



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period



<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month April	Year 2014		Day 31	Month March	Year 2015

## Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Friends Of the River Crane Environment

**Other names charity is known by** FORCE

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1108542

**Charity's principal address** c/o SWLEN E.T.N.A. 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham

**Postcode** TW1 2AR

### 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	Frances Bennett	Secretary		
2	Gary Backler			
3	Doug Craik			
4	Mike Day	Membership		
5	Tim Elson			
6	Rob Gray	Chair		
7	Chris Hern			
8	Keith Martin			
9	Martin O'Gara			
10	Joe Pecorelli		Appointed 01.01.2015	
11	Jane Satchwell		Appointed 01.01.2015	
12	Anna Smyk	Treasurer		
13	David Trigg		Retired 31.12.2014	

## Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution adopted 22 September 2004
How the charity is constituted	Trust
Trustee selection methods	Nominated and stand for appointment at AGM

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. To operate for the benefit of the public, and with other interested parties, to protect and enhance the environment of the River Crane, the Duke of Northumberland's River, their corridors and surrounding open spaces within the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and its environs, for the benefit of the eco-system, residents and visitors.
2. To advance the education of the public in the ecology, conservation, protection and improvement of the environment of the River Crane, the Duke of Northumberland's River, their corridors and surrounding open spaces within the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and its environs.

**Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

- The main activities in relation to our Objects were:
- Undertaking volunteer days along the River Crane corridor, providing maintenance and improvements of the habitat for wildlife and environment for people at a local level
  - Holding our Annual Open Day
  - Producing Quarterly newsletters for our members
  - Managing a number of local spaces in collaboration with the council
  - Promoting proposals for a new park along the river to be known as Crane Valley Park
  - Working with schools using River Crane corridor as an outdoor classroom
  - Ongoing negotiation and discussion with Richmond and Hounslow councils and various other parties regarding management of the Crane valley
  - Track major planning applications along the lower Crane valley and have been actively involved in negotiating environmental and community benefits on a number of key sites

**Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

FRIENDS OF THE RIVER CRANE ENVIRONMENT (“FORCE”) is now a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Company (number 08383410) was registered on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013, became a registered charity (number 1155971) on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

It was set up to continue the work of FORCE (this charity - number 1108542) with identical aims, which is an unincorporated association.

The trustees have consulted and got the agreement of members to transfer the business of the charity to a new incorporated charity.

At the start of this financial year, the opening balance of cash funds of this unincorporated charity were transferred to the new incorporated charity when it began operating on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.



All activities in relation to our Objects are now executed through the incorporated charity.

**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves	Minimum of 3 months operating costs excluding grant funded projects. Normal 12-18 months operating costs excluding grant funded projects.
Any funds materially in deficit	None
Further financial details	All assets were transferred to the incorporated company.

**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)	Rob Gray	Anna Smyk
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date	02-Nov-15	02-Nov-15