

Charity Registration No. 1147557
Company Registration No. 07788702 (England and Wales)
TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016) Objectives and activities

The Trust's Objects are to preserve, protect and improve for the benefit of the public the riverside and its environs at Twickenham in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames; to provide charitable facilities there for public recreation and community activities; and to advance the education of the public in the history and environment of the area.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake.

Achievements and performance

• UPDATE ON TRUST BOARD MEMBERS

As reported in last year's Annual Report, at the very end of the reporting year, in September 2021, two Trustees had resigned from the Trust: Hugh Brasher had served the full recommended nine years in office (having become a Trustee in September 2012), and Martin Cox - a trustee since October 2020 - had relocated to Wales.

In October 2021, solicitor Jonathan Preece became a Trustee, to replace the legal skillset previously offered by departing Trustee Martin Cox.

In March 2022, Trustees Sam Kamleh-Chapman and Cathy Stewart resigned from the Trust.

As previously reported, Luke Montgomery-Smith had been elected Chair of the Trust in September 2021. He subsequently served as Chair till June 2022, when Ted (Timothy) Cremin was elected Chair. It is Ted's intention to serve as Chair until he steps down in September 2023, by which point he will have served no more than the recommended nine years as a Trustee.

- **DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDENS**

Sunshine Cafe in the Gardens has been able to remain open for the vast majority of its scheduled hours. There have been some staff shortages, but Richmond Council has introduced additional support staff to ensure that this happens less and less frequently so that the cafe is able to remain open as advertised.

See below for reporting on Events and Maintenance.

- **EVENTS ON DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDENS**

This reporting year was the first year since reporting year 2018-9 that the Trust has been able to offer a more extensive calendar of events on the Gardens, it having been agreed with the Council that events on the Gardens be suspended during 2020 and the vast majority of 2021.

As well as being used by the a wide variety of users, the Diamond Jubilee Gardens are being increasingly appreciated as a central, contained and flexible venue in which to host events. The Gardens as currently configured - i.e. the Diamond Jubilee Gardens - have been in place for 10 years, with the smaller Jubilee Gardens (part of which still remain on the Embankment) having been established almost 20 years ago.

- **December 2021: Festive Dog Show**

Prior to this event, in late November 2021 - to coincide with the wider Twickenham Festive Lights Switch-on - the 16 petanque trees on the Gardens overlooking the riverside had been decorated with coloured lights. Trustees had decided that having 16 Christmas trees was preferable to just one! It was also a celebration of the living trees on the Gardens.

The Dog Show relatively last-minute event took place against the background of emerging measures to counter the spread of the Omnicron variant.

It was nevertheless well attended, with some 30+ dogs and their owners taking part. However, partly due to the time of year and partly due to impending restrictions regarding public gatherings being put in place, the spectators were fewer than at previous dog shows.

- **June 2022: Jubilee Dog Show**

In contrast to the winter Dog Show, the summer Dog Show (unsurprisingly!) was very well attended, with some 60+ dogs and their owners taking part, along with many more spectators.

Entrants, as well as competing across some 12 individual categories, were also competing for the Corgi Cup, so named in honour her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

There was also free facepainting on site, set up in the shade of the petanque trees, as on previous occasions.

It is estimated that c.300 people attended this event.

This event was supported by a Platinum Jubilee Grant from Richmond Council, which the Trust used to purchase event-delivery equipment related not only to this event, but that could be used for many other events going forward.

• **June-July 2022: Big Screen - Wimbledon + Movie Mornings/Nights**

Whilst there have been 'Big Screens' on the Gardens before (for Twick Flicks), this was the first time a big screen had been in place for longer than a weekend.

The main focus of the Big Screen was to show coverage from Wimbledon Tennis Tournament. However, the screen was also used to show children's films on weekend mornings, and other films once the Wimbledon coverage had finished.

Deckchairs and bean bags were provided on the both the hard-standing area (where the screen was set up) and part of the artificial grass, with a central gap through the seating so attendees could also sit on the grass if they preferred.

This was a very successful event, with attendance across the two weeks the screen was in place in the region of 2,000. This event took place under the umbrella of Discover Twickenham, the trading name of the Twickenham Business Improvement District (BID).

