

# Ruperra Conservation Trust

## Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

To: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Charity registration number: 1054796

Company number: 3186952

## Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>Ruperra Conservation Trust has as its objectives the conservation and restoration of Coed Craig Ruperra specifically, and the area of Rudry and district generally, for the benefit of native wildlife and biodiversity. The Trust also conserves its scheduled ancient monuments and maintains access on Coed Craig Ruperra for the benefit of local people and other visitors.</b>
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	<b>The Trust has continued to work on its restoration programme while maintaining paths and tracks for public benefit. Further work was done on hedge restoration, coppice replanting and heathland restoration with funding from the Landfill Disposal Communities Fund grant of £49,700. While the Covid-19 pandemic forced many activities to be put on hold, and volunteer group meetings were suspended for most of the year, contractors continued to undertake essential replanting of Coed y Goitre and maintenance of both woodlands.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees have regard at all times for guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Much work is done every year which achieves this specific purpose</b>

## Achievements and performance

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	<b>The Trust worked on various grant-aided projects to continue the restoration of native broadleaved cover over Coed Ruperra. Although work on site was intermittently affected by Covid restrictions, a substantial amount of new local users and visitors from further afield continued to benefit from the well-kept paths and to learn about local history and wildlife.</b>
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## Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>At the end of the period, with income from the previous year's timber sale having been received, the Trust's finances were in a comfortable position. The Trust continues to have a suitable sum available for ongoing upkeep of its properties.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>The Trust holds the major part of its reserves specifically for use on its management of Coed Craig Ruperra (and now also for Coed y Goitre). A sum of no less than £25000 is held as the lower limit to allow at least a year's expenditure on essential management should there be no grant income available.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>A sum of no less than £25000 is held as the lower limit to allow at least a year's expenditure on essential management should there be no grant income available.</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal	Para 1.47	<b>The Trust's main sources of income are grants from various bodies, donations from members and others, and the</b>
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sources of funds (including any fundraising)		<b>occasional sale of timber as and when this occurs.</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>The Trust has a long-term commitment to maintaining Coed Craig Ruperra for the benefit of biodiversity and public access. The main risk is the loss of income long-term from grants to allow this to be continued.</b>
Other		

## Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">memorandum and articles of association etc</a>	Para 1.25	<b>The Trust is governed by a memorandum and articles of association.</b>
How is the charity constituted? for example <a href="#">limited company</a> , <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a>	Para 1.25	<b>It is a company limited by guarantee and a charity registered in England and Wales.</b>
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	<b>Individuals are selected by the trustees should they show an interest in also becoming trustees. They are then co-opted until the AGM at which their appointment is ratified by the members present.</b>

## Reference and administrative details

Charity name	<b>Ruperra Conservation Trust</b>
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	<b>1054796</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>Orchard Bungalow, Chatham, Machen, CF83 8SB</b>

## 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	Phillip Bevan	Chair		
2	Sue Price	Treasurer & Company Secretary		
3	Tony McGurk	Vice Chair		
4	Liz Roberts	Secretary		
5	Michelle Clapham			
6	Andrew George			
7	Elaine Davey			
8	Andrew Bevan			
9	Richard Cowie			
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## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the	

assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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### Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees/directors**

<b>Signature(s)</b>	<i>Sue Price</i>	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Susan Price	
<b>Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Treasurer & Company Secretary	
<b>Date</b>	24/01/2022	

# RUPERRA CONSERVATION TRUST LIMITED

## Balance Sheet at 31 March 2021

		2021		2020
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Woodland (at cost)	1	60022		60022
Coed y Goitre	1a	90000		90000
Vehicles/trailers	2	10659		10659
Tools and machinery		23829		23829
Less accumulated depreciation	3	<u>20025</u>		<u>20025</u>
		3804		3804
		<b>164485</b>		<b>164485</b>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors (Timber harvesting sale)		14117		58019
Stock of books, cards etc		53		53
Bank balances:				
Total cash and deposits	4	<u>69141</u>		<u>101176</u>
		83311		159248
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
VAT due at year end		-1105		-7465
Creditors		<u>-9475</u>		<u>-3257</u>
		-10580		-10722
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u><b>72731</b></u>		<u><b>313011</b></u>
<b>Long term liabilities</b>				
Loan for land purchase, Coed y Goitre	1a			-90000
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><b>237216</b></u>		<u><b>223011</b></u>
<b>Funds b/fwd</b>		223011		179748
<b>Inc/Exp a/c</b>		<u>14205</u>		<u>43263</u>
		<u><b>237216</b></u>		<u><b>223011</b></u>

### Notes

1. Woodland at original purchase price. Including 1a Coed y Goitre, purchased by loan in July 2019.
- 1a Coed y Goitre was purchased in July 2019 with a loan of £90000 from members of the charity with a 2% annual interest rate; the repayment was completed on 01/02/21
2. No depreciation has been applied to the Land Rovers/trailer which are considered to have high salvage values.
3. Depreciation at 20% per annum previously applied to equipment: this has now reached a write-off level and no further depreciation on current machinery will be applied.
4. All funds are restricted to woodland management and associated costs on Coed Craig Ruperra and Coed y Goitre

### Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31/03/2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

### Directors' responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476, the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

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Director & Company Secretary

Company number: 03186952

Charity number 1054796



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Ruperra Conservation Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/03/2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1054796

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]] Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~) which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

18/1/22

Name:

JEFFREY PRICE

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT



(if any):

Address:

Grain Farm, Mill Lane

Grange, Aberystwyth

NP7 9SA

## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.