



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 12	Year 2013		Day 30	Month 11	Year 2014

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane, Bishops Waltham	
Southampton	
Hampshire, UK	
Postcode	SO32 1ED

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr. Barry Jerome	Chairman		BWNPCG Trustees
2	Eric Birbeck MVO	Vice-Chairman		BWNPCG Trustees
3	Alan Inder			BWNPCG Trustees
4	John Moore	Treasurer		BWNPCG Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Voluntary candidates appointed by existing Trustees and elected/confirmed by members at the next biannual general meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Restoration and maintenance of the Bishops Waltham North Pond

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the commission on public benefit. By continuing to carry out our objectives the North Pond Conservation Group is continuing to provide the public benefit that it was set up to do. These objectives are:

- Initial restoration, improvement and ongoing maintenance of the North Pond
- Enhancement of the conservation area for plants and wildlife
- Enhancement of the visual amenity for the benefit of the parish
- Involvement of local people and organisations in the restoration and conservation
- Collaboration with the management of the South Pond

In a Market Town survey, organised by the Bishops Waltham Parish Council in 2008, the general public identified the North Pond as the number one concern in the environmental category. The North Pond Conservation Group was set up to address this concern. Initially set up as a local organisation it received Charitable status in March 2014, when it took on ownership of two thirds of the North Pond and became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The North Pond Conservation Group gets frequent unsolicited praise from the general public on what it is achieving. We also have an active band of volunteers from the local population who take part in our work parties and gain benefit from seeing the results of their actions and involvement in the community.

The outstanding major activity is to retain an area of permanent water when the pond dries up annually. This will address a major concern of the general public that there is no water in the pond for 6 to 8 months each year. It also addresses the distress caused to the general public when dead and dying fish are seen and water birds and their chicks are stranded when the water disappears. Planning consent has been obtained to do the work. Funds need to be secured through grants and donations to carry out the work.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Contributions by volunteers fall into two categories:

- administration and running of the charity
- work party volunteers who carry out the work

Estimated contribution of volunteers was approximately:

- 300 hours of administration and running the charity
 - the major activities were obtaining charitable status, organising work parties, preparation and presentation of the biannual public meetings and activities for the "All Year Water" project, as well as general running and administration
- 600 hours of work party volunteers
 - the weekly autumn/winter and adhoc summer Saturday morning work parties are well attended and this is where the work is carried out to achieve the objectives of the North Pond conservation group

Using a minimum wage assumption this effort equates to approximately £6,000

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Ongoing conservation and maintenance of the North Pond.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold £20,000 from the Duke's donation as restricted funds to cover the next 25 years pond maintenance. This was a specific donation for this purpose. We are also creating a reserve for funds for the "All Year Water" project which includes £5,000 from the Dukes' donation plus other contributing funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

This is the first year as a charity.

Our main source of funds this year has been a donation of £25,000 by James Duke & Son Ltd. They owned a portion of the pond together with Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council. The ownership of the Duke's portion of the pond has been transferred to the BWNPCG charity with the donation.

We also apply for grants and look for donations to cover specific projects.

Section F

Other optional information

Our next main project is "All Year Water" which aims to remove silt from the south end of the pond to retain year round water. This will enable fish rescue and protect the water birds and other wildlife when the pond dries up. It will also greatly improve the visual amenity for the general public.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Barry R Jerome

Full name(s) Dr Barry Ronald Jerome

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chairman

Date 21/08/2015