• **July 2022: High Tide**

As in September 2021, the Trust facilitated and helped organise the hosting on the Gardens of one of the major stages of the Twickenham High Tide (music) Festival - the Jazz Stage.

The High Tide festival expanded in 2022 to include 17 different venues across central Twickenham, with the Jazz Stage being the second largest stage, hosting a full schedule of performers.

In addition to the Gardens' cafe being open, a more extensive selection of food/beverage tents than in September 2021 were present on the Gardens. These concession tents were set up on the hardstanding alongside the stage, but also made use of the petanque areas.

Attendance at this particular venue of the festival, across the six hours it was in use, was in the region of 1,500, with c.300 people typically on site at any given time.

• **August 2022: Emergency 999**

This event made its first appearance on the Gardens in 2019, when it was very popular indeed.

The Trust collaborated with the Metropolitan Police's Twickenham Riverside Ward Safer Neighbourhood Team, who coordinated across various departments of the Metropolitan Police and also the London Fire Brigade to bring a considerable number of vehicles/equipment on to the Gardens.

The event ran for four hours, during which time there was a constant stream of people coming into the Gardens. Attendance was c. 800, with the local police reporting that it had been their most successful event ever in terms of marking bicycles (c.60 bicycles were security marked and registered).

As well as being an event at which the public is able to interact with first responders, the Police Inspector responsible for Richmond observed that he values the opportunity for his officers - especially more recent recruits - to have these more informal interactions with the public as part of their working day.

- **TWICKENHAM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)**

The Trust's growing event-delivery partnership with the Twickenham BID - who operate under the name of Discover Twickenham - is indicative not only of the Gardens' suitability for hosting events, but also the Gardens becoming an increasingly well known event-hosting location.

Reporting year 2022-23 will see (and has already seen at the time of writing this report in January 2023) an expanded calendar of events in collaboration with the BID:

- **Oct 2022: Hallowe'en Mini Disco**

- **Nov 2022: Festive Mini Disco**

- **Jan 2023: Chinese New Year with Lion Dancers**

- **June 2023: Festival of Arts and Ideas** (TBC) with Richmond Arts Service and the Eel Pie Island Museum (10 days)

- **July 2023: Big Screen** (2 weeks)

- **July 2023: High Tide**

- **OUTLINE EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2022-23**

In addition to the above, the 2022-23 Events calendar will also include returning favourites such as the **Dog Show** (May 2023) and **Emergency 999** (May 2023). New for 2023 will be a series of **Arcadian Thames walks** (Sept 2023), and a dedicated **RNLI** event will return (May 2023). Both of these events will reflect most strongly the Gardens' riverside location. One of the users of the petanque courts is also looking to host a Friday/Saturday **petanque 'taster'** event in April 2023, similar to the one that previously took place in September 2019. Add in to this a TBC June 2023 event with **Gruffalo-illustrator Axel Scheffler** and there will be an extensive calendar of events being hosted on the Gardens.

With the large proportion of events focused on young children, it is notable that the Gardens offer a safe and secure facility for these younger age groups. This is also evident from the degree of 'free play' the

Gardens' layout affords younger children within the Gardens outside of event days, as demonstrated by the local nurseries who use the Gardens on a daily basis during the week.

- **MAINTENANCE - DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDENS + TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE**

The effective working relationship between the Trust and the various LBRuT departments (Parks, Facilities, Highways) responsible for the Gardens' maintenance and that of the surrounding area continued into this reporting year.

- **Watering** - over the hot summer of 2022, Trustees undertook the regular watering of both new planted beds and the already established central planting areas.
- **Leaf clearing** - Trustees and various volunteers have undertaken several leaf-clearing volunteer days. These take place on a regular basis, and supplement the work done by the Council's contractor. The trees that offer dappled shade in the summer offer a considerable amount of leaves in the autumn.
- **Bins** - The bins along the entirety of Twickenham's Embankment were finally replaced in September 2022. The Trust had been lobbying Richmond Council for over a year regarding the provision of more suitable bins, given the high footfall of this area and its proximity to Twickenham's high street, with its many shops and outlets offering food for consumption off the premises.

