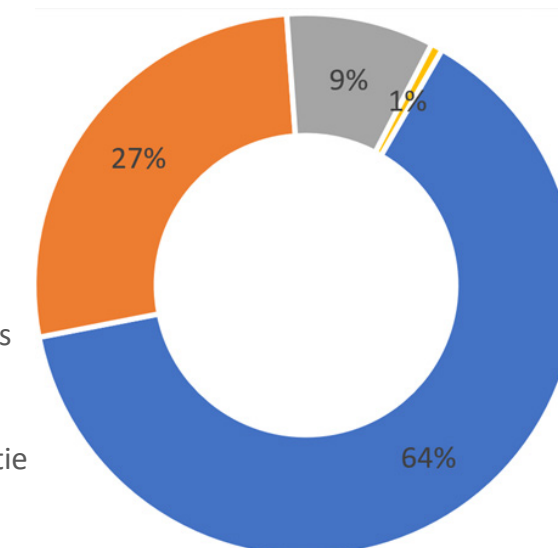
### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended: 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3.1	20,474	349,589	370,063	379,822
Charitable activities	3.2	156,701	-	156,701	152,337
Other trading activities	3.3	49,737	1,363	51,100	45,175
Investments	3.4	285	-	285	24
Other	3.5	4,023	-	4,023	507
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>231,220</b>	<b>350,952</b>	<b>582,172</b>	<b>577,865</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	4.1	2,114	-	2,114	415
Charitable activities	4.2	267,383	347,731	615,114	508,961
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>269,497</b>	<b>347,731</b>	<b>617,228</b>	<b>509,376</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(38,277)</b>	<b>3,221</b>	<b>(35,056)</b>	<b>68,489</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		15,405	(15,405)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(22,872)</b>	<b>(12,184)</b>	<b>(35,056)</b>	<b>68,489</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		153,950	311,437	465,387	396,898
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>131,078</b>	<b>299,253</b>	<b>430,331</b>	<b>465,387</b>

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## Thank you to our key supporters

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 Green Recovery Fund  
 Heworth Ward Committee  
 Hey Smile Foundation  
 Hull Road Ward Committee  
 Joseph Rowntree Foundation  
 Kick Start Scheme  
 Natural England 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  
 Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust  
 Yorkshire Water

### Organisations donating funds or other support

Illingworths Insurance & Financial Services  
 York CVS  
 York Cares  
 River Foss Society  
 GoodGym

Special thanks go to Lewis Outing who took lots of our great pictures.



## Who we are



Board of Trustees and management team at St Nicks

Our management team have worked together closely over the last twelve months to ensure we are working together seamlessly and leveraging each other's skills and expertise. We are also working together with our Board of Trustees to ensure that we have clarity and commonality of purpose and a shared view on all aspects of our future strategy and direction. The picture above is from a recent strategy session – it's important that we also continue to have fun when we do our deep thinking sessions where we sometimes have healthy debate on some fronts!

We continue to provide intensive volunteering programmes to multiple Park Rangers to build knowledge and skills for future roles and careers in conservation and habitat management. We have also been fortunate to secure funding for a place on the New to Nature programme for a full-time trainee for 12 months in 2023/24.

We continue to work on equality, diversity and inclusion and our new Trustees bring different lived experiences to our Board.

"There are lots of amazing things about working at St Nicks, like how interesting and diverse our job roles are and that we get to work with nature and help people to connect with it"

Staff survey, 2023

### Trustees

Stuart Leslie (Chair)  
 Sarah Middleton (Vice Chair - until December 2022)  
 Judith Rigg (Secretary - until February 2023)  
 Jonathan Exon (Treasurer, Vice Chair from December 2022)  
 Nick Coad (until October 2022)  
 Lars Kramm (until May 2022)  
 Jane Thurlow (until December 2022)  
 Sebastian O'Connor (until May 2022)  
 Adrian Lovett  
 Emma Beddington  
 Jamie Sims (from December 2022)  
 Suzanne Fagence Cooper (from December 2022)  
 Savannah Green (from December 2022)

