

Friends of the Cromford Canal
(Registered charity, number 1164608)
Financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2016

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**Friends of the Cromford Canal
Trustees' annual report
for the period ended 31 December 2016**

Full name Friends of the Cromford Canal

Registered charity number 1164608

Principal address 14, Owlston Close, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3GA

Trustees

John Baylis BEM, Chair	Patrick Morriss
Robert Bullock, Treasurer	Ian Hooker
John Barker, Vice Chair	Jack Brown MBE
Judith Berry, Minutes Secretary	David Martin
Yvonne Shattower, Membership Secretary	Michael Kelley
David Ratner, co-opted from 23/05/2016	

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, 7 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FB

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 30/11/2015.

Trustees are elected by the FCC membership at the AGM for a period of three years with one third of trustees re-elected or retiring each year. At other times vacant trustee posts may be filled by trustees co-opting suitable candidates by majority vote.

Objectives and activities

The restoration, reconstruction, preservation and maintenance of the Cromford Canal, its associated buildings, towing path, structures and craft and the conservation of its natural character as a navigable inland waterway system for the benefit of the public.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The aims of the Friends of the Cromford Canal are; The restoration, reconstruction, preservation and maintenance of the Cromford Canal, its associated buildings, towing path, structures and craft and the conservation of its natural character as a navigable inland waterway system for the benefit of the public.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

January 1st. 2016 saw the start of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number 1164608. The final accounts of the old Charity 1100700 were approved at the Annual General Meeting on April 16th 2016, and the Charity was finally removed from the Register by the Charity Commission on November 21st. 2016

The passenger trip boat Birdswood has had another successful year with an increase in passengers and takings from 2015. During the year arrangements were made for payments for passengers and in the shop through PayPal as well as cash;

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in addition passenger numbers were greatly improved by the use of an on-line system called GroupOn, resulting in a 30% increase in passenger numbers over the previous year.

The shop continues to be a visitor attraction to the wharf and a shop assistant has been employed on Sunday afternoons during the summer; this is a continuing requirement of the Defra grant from the Rural Development Programme for England. There was no out of water Maritime & Coastguard Agency inspection this year but all the seats and tables have all been rebuilt and refitted by volunteers

The requirement of our Derbyshire County Council license to spend the profits on Birdswood on the Cromford Canal was somewhat depleted this year following additional expenses reported in 2015. However, the winding hole at High Peak Junction was dredged by contractors; the winding hole bank strengthened; vegetation work has been carried out for DCC Countryside Services; and support given to the DCC Waterways Officer.

The section of Cromford Canal to the west of Butterley Tunnel is still in water and the short section owned by the C&RT has been adopted by the Friends; in addition, at the request of the owner, we have been removing some dead and damaged trees from the canal channel at Hartshay. The volunteer working party has also supported DCC Countryside Services at Pinxton; but final restoration of the Smotherfly opencast coal site and re-building the canal channel and habitat has still not been accomplished.

Awards from the Inland Waterways Association from its national Restoration raffle have been used to re-surface the canal towing path through Ironville. This work has been supported by volunteers from Waterway Recovery Group and the purchase of materials by the Canal & River Trust. In November, the Friends received a donation of £ 4,000 as a result of an Enforcement Undertaking which was given to the Environment Agency; this money was used to purchase a Thwaites two ton dumper for this restoration work.

Following the decision by Shires Development not to carry out its planned opencast coal extraction at Langley Mill it has offered for purchase by the Friends a piece of land to allow for a sufficient turning circle to get through the Moorgreen Railway Bridge; this is prior to the auction of the rest of the site.

Included with the land is the Right of Way from Cromford Road which will allow access to the site for building the new locks and future canal maintenance.

With the planning approval lapsing the Friends have reformed the Strategic Restoration Group and have engaged Baxter Coles Associates to carry out an Economic Development Study from Langley Mill to Golden Valley and Pinxton. Initial discussions have also started with the Canal & River Trust, the Environment Agency and Amber Valley District Council.

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No untoward incidents have occurred during the reporting period that required notification to the Charity Commission, the Health & Safety Executive or any other competent body.