The new bins (larger, more birdproof) have made a huge difference to the amount of debris scattered on the Embankment that had not been finding its way into the previously not fit-for-purpose bins. The street cleaner reported that clearing the Embankment of rubbish now only takes about 20 minutes where previously it had been taking over an hour.

- **Benches** - this work was similarly finally completed this reporting year, with the final replacement benches put in place in May 2022. The Trust had been lobbying Richmond Council regarding the replacement of multiple missing or broken riverside benches (c. 10 in total) since May 2021. These riverside benches are much used throughout the entire week, both during the day and the evening, and their absence was materially impacting on the amenity value of the area.

In spite of all the positive improvements and work carried out, some maintenance issues remained unresolved. The Trust would like to emphasise that it enjoys an excellent working relationship with officers across the various Council departments (Parks, Facilities, Highways). The Parks department, for example, is responsible for some 160+ open spaces across the borough, and the team has proven to be remarkably responsive, given its wider responsibilities. The Facilities department was also still dealing with a post-COVID backlog. Budgets and workloads, accordingly, limited what could be done and when.

Outstanding riverside-related matters relate to:

- **Lighting on Diamond Jubilee Gardens** - Extensive correspondence on 47 non-working lights on the Gardens dates from November 2021. As a result of repeated representations from the Trust to the Council - who are responsible for the maintenance of the Gardens until June 2024 - the five playground lights are now working, along with two in-ground lights at the Wharf Lane entrance to the Gardens.

However, the wider Gardens - to include the steps to the Embankment, and the petanque area - remain unlit. i.e. there are 40 in-ground and side-mounted lights not working. The benches in the petanque area are particularly well used late into the summer evenings, and it has been requested that the Council prioritise allocating any available funding to repair these lights in particular.

- **“Santander Bank car park”** - In the surrounding riverside area, a continuing cause for concern was deteriorating condition of the former car park behind Santander Bank (now closed) on the high street, running alongside Water Lane. Along with Wharf Lane, Water Lane is a direct entry point from Twickenham’s high street to Twickenham’s riverside.

This car park has not been officially operational since early 2018. It is, however, still used for parking by several vehicles each day, and as a turning area for larger vehicles making deliveries to the rear of the commercial premises situated on the adjoining King Street.

This highly visible area had been subject to repeated fly tipping, to include food waste, and had become considerably overgrown. At the time of writing of this report (January 2023), the car park had been extensively cleared by the Council in November 2022, following almost a year of repeated representations from the Trust. Trustees had offered mid 2022 to organise a volunteer working party to clear the site, but were advised by the Council that the amount and type of waste made it unsuitable for any volunteer-led activity. The Trust will continue to monitor this riverside site, and make representations when necessary.

- **GRANT APPLICATIONS/FUNDRAISING**

The Trust applied for three grants during this reporting year, related to both event delivery and maintenance.

The Trust is committed to ensuring as many of its events as possible are free to participate in. Accordingly, over the past few years, Trustees have increasingly been creating a ‘war chest’ of reusable event equipment (gazebos, tables, chairs, fencing, lighting etc) so that future event delivery overheads can be kept to a minimum.

The Trust also actively lends out this equipment to other local organisations, either hosting events on the Gardens (Twickenham BID) or elsewhere in Twickenham (Twickenham BID, Eel Pie Island Museum) or in the wider borough (Metropolitan Police for their August 2022 Met in the Park event).

The three grants applied for during this reporting year were:

- **Platinum Jubilee Fund** (£900, June 2022) - this was used to underwrite the Jubilee Dog Show, which included free face painting, but also to purchase event-related equipment that was used for subsequent events during this reporting year.
- **Waitrose “Give a Little Love” scheme** (£335, awarded Nov 2022) - these funds were directed at event-related equipment, most specifically lighting for the October Hallowe’en and November Festive Season 2022 Mini Discos
- **Civic Pride** (£2,750, awarded Dec 2022) - some of these funds have already been directed at event-related equipment at the time of writing of this report. The Trust had also applied for c.£1,000 funding for maintenance-related equipment in its August 2022 Civic Pride funding application. However, the part of the funding application related to maintenance expenditure was not successful. The Trust will continue, though, to support the Council in its maintenance of the Gardens using equipment it has already purchased and by borrowing equipment for various sources.

