

THE SHREWSBURY & NEWPORT CANALS TRUST

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Registered Company Number 4075920 (England & Wales)

Registered Charity Number: 1088706

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

Year ended 30th September 2018

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018.

The trustees of the charity, who are also directors of the company, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2018. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of The Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS AND TRUSTEES

Those who held office as directors and trustees during this year and on the date the report was approved are:

Bernard Charles Jones (chairman); Stephen Christopher Bean; Alan Frank Boney; David Peter Crow; Sherrel Gillian Fikeis; Alan David Harding; John Edward Heather; Philip Michael Jones; Steven Hugh Jones; Stephen Andrew Kearney (from 19 July 2018); John Myers; Brian David Nelson; John Metcalfe Stevens; and Keith Vaughan Welch.

John Mitchell Freeman and Kevin Taylor were also directors and trustees until 2 June 2018.

The Trust's bankers are:

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent;
Cambridge & Counties Bank, Charnwood Court, 5B New Walk, Leicester; and
NatWest, 217 Dean St, Telford Town Centre, Telford.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 21st September 2000, registered in England number 4075920. The governing document is the Articles of Association which were updated during the year and agreed by the Annual General Meeting on 2nd June 2018. The Trust is registered as a charity, number 1088706. The registered office is 4 Arscott, Pontesbury, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

All activities and expenditure of the Trust are approved by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are elected from within the membership and have overall responsibility for the management of the Trust's affairs and decision-making. Any member can be nominated for election as a Trustee, such election and appointment being made at the Annual General Meeting. One third of Trustees retire by rotation each year and can stand for re-election. Additional Trustees may also be co-opted as and when vacancies arise. Trustees usually meet as a full Board six times per annum. Day to day management of the affairs of the Trust is delegated to individual Trustees and to sub-committees with responsibility for specific aspects and areas of the charity's operations.

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed. For events involving access by the public, risk assessment procedures are carried out. Appropriate financial controls and policies are in place to prevent financial irregularities, and the accounts are subject to independent examination. Work-party safety issues have been considered, with a safety policy in place. Major risks are covered by appropriate insurance.

The Trust currently has no reserves policy. The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

The objectives of the charity are: -

- promoting and undertaking the restoration of the Shrewsbury Canal and the Newport branch of the Shropshire Union Canal to good and navigable order, including associated structures and buildings, for the benefit of the public.
- to promote the fullest use of the canals by all forms of waterborne traffic and for all forms of water-related commercial, local amenity, tourist and recreational activity for the public benefit.
- to promote the education of the public in the history and use of the canals and waterways and of the canals in particular.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018.

Public benefit report

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

The Trust's main focus continued to be the restoration, conservation and maintenance of two fine Grade II listed early 19th century canal warehouses at Wappenshall, which the Trust leases from Telford & Wrekin Council. Following the unsuccessful round 2 bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the majority of the funding in the previous year, a further round 1 bid to the HLF was submitted in November, but this was also unsuccessful. The Trustees therefore took the decision, as much of the other funding was in place, to carry out a staged approach by initially concentrating on the restoration and refurbishment of the smaller warehouse, which dates from the time of the establishment of Wappenshall as a canal junction and transshipment centre. In association with this the original canal basin will be excavated and re-watered. By the end of the year volunteers had already removed 20th Century partitions and staircase to prepare the way for more substantial works.

Elsewhere along the line of the canal improvements have been carried out at several sites towards full restoration, and to enhance facilities for public access and enjoyment. In Newport work by volunteers has significantly improved the towpath, removed Himalayan balsam and planted hedging. At Forton the progression of planned works has unfortunately been limited by the continuing land ownership issue. At Berwick work has continued, with assistance from the Waterway Recovery Group and the Canal and River Trust, to enhance the area around the north portal of the tunnel and to clear the canal from there up to the A5 road, with the aim of opening an all-ability circular walk; work has also commenced to open the towpath up to the south portal of the tunnel.

Work has also continued to inform the public about the canals and the work of the Trust. Further information panels have been installed and, in connection with the 50th anniversary of the town of Telford, a Thomas Telford Trail was launched in the form of a leaflet and travelling display highlighting the works of the great engineer.

As well as physical work, efforts to ensure the primary objective of restoring the whole canal is not endangered has been made by lobbying and working with councils to recognise the canal in short-term and long-term planning, which has included considerable time input into the 'Shrewsbury Big Town Plan'.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's principal funding sources are from membership subscriptions, donations and grants. The Trustees monitor and maintain sufficient funds to meet day to day needs of the charity.