### Patrons

Kate Pickett

### Chief Officer

Ellie Stead

### Other staff

Mark Claridge, Caretaker  
 Beth Clarkson, Green Corridors Trainee (from January 2022 to June 2022)

Jonathan Dent, Natural Habitats Manager  
 Rebecca Dunn, Recycling Officer  
 Eliza Fergusson, Charity Support Manager  
 Abi Gibbons, Community Engagement Officer  
 Maria Gill, Ecology Officer  
 Beki Hagger, Green Corridors Officer  
 Rachel Hall, Ecotherapy Assistant  
 David Hammond, Recycling Officer  
 Charlotte Hanson, Recycling Officer  
 Marc Hodgson, Recycling Officer  
 Ivana Jakubková, Sustainability Officer  
 Chris King, Recycling Officer  
 Freya Lovett, Green Mentor  
 Jane Mackay, Thriving at Work Officer  
 Eithne Phillips, Green Corridors Trainee (from December 2021 to June 2022), Project Officer (from June 2022)  
 Sam Taylor, Waste & Recycling Manager  
 Eleanor Tookey, Ecotherapy Officer  
 Nicola Ward, Habitats Officer  
 Stuart Watling, Recycling Officer  
 Jo Young, Nature Based Wellbeing Manager

## Risk management

We have significantly updated our risk approach with a comprehensive risk register and new risk policy per Best Practice. The register is reviewed regularly by both the Senior Management Team and the Board of Trustees.

In relation to some of our highest scoring risks we have made good progress in mitigating these, particularly succession planning (governance), economic and political changes (external), cybersecurity (operational & external) and IT controls (operational). We have also discussed, reviewed and added emerging risks such as Artificial Intelligence to ensure we remain mindful and conscious of wider changes in our working environment.

Overall, the Trustees of St Nicks have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks.



# Friends of St Nicholas Fields

(Charity Registration Number 1153739)

## Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended

**31st March 2023**

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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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

for the year ended **31st March 2023** which are set out on pages 26 to 39.

#### 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.



Karen Wood ACMA CGMA

Date: **23/08/2023**



# Statement of financial activities

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

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended: 31 March 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3.1	20,474	349,589	370,063	379,822
Charitable activities	3.2	156,701	-	156,701	152,337
Other trading activities	3.3	49,737	1,363	51,100	45,175
Investments	3.4	285	-	285	24
Other	3.5	4,023	-	4,023	507
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>231,220</b>	<b>350,952</b>	<b>582,172</b>	<b>577,865</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	4.1	2,114	-	2,114	415
Charitable activities	4.2	267,383	347,731	615,114	508,961
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>269,497</b>	<b>347,731</b>	<b>617,228</b>	<b>509,376</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(38,277)</b>	<b>3,221</b>	<b>(35,056 )</b>	<b>68,489</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		16,792	(16,792 )	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(21,485)</b>	<b>(13,571)</b>	<b>(35,056 )</b>	<b>68,489</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		153,950	311,437	465,387	396,898
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>132,465</b>	<b>297,866</b>	<b>430,331</b>	<b>465,387</b>

# Balance sheet

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

**Balance Sheet as at: 31st March 2023**

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	295,645	298,563
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>295,645</b>	<b>298,563</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	8	206,013	294,627
Debtors & prepayments	9	72,007	46,338
Stock		-	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>278,020</b>	<b>340,965</b>
<b>Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors and accruals	10	(143,334)	(174,141)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>134,686</b>	<b>166,824</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>430,331</b>	<b>465,387</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted Funds (General)	11	132,465	153,950
Restricted Funds		297,866	311,437
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>430,331</b>	<b>465,387</b>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on: **18/10/2023**

