Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership CIO
Report 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

1. The Charity

Name of charity: Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership CIO

Charity number: 1196571

Registered address: 22 Bargate Richmond North Yorkshire DL10 4QY

Trustees: Susan Angeline Stokes
Barbara Gravenor (Chair appointed 10 May 2023)
Frank Broughton (appointed 14th March 2024)

2. Structure

The CIO manages its administration through a Board of Trustees (3), and the activities of the Partnership are organised by members of the community participating in the Partnership. New trustees are recruited from volunteers who express an interest and are invited by the Board to stand for election.
There are no paid staff. The website and newsletter communications are run by volunteer members.

3. Purpose/objects

As stated in the Charity's governing document, the purpose of the Charity is the promotion for the benefit of the public of the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Richmondshire, in particular by:

a) Raising awareness of the causes and impact of climate change, and
b) Encouraging individuals and communities to take practical steps to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide to minimise their impact upon climate change, and
c) Developing and implementing local projects that will contribute to a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions and/or promote nature recovery, habitat regeneration and protection of biodiversity, and
d) Working with third party organisations to support the development and implementation of projects aimed at decarbonising homes, businesses, agriculture and transport, and
e) Working with third party organisations to support the development and implementation of projects aimed at nature recovery, habitat generation and protection of biodiversity.

4. Activities in the period April 2025 to March 2026

Activities of particular note include:

- Continued to run a website and newsletter to inform members of the public and RiCAP supporters of the activities being undertaken by RiCAP and other local environmental volunteer organisations.

- Continued to hold Repair Cafés in various venues in Richmondshire. Using local skilled volunteers, we carry out repairs to household equipment, clothes, computers, bicycles etc. which encourages people to repair rather than throw away items. We use the café to encourage discussion on relevant topics.

- Organised an Eco Event in Richmond which was attended by a number of relevant local groups.

- Contributed to consultation processes held by North Yorkshire Council.

- Continued to work with North Yorkshire Council and Richmond Methodist School to run an Air Quality Control Project outside the local schools which are all located on a main road. Purchased 2 banners to display outside the school to encourage parents parked outside to turn off their engines (No idling campaign)

- Successfully applied for a grant from Harmony Energy who had recently installed a local Solar Power Farm. This grant will be used to provide a bike and scooter shelter for Richmond Methodist School as part of a project to encourage pupils to walk, wheel or cycle to school.

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- Continued to work with Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust to develop a nature trail along the old railway line to increase environmental awareness.

- Contributed to York and North Yorkshire Mayor's Transport Plan.

The trustees consider that through these activities the Trust has complied with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

5. Financial Statement

The Trust carries forward a balance of £8,292 as of 31 March 2026 to finance its continuing work. Expenditure on major events will only be incurred if income is obtained to finance these events. We will aim to build up and maintain a reserve of about £3,000 to secure the long- term viability of the Trust.

Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities are shown below:

		1st April 2025- 31 March 2026
Receipts and Payments		£
Receipts		
Grants		7,000
Donations		0
Bank Interest		15
Event Income		0
Sub-Total		**7,015**
Payments		
Event Expenditure		96
Administration costs		230
Communications Support		0
Bank charges		60
Grants made		0
Sub-Total		**386**
Surplus for Period (unrestricted funds)		**6,629**
Balance B/F	1,663	
Balance C/F	8,292	
Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2025		
Cash in Bank represented by unrestricted funds		8,292

Signed on behalf of the Trust by Barbara Gravenor (Chair)



Date: 25/10/2026