London Waterkeeper Trustees' Annual Report
1st January – 31st December 2025

Market Workspace,	
133a Rye Lane, Peckham	
London	
SE15 4BQ	
Charity number	1165862

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	Deirdre O'Connell	Chair	All year	AGM and Trustees
2	Charles Law	Treasurer	To 31/7/2025	AGM and Trustees
3	Kevin Koon	Treasurer	From 6/8/2025	AGM and Trustees
4	Alex Worth	Secretary	All year	AGM and Trustees
5	Sarah Saunders	Trustee	All year	AGM and Trustees

Name of chief executive:

Theo Thomas

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	CIO
Trustee selection methods	As set out in the constitution, trustees shall be elected by members at the AGM. A full term is 5 years. Once a term is complete, the trustee will retire at the AGM and may stand for re-election. Vacancies so arising may be filled by members at an AGM. The members or the trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new trustee in accordance with the constitution.

London Waterkeeper's charitable objects

To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, in particular the rivers and other water bodies within the London Watershed.

Aims for the year and activities

Sewer Overflows & Sewage Pollution
We started 2025 with the intention of further pressing Thames Water to use green infrastructure as part of its plans to reduce sewer overflows to rivers in London. In addition, we wanted the company to demonstrate that they were developing cost-effective plans that would address the worst sources of pollution.

In March 2025 Thames Water announced it would upgrade 26 sewer overflows in London as part of its new Business Plan. We sent the company an Environmental Information Request to understand which sewer locations were on this plan and whether green infrastructure was going to be used for any of them. Further investigations revealed anomalies, for example, one of the overflow locations had been sealed 20 years ago and therefore no longer existed. Thames Water subsequently said this overflow would be removed from their investment programme, following our enquiry to them.
It also became apparent that there was no finalised list and the work to identify which sewer overflows would be upgraded would not actually start until 2026.

Other activities

- London Waterkeeper continued its work with the Legal Clinic at King's College which saw them give the charity pro bono advice and run an event at Kingston's River Festival.

- The CEO spoke and presented at various events during the year:
    - At a webinar organised by CPRE London (Campaign to Protect Rural England) looking at London's sewage crisis;
    - At a conference organised by Lawyers for Nature for River Guardians;
    - At an online workshop run by University College London and the University of West London, discussing what is needed for local trusted water quality data.

- London Waterkeeper was Waterscan's charity of the year. As part of these two Waterscan staff members researched the issue of PFAS (widely known as 'forever chemicals'). London Waterkeeper's CEO spoke at the company's annual Water Matters conference.

- The charity became an adviser to Friends of the Thames.
- The charity continued to support the Friends of Woodcock Park.
- For the first time the charity took part in Big Give's Green Match Fund.
- We worked with students from the Royal College of Art who created a river book for the Moselle in Haringey.
- We assisted a student at University of Surrey MSc with their research into the motivations of people who become involved in clean water advocacy.
- A student from Royal Holloway carried out research looking at mapping sewage pollution using GIS. The aim is that this work will be the foundation of an interactive advocacy portal on London Waterkeeper's website.
- We attended the first Swimmable Cities conference in Rotterdam.
- London Waterkeeper launched its new website.

Achievements and performance

Sewer Overflows & Sewage Pollution
We investigated the plans Thames Water had to use green infrastructure and asked members of the public to send our legally binding information request to the company. Thames Water responded by saying it was considering the use of green infrastructure to reduce sewer overflows, but it became apparent that little work had been completed to determine where it would be used.

London Waterkeeper conducted detailed research, our investigations revealed that Thames Water's plans for upgrading sewer overflows in London were ill defined and there was an accountability gap. It became a priority to assert greater public control over this process. The public needs assurance that the money it pays to Thames Water is going to be spent as efficiently and effectively as possible and resolve the greatest sources of pollution.

We asked the company several times if it would publish its detailed plans once they had been completed, Thames Water failed to provide a confirmation. We identified a legal route which would oblige Thames Water to publish its plans, working with the Legal Clinic at King's College London we were able to confirm that the Environmental Information Regulations required publication of their plans, and failing to do so, Thames Water would be breaching with the law.

Public Benefit
We can confirm our trustees do have regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. They are aware of the guidance and have taken it into account when making decisions to which it is relevant. With regards to our work, there is a direct public benefit in holding a water monopoly to account, particularly, where this concerns pollution to our waterways.

Financial review

The charity's policy on reserves:	The trustees consider that three months reserves are appropriate and work to maintain that level of reserves.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Financial activities for the year ending 31st December 2025:

We were awarded funds from Patagonia, Anne Robbins, Garfield Weston, Metlife, and All Aboard Shops. London Waterkeeper also raised funds through Big Give's Green Match Fund. Individual donations held steady for the year.

Funds held as a custodian trustee on behalf of others

No funds were held as a custodian trustee.

Exemptions from disclosure

None.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Deirdre O'Connell	Kevin Koon
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date	20 October 2026	16 October 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	London Waterkeeper		
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1165862
Set out on pages	6 & 7		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	21/10/2026
Name:	Nicholas Lawrence		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACA		
Address:	61 Benskin Road Watford WD18 0HN		

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

London Waterkeeper	No 1165862

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	9,617	-	-	9,617	50,255
Grants	27,555	12,000	-	39,555	-
Speaker Fees	3,000	-	-	3,000	-
Bank Interest	22	-	-	22	19
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	40,194	12,000	-	52,194	50,274
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,194	12,000	-	52,194	50,274
A3 Payments					
Salaries	20,259	12,000	-	32,259	43,344
Pension contributions	2,424	-	-	2,424	3,158
Accountancy	720	-	-	720	-
Suppliers	-	-	-	-	432
Accomodation expenses	1,843	-	-	1,843	3,600
Insurance	158	-	-	158	157
General expenses	1,469	-	-	1,469	1,116
Mobile phone costs	149	-	-	149	300
Travel costs	4,130	-	-	4,130	395
Membership and fees	185	-	-	185	188
Technology costs	2,457	-	-	2,457	2,881
Bank charges	60	-	-	60	60
Irrecoverable VAT	-	-	-	-	- 950
Sub total	33,854	12,000	-	45,854	54,681
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,854	12,000	-	45,854	54,681
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,340	-	-	6,340	- 4,407
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,914	-	-	10,914	15,321
Cash funds this year end	17,254	-	-	17,254	10,914

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Current Account	17,254	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,254	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
D O'Connell	Deirdre O'Connell	20/10/26
	Kevin Koon	16/10/2026