And signed on their behalf by: **Stuart Leslie, Chair of Trustees**





# Statement of cash flows

## Friends of St Nicholas Fields

### Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended: 31st March 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(35,056 )	68,489
Add: Depreciation for the year	3,918	29,184
<b>Working capital changes</b>		
(Increase)/decrease in stock	-	1,224
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(25,669 )	(8,227 )
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(30,807 )	2,754
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(87,614 )</b>	<b>93,424</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets	1,000	-
Disposal of fixed assets	-	-
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<b>(88,614 )</b>	<b>93,424</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2020	294,627	201,203
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2021</b>	<b>206,013</b>	<b>294,627</b>

# Notes to the accounts

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

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31st March 2023

#### 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

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

#### 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.

### Notes to the accounts for the year ended:

#### 3 Income and endowments

##### 3.1 Donations and legacies

Donations  
Legacies  
Gift Aid  
Grants:

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
	7,346	-	21,836	-
	3,106	-	-	-
	-	-	190	-
	10,022	349,589	79,162	278,634
	<b>20,474</b>	<b>349,589</b>	<b>101,188</b>	<b>278,634</b>
				<b>379,822</b>

##### 3.2 Charitable activities

Recycling scheme  
Recycling credits  
Local Nature Reserve SLA

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
	108,038	-	106,850	-
	25,655	-	12,362	-
	23,008	-	33,125	-
	<b>156,701</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>152,337</b>	<b>-</b>
				<b>152,337</b>

##### 3.3 Other trading activities

Educational, lettings & rentals  
Membership fees  
Educational events  
General sales  
Shop sales

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
	1,339	225	45	-
	800	-	1,502	-
	2,944	1,138	1,240	-
	44,594	-	42,388	-
	60	-	-	-
	<b>49,737</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>45,175</b>	<b>-</b>
				<b>45,175</b>

##### 3.4 Investments

Bank interest

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
	285	-	24	-
	<b>285</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-</b>
				<b>24</b>

##### 3.5 Other

Other sundry income  
Open University - Branching out  
JRS furlough grant

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
	123	-	118	-
	3,900	-	-	-
	-	-	389	-
	<b>4,023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>-</b>
				<b>507</b>

#### Total income

	2023		2022	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
	231,220	350,952	299,231	278,634
				<b>577,865</b>



## 4.1 Raising funds

Marketing & publicity costs  
Purchases for resale

Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022 £
-	-	-	-	-	-
2,114	-	2,114	415	-	415
<b>2,114</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>415</b>

## 4.2 Charitable activities

Salaries  
Staff training & other costs  
Volunteer training & other costs  
Rent & rates  
Utilities  
Cleaning, repairs & renewals  
Health and safety & security  
Telephone, IT & communications  
Postage & stationery  
Insurance  
Memberships & subscriptions  
Legal & professional fees  
Resources & equipment  
Marketing & Publicity  
Project support  
Other project costs  
Accountancy fees  
Bank charges  
Event costs  
Bad debts written off  
Depreciation

191,019	224,355	415,374	138,086	194,197	332,283
4,873	4,528	9,401	3,171	6,544	9,715
668	1,160	1,828	448	2,830	3,278
810	282	1,092	3,504	340	3,844
2,111	846	2,957	1,595	206	1,801
5,189	624	5,813	13,590	989	14,579
1,532	674	2,206	1,941	1,246	3,187
2,143	2,214	4,357	1,002	1,019	2,021
1,697	707	2,404	122	26	148
13,129	1,941	15,070	9,540	2,042	11,582
2,707	1,086	3,793	650	-	650
4,745	10,711	15,456	11,434	38,251	49,685
11,973	16,959	28,932	6,032	12,931	18,963
1,150	315	1,465	819	86	905
3,450	29,980	33,430	-	-	-
4,021	45,012	49,033	14,451	11,573	26,024
12,011	4,819	16,830	800	-	800
150	61	211	30	282	312
1,197	332	1,529	-	-	-
12	3	15	-	-	-
2,796	1,122	3,918	21,336	7,848	29,184
<b>267,383</b>	<b>347,731</b>	<b>615,114</b>	<b>228,551</b>	<b>280,410</b>	<b>508,961</b>
<b>269,497</b>	<b>347,731</b>	<b>617,228</b>	<b>228,966</b>	<b>280,410</b>	<b>509,376</b>