The financial results are set out in the statement of accounts for the year. There are no funds in deficit; and no funds were held on behalf of others. All funds are deposited in UK banks.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



BERNARD CHARLES JONES, Director

Date of Approval by the Board: 21st March 2019

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 September 2018, which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Andrew Mitchell FCA
Castlefields Accountancy Limited
23 Benyon Street
Shrewsbury

27th March 2019

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**
For the Year ended 30th September 2018

	2018		2017	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Income and endowments from:				
Membership Subscriptions & Donations	6,960		7,680	
Other Donations & Grants	26,707		39,025	
Gift Aid	2,163		6,536	
Sales	1,546		1,539	
Norbury Rally & Festival	1,944		-	
Members' Events	231		165	
Sponsorship & Advertising	2,649		2,500	
		<u>42,200</u>		<u>57,445</u>
Investment Income				
Bank Interest		522		33
TOTAL		<u>42,722</u>		<u>57,478</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Costs of generating funds:				
Goods for Resale	363		349	
Norbury Rally	501		228	
Bank & Financial Charges	77		71	
Promotional Costs	250		948	
		<u>1,191</u>		<u>1,596</u>
Charitable activities				
Wappenshall	1,972		1,857	
Work Parties	2,468		3,625	
Insurance	1,067		820	
Stationery, Printing & Postage	3,140		1,307	
Members' Newsletter	907		1,003	
Repairs to Equipment & Craft	201		1,124	
Depreciation	231		271	
		<u>9,986</u>		<u>10,007</u>
Governance costs				
Subsistence & Travel Expenses (see Note 6)	3,051		15,304	
General Administration Expenses	769		806	
		<u>3,820</u>		<u>16,110</u>
TOTAL		<u>14,997</u>		<u>27,713</u>
NET INCOME		<u>27,725</u>		<u>29,765</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		<u>129,171</u>		<u>99,406</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>156,896</u>		<u>129,171</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All incoming and outgoing resources relate to unrestricted funds.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2018

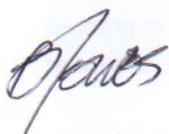
	Notes	2018		2017	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	2				
Craft		1,126		1,251	
Furniture & Fixtures		151		189	
Office Equipment		102		127	
Tools		168		211	
			1,547		1,778
Current assets					
Current Accounts & Cash		2,694		6,926	
Savings Accounts		152,582		120,503	
Debtors	3	73		-	
		155,349		127,429	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	-		36	
Net Current Assets			155,349		127,393
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			156,896		129,171
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds			156,896		129,171
TOTAL FUNDS			156,896		129,171

For the financial year ended 30 September 2018, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006;
- The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.



BERNARD CHARLES JONES, Director

Date of Approval by the Board: 21st March 2019

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2018**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014;
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Craft	10% pa on a reducing balance basis
Fixtures & Fittings	20% pa on a reducing balance basis
Office Equipment	20% pa on a reducing balance basis
Tools	20% pa on a reducing balance basis

Incoming resources

Income is generally recognised on a receivable basis where the amount is reasonably certain and where there is adequate certainty of receipt. The specific bases used are as follows:

- Voluntary income includes members subscriptions, donations, legacies and grants receivable.
- Legacies are recognised as income where there is a certainty of entitlement to receipt of funds.
- Fundraising income is accounted for on a receivable basis.
- Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.
- Charitable activity income is accounted for when earned. Activity income received in advance is deferred until entitlement to the income has arisen.
- Grants are recognised when entitlement to the grant is confirmed. Grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature provided by the government and charitable foundations are recorded as voluntary income.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred on the following bases:

- Costs of generating funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and running fundraising events.
- Charitable expenditure comprises direct expenditure attributable to the Charity's activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources as detailed below.
- Governance costs include those costs incurred in the governance of the Charity's assets and are associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.
- Support costs include the Charity's central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the total unrestricted costs for each charitable activity as a percentage of the charitable company's total direct costs to reflect the consumption of costs incurred in the furtherance of each of the charitable activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes and which otherwise would form part of the Charity's general funds.

Other unrestricted funds are available for the Charity to carry out any of its charitable activities.

Restricted funds are funds that have restrictions imposed by donors and can only be applied for the particular purposes specified by the donor.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Craft	Tools, furniture & equipment	Total
COST			
As at 1 st October 2017	1,907	4,296	6,203
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As at 30 th September 2018	1,907	4,296	6,203
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DEPRECIATION			
As at 1 st October 2017	656	3,769	4,425
Charge for the year	125	106	231
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As at 30 th September 2018	781	3,875	4,656
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NET BOOK VALUE			
As at 30 th September 2018	1,126	421	1,547
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As at 1 st October 2017	1,251	527	1,778
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3. DEBTORS		2018	2017
VAT recoverable		73	-
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4. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		2018	2017
VAT Due		-	36
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2018

5. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company has no share capital but is a charitable company limited by guarantee. Under the Memorandum of Association of the company the liability of individual members is restricted to a maximum of £1.

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

None of the Trustees received any remuneration for their services during the year.

During the year, travel expenses to the value of £3,051 were paid to the Trustees, who subsequently repaid the same amounts as donations (on which appropriate Gift Aid can be claimed) to the charity (2017: £15,304).

7. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEES

Included in Governance costs are fees of £350 paid to the Independent Examiner (2017: £350).