



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 To 31st March 2025

Charity name: The Association for Creation Spirituality (GreenSpirit)

Charity registration number: 1045532

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Association is established to advance education in and promote or further the study of or research into religion, philosophy and science by fostering the creation-centred spiritual tradition in contemporary society in the United Kingdom and elsewhere and to disseminate the useful results of such study and research for the benefit of the public.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holding events, experiential outdoor sessions and workshops thereby promoting environmental concern• Publishing a magazine two times a year, and a calendar: living with the seasons, sending out a newsletter and publishing a book series exploring aspects of creation-centred spirituality• Maintaining a website (www.greenspirit.org.uk) containing information and resources about GreenSpirit. There are also facebook pages, facebook groups and other social media accounts• Supporting local groups carrying out activities at a local level• Supporting other initiatives in line with the objects of GreenSpirit
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit at the November 2025 council meeting.

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	<p>The two GreenSpirit magazines, the GreenSpirit calendar: living with the seasons and newsletters continue to provide the membership and beyond with relevant news and articles. Membership has been fairly static and the eNewsletter has grown. GreenSpirit continues to have a growing presence on Facebook and other social media accounts. All of these inspire people to take care of the Earth and all living beings.</p> <p>There are now 14 books in the GreenSpirit book series and sales continue to be good. These books are sold near to cost price to make them as affordable as possible to anyone interested in creation centred spirituality.</p> <p>The website front page has been regularly updated making it easier for people to find out what is relevant to them. In addition to information about GreenSpirit's activities highlighted in this report, there are also book reviews, a blog, videos, green action toolkit and links to other likeminded organisations. This extensive website has a lot of resources making creation-centred spirituality available to people globally.</p> <p>The Snowdonia Retreat was held at Cae Mabon in Snowdonia in an inspiring location dedicated to encouraging Earth based connections. The Annual Gathering "From Composting to Co-creation" was held at Shallowford House in Staffordshire. The main speaker was Alan Heeks who gave a talk and an experiential exercise on the theme of the weekend. Through these events, participants learnt more about our connection with the Earth, all beings and our evolutionary journey. In addition, through discussions and workshops, participants learnt from each other about how to live more sustainable and creation-centred lives.</p> <p>Online event were held including seasonal celebrations for the solstices, equinoxes and Celtic festivals. Climate Cafes and Conversation Cafes provided a supportive environment to help participants to express their feelings about climate change and the global situation. Weekly and bi-weekly groups were held discussing various topics relevant to creation-centred spirituality. These online events have helped many who have not been able to attend physical events to learn more about creation-centred spirituality and inspire them to take care of the Earth.</p> <p>GreenSpirit continues to support local groups around the country helping people at a local level to understand their connection with the Earth.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	GreenSpirit continues to benefit from a legacy donation some years ago with annual planned spending to make use of the funds available. The surplus of £1,970 over the year was due, in part, to income received from participants for the Spring Walking Break which took place in May, after the account's year end. The bursary fund continues to help those who could not otherwise afford it, to come to GreenSpirit events.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The minimum level of reserves is fixed at £10,000. This includes funding of an orderly winding up of the Association if forced to do so, and cushioning expenditure on conference organisation.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£35,770 as at 31Mar25 (excluding restricted funds).

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
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	Trustees are elected at the AGM held at the GreenSpirit Annual Gathering. Voting for Trustees is by members of GreenSpirit. Officers (who are also Trustees) are also elected at the AGM by members. Proposals for Trustees are given to the secretary one week before the AGM and these are presented to the AGM for election.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Trustees (otherwise known as GreenSpirit council) are responsible for the running of the charity. Council is supported by a paid coordinator. GreenSpirit supports a number of local groups throughout the country.
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Association for Creation Spirituality
Other name the charity uses	GreenSpirit
Registered charity number	104553
Charity's principal address	137 Ham Park Road, Forest Gate, London. E7 9LE.