Total expenditure

## 5 Expenses &amp; 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

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	750	800

## 6 Staff costs and emoluments

## 6.1 Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross salaries	384,461	308,540
Employers National Insurance	23,659	18,141
Pension contributions	7,254	5,602
	<b>415,374</b>	<b>332,283</b>

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

	2023	2022
Fundraising	2.00	1.8
Charitable activities	10.45	8.0
Governance	0.50	0.5
Other	2.00	1.7
Total	<b>14.95</b>	<b>12.0</b>

No employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000 (2022:Nil)

## 7 Fixed assets

2023	Leasehold Environment £	Office equipment £	General equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>7.1 Cost or valuation</b>					
Balance b/fwd	324,111	-	63,820	-	387,931
Additions	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance c/fwd	<b>324,111</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,820</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>388,931</b>
Depreciation					
Balance b/fwd	26,192	-	63,176	-	89,368
Charge for year	3,274	-	644	-	3,918
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance c/fwd	<b>29,466</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,820</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,286</b>
Net book value					
31 March 2023	<b>294,645</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>295,645</b>



2022	Leasehold Environment £	Office equipment £	General equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
<b>Balance b/fwd</b>	324,111	8,863	63,820	6,823	403,617
<b>Additions</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Disposals</b>	-	(8,863 )	-	(6,823 )	(15,686 )
<b>Balance c/fwd</b>	<u>324,111</u>	<u>8,863</u>	<u>63,820</u>	<u>6,823</u>	<u>387,931</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
<b>Balance b/fwd</b>	-	8,863	60,184	6,823	75,870
<b>Charge for year</b>	26,192	-	2,992	-	29,184
<b>Disposals</b>	-	(8,863 )	-	(6,823 )	- 15,686
<b>Balance c/fwd</b>	<u>26,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,368</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>31 March 2022</b>	<u>297,919</u>	<u>8,863</u>	<u>644</u>	<u>6,823</u>	<u>298,563</u>

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	2022 £
<b>8 Cash at bank and in hand</b>				
Current bank account	29,159	3,221	32,380	49,328
CAF Cash account	84,055	-	84,055	156,422
CAF Gold account	20,095	-	20,095	20,095
Triodos	67,124	-	67,124	67,031
Virgin money giving	103	-	103	103
Go cardless	(117 )	-	(117 )	(76 )
Cashplus business debit card	-	-	-	-
PayPal account	1,017	-	1,017	1,017
Soldo	737	-	737	137
Other cash in hand	619	-	619	570
	<u>202,792</u>	<u>3,221</u>	<u>206,013</u>	<u>294,627</u>

## 9 Debtors and prepayments

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Debtors and prepayments</b>		
Trade debtors	36,947	32,945
Other debtors	472	472
Prepayments and accrued income	34,588	12,921
<b>Total</b>	<u>72,007</u>	<u>46,338</u>

## 10 Creditors and accruals

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade creditors	13,274	4,427
Deposits held	202	-
Accruals and deferred income	113,965	159,235
Tax and social security	15,893	10,479
<b>Total</b>	<u>143,334</u>	<u>174,141</u>

## 11 Movement of funds

### 11.1 Movement of major funds

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 )	-
TEWV 2	1,387	-	-	(1,387 )	-
<b>Grants Central</b>					
Energy redress	-	21,135	21,195	-	(60 )
Kickstarter	-	8,340	8,340	-	-
Building capabilities	-	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>

### Transfer of funds

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 TEWV 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.

The depreciation for the environment centre has been transferred to keep this fund in line with the fixed asset value.