In addition to the above (only £900 of which falls within this reporting year), as detailed in the Statement of Financial Activities below, the Trust received c. £1,500 from various sources (donations/event space hire).

• RICHMOND COUNCIL’S RIVERSIDE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

As per reporting year 2020-21, throughout reporting year 2021-22 the Trust continued to be in discussions with the Council regarding the Council’s proposed development plans for the Twickenham Riverside.

In its discussions with the Council, the Trust remained mindful of its Objects, its obligations under its 125-year lease on the Diamond Jubilee Gardens, and of the Charity Commission Guidance regarding disposing of charity land.

In October 2021, the Council initiated its CPO/Section 19 proceedings against the Trust. In November 2021, the Trust submitted its Objections. At a Trustees Meeting in December 2021, the Board voted to reject the Council’s offer relating to the Diamond Jubilee Gardens. The Trust’s CPO/Section 19 Objections, along with the Objections/Observations made by the Trust regarding the Council’s planning application which included the Trust’s demise within the Diamond Jubilee Gardens as part of its development site, can be viewed on the Trust’s website, in the section “Sign Our Petition”.

At the time of writing of this report (January 2023), the petition launched in November 2022 by the Trust in support of its opposition to certain aspects of the Council’s planning application, has just under 3,000 signatures.

A revised date of June 2023 has been scheduled for the Compulsory Purchase Order/Section 19 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 Public Inquiries.

• FINANCIAL REVIEW

The expenses to which the Trust is committed on an annual basis are minimal and so the Board of Trustees are still of the opinion that the financial position of the Trust is secure now and for the foreseeable future.

The Trust does not have a reserves policy, but the Trustees are of the opinion that the current level of reserves are sufficient such that in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Trust's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

• STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

M R Brownrigg

T J Cremin

A Donnelly

J A Fotiadis-Negrepontis

C C M Holman

W Kamleh-Chapman (Resigned 7 March 2022)

L J Montgomery-Smith

K A Oberc

J R Preece (Appointed 19 October 2021)

C A Stewart (Resigned 7 March 2022)

London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames

The power to appoint trustees is vested in the present trustees.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trust is governed by the Board of Trustees who ensure that the objectives of the trust are being met. The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

C C M Holman (Secretary)

Trustee

K A Oberc (Treasurer)

Trustee

Dated: 15 January 2023

Dated: 15 January 2023

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

The trustees, who are also the directors of Twickenham Riverside Trust for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

		Unrestricted funds	Total
	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Income from:			
Donations/legacies/grants	2	1,150	-
Income from fundraising activities	3	1,280	420
Other income	4	<u>1,728</u>	-
Total income		4,158	420
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		-	-
Charitable activities	5	<u>3,164</u>	<u>3,267</u>
Total resources expended		3,164	3,267
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds			
		994	(2,847)
Fund balances at 1 October 2021		7,559	10,406
Fund balances at 30 September 2022		8,553	7,559

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	8	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>11,431</u>	<u>7,919</u>
		11,431	7,919
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,878)	(360)
Net current assets		8,553	7,559
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>8,553</u>	<u>7,559</u>
		8,553	7,559

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 September 2022.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15 January 2023

K A Oberc

Trustee

Company Registration No. 07788702

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

I Accounting policies

Charity information

Twickenham Riverside Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 9 Aquarius, Eel Pie Island, Twickenham TW1 3EA.

I.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

I.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

I.3 Charitable funds

All funds of the Trust are unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

I.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Trust has entitlement to the funds, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received. The following specific policies are applicable to particular categories of income:

Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

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Legacies income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value.

Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

Income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	250	-
Grants	<u>900</u>	-
	1 150	

3 Income from fundraising activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021
	£	£
Fundraising activities	1,280	420
Reimbursement of insurance premiums	<u>1,728</u>	-
	3,008	420

4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021
	£	£
<u>Fundraising activities</u>		
Cost of fundraising activities	-	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

5 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Insurance	511	255
Bank charges	45	-
Accountancy	-	360
Legal and professional	-	420
Website	137	2,219
Other expenses	-	13
Event expenses	<u>2,471</u>	<u>-</u>
	3,164	3,267

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Trust during the year.

7 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

8 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	-

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	2,878	360

10 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.