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity for the period 1Apr24 - 31Mar25

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Janice Every	Chair	-	Members of the charity
2	Hilary Norton	Vice Chair	20Oct24 – 31Mar25	Members of the charity
3	Chris Holmes	Treasurer	-	Members of the charity
	Hilary Norton	Council Member	1Apr24 – 20Oct24	Members of the charity
4	Richard Adams	Council Member	-	Members of the charity or Trustees
5	Elizabeth Beaven	Council Member	-	Members of the charity or Trustees
6	Jenny Leslie	Council Member	-	Members of the charity or Trustees
7	Chris Newsam	Council Member	-	Members of the charity or Trustees
8	Steve Wollaston	Council Member	-	Members of the charity or Trustees

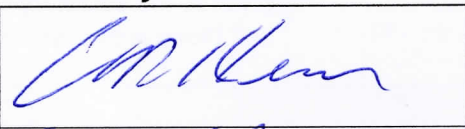
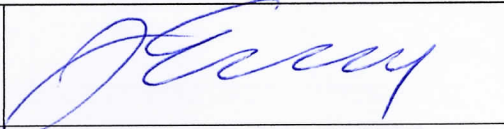
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Janice Every – Chair
Ian Mowll – Coordinator

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)	CHRISTOPHER MOWLL NEWSAM	JANICE EVERY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date

22/11/25

22.11.25

GREENSPIRIT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2024-2025

Income		restricted	2023-2024	restricted
<i>carried forward</i>		814		1179
6	Subscriptions	5383	5560	
	Donation	7588	5547	
2	Books in a Suitcase	31	34	
	Interest	679	683	
	Magazine Sales	33	42	
	Publications	431	457	
	Misc Income	6	64	
	Gift Aid	1024	867	
	Calendar	234	183	
	Bursary Fund	80	115	115
4	Events	15190	12995	
total income		30679	894	26547 1294
1	Magazine costs	2126	2372	
	Council Expenses	406	468	
	Online Processing	770	370	
3	Coordinator Costs	9941	9415	
	Postage	1063	175	
	Books in a Suitcase - Book Costs	14	11	
	Insurance	620	592	
	Office expenses		78	
	Publications	77		
	Bursary fund refund	610	480	480
	Miscellaneous	64		
	Calendar costs	1363	930	
5	Website Expense	341	1108	
4	Events	11314	13898	
	Membership expenses		181	
total expenditure		28709	610	30078 480
profit or loss		1970	284	-3531 814

GREENSPIRIT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2024-2025

<u>Funds on March 31st 2025</u>	
Cooperative	10408
Triodos	4040
EBS	21094
Lloyds	512
Total Deposits	36054
of which £284 is restricted.	

<u>Funds at March 31st 2024</u>	
Cooperative	7,152.00
Triodos	6222
EBS	20533
Lloyds	180
Total Deposits	34,087.00
of which £814 is restricted	

Liabilities

Coordinator fees and expenses	£2456
Subscriptions paid in advance	£2780

Total £5136

Assets

Books contained in the suitcase	£200 (approx.)
Office supplies	£100 (approx.)

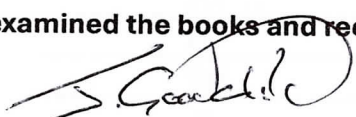
Total £300

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Independent Examiners Statement

I have examined the books and records of the Association for Creation Spirituality.

Signed



(signed copies with Secretary and Chair)

Dated

28/10/25

Approved by the board of trustees at the AGM on November 2nd 2025

*Hilary Walker Pt
Janice Every (on zoom)*

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Overall, GreenSpirit financial reports are considered enough for the size, complexity, and purpose of the organisation. For purposes of secure governance, the treasurer displays the accounts at each council meeting and the Chair & one or two other trustees have sight of recent bank and bank/building society statements of GS 'reserves' at council meetings. All transactions need dual authorisation.

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GREENSPIRIT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2024-2025

We always need to have a minimum amount in reserve and though our reserves take a small dip each year we are in line with our projected budget and are still benefiting from a generous legacy.

Our income is mainly from subscriptions and donations, and generally we make a small profit on events (but this is not always reflected in accounts because income sometimes occurs across different financial years.)

Bank statements are reconciled and the income and expenditure (and any necessary movements of money from one account to another) is reported to the council 3 times a year at each council meeting.

We use online accounting software (Free Agent) for bookkeeping and condense the financial information from that into each report.

Restricted funds are funds set aside for a specific purpose, in this case for supporting members to attend events.

1. **Magazine** costs include printing, distribution and image costs.
2. Income from book sales.
3. Coordinator cost is fees and expenses.
4. **Events** (walking break, wild week and conference added together) but only gives figures for this financial year.
5. Website expenses include accounting software and ISP costs.
6. Includes Invoice 4501 (£24) paid early

Events

Income	25 Spring Walking	5010
	24WildWeek	4750
	224Annual Gathering	5430

15190

Expenditure

2024 Wild Week	3100
25AnnualGathering	1338
Spring Walking 25	1195
Wild Week 25	900
24AnnualGathering	4781

11314

Magazine

Magazine Printing	1685
Magazine Postage	441

2126
