CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Charity name: The Wild Carp Trust

Charity registration number: 1196426

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**The objectives of the Wild Carp Trust are:** **1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of the oldest strains of carp in the UK.** **2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection, history and importance of the oldest carp strains.** **These strains are defined as the original species wild carp (considered Vulnerable to Extinction by the International Union for Conservation of Nature) and the feral descendants of carp introduced to waters in England and Wales before 1850 where evidence – in the form of historic record or fish phenotype – suggests that they have since avoided crossbreeding with more modern strains of carp.**

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 Wild Carp Trust has achieved its charitable objectives during this period of operation, with associated costs as follows:** **Promoting the conservation and protection of the oldest strains of carp in the UK** • **Maintenance of website, membership & booking system, donation/payment platforms. Cost £765** • **Provision and fulfilment of merchandise and promotional items. Cost £464** • **Running of conservation pools, fish rescue/transportation Cost £1,425** • **Provision of access for public engagement (fishing events) Cost £1,574** • **Purchase of assets to enable conservation activities £2,000** • **Subscription/insurance for activities £75**
		Advancing education with regards to the conservation, protection, history and importance of the oldest carp strains. • **Publishing and distributing annual journal. Cost £520.**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**The trustees confirm that we have given due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.**

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	**None**

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	**None**
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	**The Wild Carp Trust relies entirely on volunteers. In this period, 24 volunteers (including 4 trustees) contributed in excess of 4,000 hours to enable the Wild Carp Trust to achieve its objectives.**
Other		**None**

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	**The main achievement was the ongoing conservation of 3,000+ carp in our conservation pools plus providing public benefit via angling access to Llynwyn wild carp water. We maintained our online promotional presence, including website and social media, and furthered the education of the public via our annual journal.**

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	**The Wild Carp Trust achieved all of its charitable objectives, as detailed above.**
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	**Achieved.**

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	**N/A**
Other		**N/A**

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**Income: £10,138** **Expenditure: £6,823**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**Reserves are held in anticipation of ongoing costs for conservation promotion, including the maintenance of our conservation pools and provision of public access to heritage carp.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**Cash reserves of £4,265 were held at the end of the period.**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**N/A**
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. The Wild Carp Trust is in a strong position to grow and deliver further benefit.**

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	**Funding was from donations (£3,050), memberships (£1,183), events (£1,450), merchandise (£184), and fundraising auction (£657). We also received £3,613 of funds held by our previous online donations/payment provider.**
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	**Investment during this period was prioritised for assets required for carp rehoming and ongoing care and transportation (£2,000).**

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	**Principal risk is access to volunteers. Our charity requires an average of 3,000 hours (375 days) per year to run, presently shared disproportionately by a committee of six people.** **Cost of living appears to have affected individual donations and fundraising, forcing increased reliance on corporate donations.**
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Constitution**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)**
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	**Selected and appointed by the trustees.**

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	**N/A**
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	**The Wild Carp Trust is not part of an umbrella organisation or affiliated with a wider network.** **Our structure is:** • **President: John Bailey** • **Vice Presidents: Dr Bruno Broughton, Martin James MBE.**

		Trustees: **Chair: Dr Nigel Hudson ○** **Vice Chair: Peter Whipp ○** **Treasurer: Mark Aspell** **Committee ○ As trustees above plus Ralph Ridler (fundraising), John Summers (merchandising), Andy Kaczmarczyk (angler engagement).**
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	**N/A**
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Wild Carp Trust
Other name the charity uses	(None)
Registered charity number	1196426
Charity's principal address	2 Mareilian Avenue Marford Wrexham Clwyd LL12 8LL

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	Nigel Hudson	Chair		
2	Andrew Roberts	Vice Chair	Resigned 31 July 2025	
3	Peter Whipp	Fisheries		
4	Mark Aspell	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None.

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)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

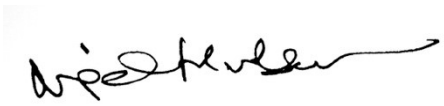
Other optional information

N/A

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)	Nigel Ernest Hudson	Mark Aspell
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	13 November 2026	