Itchen Navigation Preservation Trust

Annual Report and Accounts

For the period 1st January to 31st December 2025

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Trustees Annual Report

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Itchen Navigation Preservation Trust (the "INPT") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) first registered with the Charity Commission under reference 1201965 on 16th February 2023.

Trustees

The Trustees during this period were:

Name	Position Held	Date Appointed	Date Resigned
Kieran Gillingham	CEO	16.02.2023	
Richard King	Secretary/Treasurer	16.02.2023	
Andy Roberts	Chair	16.02.2023	
Gordon King		16.02.2023	

Objects of the Charity

The Objects of the Charity are:

1. to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Itchen Navigation in particular but not exclusively by
    a. collaborating with individuals, groups, companies, governmental agencies or public bodies, statutory bodies, other charities and other interested parties, provided that in each case where the Trust undertakes work in relation to property which it does not own or hold in trust, any private benefit to the owner of the property is merely incidental, and
    b. enabling and encouraging volunteer participation, and
    c. improving the public access to The Itchen Navigation, and
    d. creating a means of communication, sharing of information and the provision of an archive of relevant information accessible to all.
2. to advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Itchen Navigation

The Vision, Mission and Values of the Charity

The Trust has identified its Vision, Mission and Values as:

Vision: A resilient ecosystem, where nature and people thrive.

Mission: Through collaborative efforts, we aim to conserve, protect, and improve the physical and natural environment of the navigation. By nurturing a culture of education, we will empower individuals to understand and safeguard its unique features, ensuring its preservation for generations to come.

Values:

Mission-Centric Decision Making – Every decision we make is driven by our commitment to furthering our mission and making a positive impact.

Integrity – we uphold honesty, transparency, and ethical conduct in all we do

Respect – we treat every individual with respect and fairness, regardless of their background, beliefs, or circumstances.

Accountability – we are accountable to our donors, members, volunteers and partners and ensure resources are used responsibly

Collaboration – we believe in the power of collective action and actively seek partnerships to maximise our impact and create sustainable change.

Sustainability – We are committed to minimising our environmental impact, promoting social responsibility, and ensuring long-term economic viability.

Delivering the Public Benefit of the Charity

The trustees are pleased with the significant progress the INPT has made during 2025. The trustees have built on relationships with land owners and local groups which has allowed further funding to be obtained to deliver further projects along the Itchen Navigation. These projects continue to provide a solid credibility base for the charity to demonstrate it can deliver on proposed projects.

During 2025 the following projects were delivered

- Over the course of three Saturdays, built a dead hedge by the Ham Farm access bridge in Eastleigh, using surrounding vegetation which was having an adverse impact on the local area of the Itchen Navigation. The dead hedge provides protection to the riverbank and wildlife using it.
- Repair of a breach by the navigation across the footpath between Allbrook and Bambridge during high water levels in the spring. The repair allowing the public to continue to access and use the footpath whilst stopping the loss of water and fish into nearby fields.

- Cutting back of a fallen tree between Ham Farm and Allbrook, reopening the footpath to the public.
- Removal of old and installation of new cattle fencing at the Bambridge end of the Allbrook to Bambridge section, and installation of an oak noticeboard to allow for the sharing of educational literature with the wider public.
- The installation of a brushwood berm at the Withy Meadows section in partnership with the Wild Trout Trust. The purpose to build up silt to provide protection to a section of footpath that has seen heavy erosion in recent years.
- Reinstallation of dog fencing/netting at the Bambridge end of the Allbrook to Bambridge section of the Navigation, to offer protection to the bankside habitat used by wildlife.

Of course these projects could not be delivered without the time and effort provided by the INPT volunteers. The INPT is grateful to the volunteers concerned for their continued support.

The INPT estimates that 643 (2024: 352) volunteer hours were provided to deliver the above mentioned projects. Additionally, 530 volunteer bailiffs hours were provided in 2025 monitoring the implementation of the new fishing scheme (see below)

All projects were delivered in consultation with and in line with guidance provided by the local authorities, Natural England and the Environment Agency as necessary.

Major Grants

The INPT received grants during 2025 enabling equipment to be purchased to be used in multiple projects. There were

- A grant from the Southampton Airport/Eastleigh Borough Council to fund several pieces of hedge cutting equipment
- A grant from Colden Common Parish Council to fund the purchase of a chainsaw as well as funding the purchase of the Bambridge oak noticeboard.