2022 Fund name	Balance b/fwd	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance c/fwd
<b>Unrestricted funds (General)</b>					
General unrestricted funds	85,461	299,231	228,966	(1,776 )	153,950
	<b>85,461</b>	<b>299,231</b>	<b>228,966</b>	<b>(1,776 )</b>	<b>153,950</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Environment Centre	302,299	-	-	-	302,299
Waste minimisation	7,751	-	-	-	7,751
TEWV 2	1,387	-	-	0	1,387
<b>Grants Central</b>					
Persimmon	-	67	67	-	-
Pilot Light	-	1,636	1,636	-	-
Building Capacities	-	2,310	2,310	-	-
<b>Grants Volunteering</b>					
Betty's Trees for life	-	2,073	2,073	-	-
P&D Shepherd	-	4,999	4,999	-	-
Two Ridings Covid	-	10,250	10,250	-	-
Cobb Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
<b>Grants Recycling</b>					
RSA	-	2,500	2,500	-	-
<b>Grants Projects</b>					
Action towards inclusion	-	4,711	4,711	-	-
<b>Grants Outreach</b>					
HAF	-	1,286	1,286	-	-
Green influencers scheme	-	15,909	15,909	-	-
Energy redress	-	14,128	14,128	-	-
CYC Heworth ward	-	1,210	1,210	-	-
Thriving at work	-	16,192	16,192	-	-
<b>Grants Green Spaces</b>					
HLF Grassland Monitoring	-	3,266	3,266	-	-
Postcode local rivers	-	8,352	8,352	-	-
Brelms Trust	-	1,483	1,483	-	-
CYC Fishergate ward	-	4,950	4,950	-	-
Green recovery	-	42,561	42,561	-	-
Growing green spaces	-	4,900	4,900	-	-
HR Park	-	29,465	29,465	-	-
NRN seed	-	8,000	8,000	-	-
York urban becks	-	2,443	2,443	-	-
Kickstarter	-	5,432	7,208	1,776	-
Yorkshire water	-	10,426	10,426	-	-
Bettys Trees for life	-	1,446	1,446	-	-
<b>Grants Ecotherapy</b>					
CYC Nordic	-	100	100	-	-
National lottery community fund	-	62,372	62,372	-	-
Wates/TEWV	-	4,998	4,998	-	-
Ways to wellbeing	-	4,969	4,969	-	-
JRF York committee	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
THBL Nordic walking	-	200	200	-	-
	<b>311,437</b>	<b>278,634</b>	<b>280,410</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>311,437</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>396,898</b>	<b>577,865</b>	<b>509,376</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>465,387</b>

## 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.

#### Waste minimisation

Contracts to carry out kerbside recycling service, business waste recycling collections & events recycling

#### TEWV 2

To provide ecotherapy in a residential and an acute in-patient unit.

#### Energy redress

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

#### Kickstarter

Government Initiative encouraging people back into work on 6 month contracts

#### Building capabilities

Supplementary to BLF2 to enable the organisation to build operational capability

#### Precious plastic

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

#### Guildhall & binstore project

A project to trial different signage and messaging in high occupancy buildings in the centre of York to improve recycling rates and decrease contamination

#### Brelms Trust

Part fund salary of Natural Habitats Manager

#### CYC Fishergate ward

To develop habitats at Millennium Fields

#### 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.

#### Heworth Ward

Green Influencer work at Heworth Holme

#### Yorkshire water

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

#### 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

#### HAF

Funding by CYC for food and activity clubs in the main school holidays

#### Nature for all

Enabled the creation of interactive GPS nature trails through the reserve.

#### Green social prescribing

Via York CVS, this project aims to embed GSP across the Humber and North Yorkshire region. Provides Ecotherapy (Bushcraft, willow weaving and gardening)

#### NRN seed corn

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



**Deciding together**

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

**Multiply**

Via UKSPF this programme provides various different activities to support individuals with their numeracy skills.

**Thriving at work**

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

**12 Net assets between funds**

	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)
	<b>132,465</b>	<b>297,866</b>	<b>430,331</b>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
<b>Balances at 31st March 2022</b>			
Fixed assets	644	297,919	298,563
Current assets	312,418	28,547	340,965
Current liabilities	(159,112 )	(15,029 )	(174,141)
	<b>153,950</b>	<b>311,437</b>	<b>465,387</b>





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