



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2023 Period start date To 31 December 2023 Period end date

Charity name: The Halton Lune Trust

Charity registration number: 1160975

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To distribute profits from the Halton Lune Hydro Company for the benefit of the parish as set out in the Trust Deed (as amended)
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The funds are distributed through an application and evaluation process in accordance with the objects of the charity and agreed memorandum of understanding with the Halton Lune Hydro Company
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and will have regard to that guidance as appropriate.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grants are determined having regard to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improving and enhancing recreational opportunities and sporting activities- Supporting energy associated measures delivering energy efficiency and carbon reducing technologies- Promotion of conservation and enhancement of the natural environment for the benefit of the community- Promotion of conservation, protection and improvement, land, buildings, other structures and artefacts of particular historic,

		architectural, archaeological or cultural significance
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During this reporting period the Trust has considered 12 applications for grant and awarded 10 of those for payment totalling £41,153.</p> <p>These grants have supported enhancement of environmental spaces, enabled improvement of village facilities and supported community initiatives in and adjacent to the parish of Halton-with-Aughton.</p> <p><i>Lancashire Wildlife Trust – grant made to support management of Aughton woods (ancient woodland) as a nature reserve for the benefit of wildlife and for the local community to enjoy now and in the longer term.</i></p> <p><i>Halton-with-Aughton Heritage Group to support the Halton Castle Hill Project which aims to enable public access to the historic Castle Hill Motte and Bailey, explore and document the history of the site, carry out environmental and accessible improvements and to provide interpretation of the site for visitors and the public.</i></p> <p><i>Aughton Recreation Room, grant supported small charity in a project to upgrade the village recreation room which provides the focus for community based activities in the village.</i></p>

		<p><i>Halton-with-Aughton Parish Council Grants to support upgrade to solar panels and installation of batteries on the Centre at Halton (which is a community building, and also serves as the emergency planning hub within the village of Halton)</i></p> <p><i>Halton Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, grant helped support local litterpicks for the benefit of the community.</i></p> <p><i>Green Elephant Co-operative, grant to support Millfest event staged for the local community.</i></p> <p><i>Caton with Littledale Parish Council – grant supported project to maintain and replace equipment at Fell View Play Park, Caton.</i></p> <p><i>Halton Scout Group, grant supported modernisation and replacement of equipment for the local scout group.</i></p> <p><i>Lunesdale Lawn Tennis Club, award contributed to project costs for the replacement of surface floodlit hard courts</i></p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Balance as at 31.12.23 is £84,788.86. During the reporting period it received income totalling £105,410.00, and expended £41,163 on grants awarded.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	A deposit account is in the process of being set up in which a reserve amount of £25K will be deposited to support the Trust's sustainability over a longer term. This will be reviewed annually.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	See above
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	See above
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal source of funding is from the Halton Lune Hydro Company (Company No. IP032233) which is a registered society for the benefit of the community. The surplus income from Halton Lune Hydro Company go to the Halton Lune Trust to distribute these profits for public benefit at their discretion within and around the Parish of Halton-with-Aughton in line with the Trust Objectives and under Charity Commission rules. The Trust also receives occasional donations which are included in the account balances.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed dated 16 March 2015 as amended 22 October 2023
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees shall normally reside within the Parish of Halton-with-Aughton, elected by show of hands unless secret ballot requested. There is a maximum of 5 Trustees and the bodies formally represented are the Halton- with-Aughton Parish Council and the Halton Lune Hydro Company whose nominees will be appointed to the Trust. Trustees are on a 3 year term and may be re-elected.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Trust operates within a Memorandum of Understanding with the Halton Lune Hydro Limited dated 10 February 2013 (as amended on 22 October 2023). The Company is invited to meetings of the Trust, and the Trust provides feedback to the Company's annual meetings.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Halton Lune Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1160975
Charity's principal address	3 Meadowfield, Halton Lancaster, LA2 6PT

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	Carol Slinger	treasurer		Halt on-with -Aught on Parish Council
2	Debbie Storr	secretary		
3	Jonathan Sewell			
4	Nicholas Mannion			Halt on Lune Hydro Ltd
5	Susanna Dart		From 1 November 2023	
6	Fiona Frank	Chair	Until resignation 31 October 2023	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	<i>The Trust receives the profits from the Halton Lune Hydro Company for distribution through grant application</i>
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Date