Fishing Scheme

In April 2025 the INPT was granted a license for 12 months from Twyford Parish Council (TPC) to operate the fishing rights of the section of the Itchen Navigation between Shawford and Compton Lock. The scheme encourages donations by the public and those seeking to fish that section of the Navigation. The donations are ringfenced and used on future projects on that section of the Navigation. In early 2026 the success of the first 12 months was reviewed by the INPT and TPC, with a license for operating the scheme extended for a further 12 months

The trustees are encouraged by the level of external interest in the INPT's activities during the year. Combined with the current plans for future projects drawn up, the Trustees are confident that during 2026 the INPT can build on and deliver further projects along the Itchen Navigation, which can enhance the area and improve the experience for the public.

Future Plans

The INPT has had a successful first year of the Fishing Scheme with Twyford Parish Council, and in 2026 has been working on an extension to the agreement. The INPT has also engaged with Project White Hart in 2026 to work together to promote understanding of the Atlantic salmon crisis, which spawn in the Itchen Navigation, of which grant funding and suitable projects are expected to develop.

Financial Review

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	2025 Total	2025 Unrestricted General Funds	2025 Unrestricted Designated Funds	2025 Restricted	**2024 Total**	2024 Unrestricted General Funds	2024 Restricted
	£	£	£	£	**£**	£	£
Balance C/F	**1,802.41**	1,514.41	-	288.00	**1,307.13**	1,307.13	-
Income:							
Grants	**6,417.99**	-	-	6,417.99	**1,871.67**	41.44	1,830.23
Donations	**4,828.13**	2,406.26	1,286.41	1,135.46	**3,445.72**	1,645.72	1,800.00
Interest	**8.31**	8.31	-	-	**2.94**	2.94	-
	11,254.43	2,414.57	1,286.41	7,553.45	**5,320.33**	1,690.10	3,630.23

	2025	2025	2025	2025	**2024**	2024	2024
	Total	Unrestricted General Funds	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Restricted	**Total**	Unrestricted General Funds	Restricted
	£	£	£	£	**£**	£	£
Expenditure:							
Bench	**-**	-	-	-	**250.00**	-	250.00
Bench Plaque	50.00	50.00	-	-	-	-	-
Chainsaw	1,049.00	29.01	-	1,019.99	-	-	-
Hedge Cutting Equipment	**2,360.00**	-	-	2,360.00	-	-	-
Pruning Saw	**6.98**	6.98	-	-	-	-	-
Concrete	**49.84**	49.84	-	-	**31.70**	31.70	-
Wooden Noticeboard	**1,038.00**	-	-	1,038.00	-	-	-
Fence Netting	**618.01**	-	-	618.01	**443.74**	-	443.74
Fence Posts	**1,585.38**	113.58	-	1,471.80	**978.00**	181.44	796.56
Fencing Supplies	**919.22**	-	71.00	848.22	**92.97**	71.29	21.68
Timber	**360.00**	-	-	360.00	-	-	-
Fuel/Oil	**10.00**	10.00	-	-	**11.59**	-	11.59
Hi-Vis Vests	**-**	-	-	-	**153.89**	153.89	-
Hard Hats	**81.00**	81.00	-	-	-	-	-
Gloves	**10.00**	10.00	-	-	-	-	-
Signs	**413.93**	31.66	256.84	125.43	**18.66**	-	18.66
Leaflets/Posters	**86.50**	-	86.50	-	-	-	-
ID Cards	**77.98**	-	77.98	-	-	-	-
Branded Labels	**12.95**	12.95	-	-	-	-	-
Microsoft 365	**100.80**	100.80	-	-	-	-	-
Email Domains	**28.78**	28.78	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	**517.13**	517.13	-	-	**829.78**	829.78	-
Secretarial	**-**	-	-	-	**60.00**	60.00	-
Telephone	**100.92**	100.92	-	-	**94.72**	94.72	-
Bank Charges	**60.00**	60.00	-	-	**60.00**	60.00	-
Website Development	**-**	-	-	-	**1,800.00**	-	1,800.00
	9,536.42	1,202.65	492.32	7,841.45	**4,825.05**	1,482.82	3,342.23
Surplus/(deficit) of Income over Expenditure	**1,718.01**	1,211.92	794.09	(288.00)	**495.28**	207.28	288.00
Represented By:							
Balance in CAF Bank	**3,520.42**	2,726.33	794.09	-	**1,802.41**	1,514.41	288.00

These accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.

The charity has benefited by a donation in kind from Microsoft who donated six copies of their Microsoft 365 licences for use by the charity. The donation was discontinued from July 2025 from which point the INPT paid a reduced monthly access fee.

The charity does not currently have any paid employees or contractors.

Declaration

The trustees confirm that the above report and accounts reflect the activities of the charity over the period and the financial position as at 31 December 2025.



Richard King TRUSTEE.....

Date...*6 October 2026*.....