

# **Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Trust**

Trustees' Annual Report 18.08.2020 to 31.03.2021

Charity no: 1190917.

### Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Trustees present their annual report of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered on 18 August 2020 so this report covers the first financial operating period. A financial statement has not been prepared because there was no income or expenditure incurred during this reporting period.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The purposes of the Trust are:

- To promote for the benefit of the public the recovery, conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting the biological diversity of the chalk streams, blow wells and related features in Lincolnshire focussed around the Lincolnshire Wolds, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire; and
- To advance the education of the public in the recovery, conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of chalk streams, blow wells and related features

In setting our objectives and planning our activities we have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The main activities during this period have been to establish the relevant policies and documents required as part of the set-up of the CIO following its registration on 18 August 2020.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The formation of the Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Trust CIO came shortly after the Covid-19 lockdown had been lifted and the first six months of activity for the CIO were very limited hence the relatively short nature of this annual report.

There was no income or expenditure to report. The main achievements during this period were to establish the various policies and documents required to ensure the charity was operating in accordance with Charity Commission guidance. This included obtaining quotes for relevant insurances to enable us to undertake projects with the bodies such as Environment Agency, so that we were in a strong position to secure funds during the forthcoming new financial year.

In addition, the Trust partnered with Lincolnshire County Council and the Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Partnership to apply for a grant to the Governments Green Recovery

Challenge Fund to deliver a Natural Flood Management project in the River Rase catchment. This bid was unfortunately unsuccessful but it is hoped a renewed application can be made to a future round.

#### **Financial Review**

The balance of the charity accounts at the end of the period was £0 as there had been no income or expenditure during the period of this report.

No reserves are currently held as there are no funds within the charity accounts. For this reason the Trust does not currently have a policy for holding reserves but this will be reviewed as appropriate in line with reporting at the end of the next financial year.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust is a registered charity, number 1190917, constituted as Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 18 August 2020 and governed by its Constitution.

Trustees are selected annually at the annual general meeting by members of the CIO. The Constitution provides for a minimum of three trustees, to a maximum of seven trustees, with no more than two-thirds of trustees due for re-appointment in any one year. At the quarterly trustees' meetings, the trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust, including consideration of grant making, fundraising and performance.

### **Reference and Administrative details**

| Charity name                | Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Trust         |
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| Registered charity number   | 1190917                                  |
| Charity's principal address | Navigation Warehouse                     |
|                             | Riverhead Road                           |
|                             | Louth                                    |
|                             | Lincs                                    |
|                             | LN11 0DA                                 |
| Website                     | www.lincolnshirechalkstreamstrust.org.uk |
| Trustees                    | Sarah Baker                              |
|                             | Richard Osmond                           |
|                             | Clare Sterling                           |
| Bank                        | NatWest                                  |
|                             | Market Place                             |
|                             | Louth                                    |
|                             | LN11 9NX                                 |

Approved by the Trustees on 4 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Anne Baker

Trustee