The charity's policy on reserves

At least 3 months operating reserves held plus appropriate amounts required to meet legal liabilities, e.g. Statutory Redundancy payments, etc.

Also over the next 5 years a suitable amount will need to be set aside to maintain the trip boat Birdswood so it continues to be suitable to carry passengers and meets the standards laid down by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. This includes the cost of replacing the batteries and other fixtures and fittings.

Birdswood is the main asset of the FCC and although we are not required to show depreciation it has been discussed with our accountants and it is estimated that the hull will depreciate at around 5% annually whereas the batteries and other fixtures and fittings will be greater at around 25% annually.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
John Baylis, Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of the Cromford Canal for the period ended 31 December 2016

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

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 period 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 you as 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 qualified statement

Much of the income of the charity is in the form of cash payments. The irregular pattern of the banking of this income, reduces the reliability of the accounting records in respect of income received.

In connection with my examination, no other 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.

Signed _____ Date _____

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Friends of the Cromford Canal
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2016**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2016 Total Funds £
	Note			
Receipts				
Bank interest (net/gross)		38	-	38
Grants & donations	3	9355	4282	13637
Fundraising		1730	-	1730
Sales of stock		4146	-	4146
Membership		5801	-	5801
Talks, meetings & events		789	-	789
Trip boat income		40740	-	40740
Opening transfer	2	58024	2500	60524
Total receipts		120623	6782	127405
Payments				
Admin & accountancy		456	-	456
Bank charges		475	-	475
Consultancy		200	-	200
Employee costs		625	374	999
Events & room hire		537	-	537
General advertising, printing & website		914	-	914
General Insurance		424	-	424
Legal and professional fees		483	-	483
Membership & subscriptions		68	-	68
Miscellaneous expenditure		133	-	133
Printing and Stationery		1696	-	1696
Speakers		205	-	205
Stock for resale		370	-	370
Telephone & postage costs		1267	-	1267
Training		420	-	420
Trip Boat expenditure	5	25995	-	25995
Uncategorised Expenditure		30	-	30
Volunteer expenses		18	-	18
Waterway Officer		2500	-	2500
Working party/ WRG		10098	-	10098
Total payments		46914	374	47288
Net receipts/(payments)		73709	6408	80117
Cash funds at start of this period		-	-	-
Cash funds at end of this period		73709	6408	80117

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2016**

	<i>2016</i>
Cash assets	£
Bank accounts	79717
Cash in hand	400
	<u>80117</u>
 Other monetary assets	
Receipts in hand not banked at year end	5406
Prepayment - Insurance	423
	<u>5829</u>
 Assets retained for the charity's own use	
Trip boat "Birdswood" & its fixtures & fittings, purchased in July 2013, cost £61,683.	
General equipment.	
 Liabilities	
Creditors - Independent examination	(504)
Advance receipts - Sales & fees	(360)
	<u>(864)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Dated _____
Robert Bullock, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2016

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Opening transfer

On 1/1/16 the charity received all assets, liabilities and on-going activity from charity number 1100700, also named Friends of the Cromford Canal.

3. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Comic Relief	-	4282	4282
Derbyshire County Council	360	-	360
University of Derby	500	-	500
Anonymous	4000	-	4000
Sundry donations	4495	-	4495
	<u>9355</u>	<u>4282</u>	<u>13637</u>

4. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Sawmills (Severn Trent)	-	2500	-	2500
Volunteer Development	-	4282	(374)	3908
	<u>-</u>	<u>6782</u>	<u>(374)</u>	<u>6408</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	-	120836	(46914)	73922
	<u>-</u>	<u>120836</u>	<u>(46914)</u>	<u>73922</u>

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5. Analysis of the costs of the trip boat "Birdswood"

	£
Administration	207
Advertising & website	2448
Bank charges	249
Boat Insurance	994
Boat repairs and maintenance	175
Crew costs	697
Employee costs	11323
Hire of Horse	4300
Maritime & Coastguard Agency	564
Miscellaneous boat costs	1208
Special Trips	780
Stock for resale	2384
Telephones	110
Tripboat office	556
	<u>25995</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.