

KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1078882

Details

Other names KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2000-01-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Tower Road
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Activities

Objects: TO CONSERVE AND CREATE A VARIETY OF WETLAND AND WILDLIFE HABITATS IN THE FENS (INCLUDING EXISTING AND RARE SPECIES OF PLANTS, INSECTS, BIRDS AND MAMMALS) FOR THE PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT.

Activities: The Trust's primary role is to support and make grants to The Kingfishers Bridge Project.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE FENS
- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£21,891	£1,431	-	-
2024-04-30	£340,802	£286,288	-	-
2023-04-30	£63,784	£79,815	-	-
2022-04-30	£39,483	£80,341	-	-
2021-04-30	£148,466	£72,635	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard Anthony Highmoor Vigne	Chair	2021-09-07
ANDREW CURTIS GREEN		2017-11-09
MR WILLIAM GARNETT		2019-09-13
Mark Lawson		2019-09-13
PATRICK CURTIS GREEN		2017-11-09
ROBIN CURTIS GREEN		2017-11-09
STEPHEN PORTAL TOMKINS		2017-11-09

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Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust
Charity No: 107882

Trustees Report and Financial Statements
for the Year ended 30 April 2024



Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 30 April 2024

Name: Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

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Independent Examiner:

Nicholas Russell

ICAEW

Moorgate Place

London EC2R 6EA

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Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

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Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

Summary of achievements for the year ended April 2024 and plans for the future

Visitor Engagement

Visitors to the reserve are still increasing, albeit more slowly than previous years; however, more people are signing up as annual supporters each year. Numbers are still well within manageable levels to ensure minimal disturbance to wildlife, and measures to improve the visitor experience are proving successful. These include improved signage and family friendly seasonal events which encourage visitors to stay longer, using the facilities at the café and shop.

Volunteers

New volunteers have come on board and are a huge asset to our work. We would like to thank them for their help and support.

Wildlife Outcomes

Outcomes in bird breeding were exceptional; helped in part due to the wet winter. In particular:

Lapwing - The number of nesting birds has increased steadily over the last 5 years as have the number of recorded and ringed chicks. Whilst some of this is down to improved survey techniques, Lapwing are undoubtedly expanding their range to new areas of the reserve and are also increasing nest density. Hatching rates are stable and overall we are looking at an anticipated fledging ratio for this year of 2.5-2.8 fledged chicks per pair (1.2-1.4 fledged chicks per pair are estimated for a stable breeding population).

Redshank - Nesting pair numbers are also increasing yearly, although finding nest locations for this species is much more difficult due to their preference for nesting deep inside hoof prints or grass tussocks.

Grant Funded Works

Recent projects funded by Natural England and grants (including from The Linder Foundation), such as the restoration of the Triangle field and ditch system to the River Cam and new Great Crested Newt habitat, are maturing very nicely and exceeding the aims of the project criteria. Biodiversity is increasing rapidly as the habitat matures and we are being used as an exemplar by FWAG (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group) and Natural England on how to implement Stewardship and grant funded projects. We had a couple of walks for farmers booked through FWAG east last year with more conservation workshops planned.

Donations

The Trust was very grateful to have received a significant bequest in the year.

Approved by the trustees on 25 February 2025 and signed on their behalf by

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ANDREW GREEN (TRUSTEE)

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WILLIAM GARNETT (TRUSTEE)

KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

	2024	2023
INCOME:		
Donations:		
Donations without gift aid	337,756	58,127
Donations with gift aid	<u>1,296</u>	<u>2,185</u>
	339,052	60,312
Tax: Claimed in year from gift aid payments	1,750	3,472
	<u>340,802</u>	<u>63,784</u>
EXPENSES:		
Grants	285,000	78,471
Trustees' insurance	898	981
Subscriptions	35	35
Bank charges & interest	355	328
Miscellaneous expense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	286,288	79,815
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for the year	<u>54,514</u>	<u>(16,031)</u>

I confirm that this Statement of Income and Expenditure truly represents all transactions of the charity for the year.

Will Garnett.

W Garnett, Trustee

A C Green

A Green, Trustee

KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

	2023	2023
Bank balance and cash in hand	74,738	20,224
	<u>74,738</u>	<u>20,224</u>
Surplus retained	20,224	36,255
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	54,514	(16,031)
	<u>74,738</u>	<u>20,224</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 April 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1078882

Set out on pages

1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/04/2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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**

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

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Signed:

Nicholas Russell

Date:

28/10/2024

Name:

Nicholas Russell

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ICAEW

Address:

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London

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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

N/A

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Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust
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Trustees Report and Financial Statements
for the Year ended 30 April 2023

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Summary of achievements for the year ended April 2023 and plans for the future



Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

Future proofing

Last year we explained how we balanced the growth in visitor numbers whilst minimising the impact on the wildlife - particularly in sensitive areas. This year we faced a very different challenge in the form of a drought and the consequent drop in water levels. Our management team, led by James Moss, responded by liaising with government agencies and developing mitigation measures that allowed us to successfully manage and preserve the wetland habitats whilst also putting in place protocols that will allow us to continue to flourish regardless of climate challenges in future years. The Trustees would like to thank James Moss for his leadership as well as the team of volunteers and supporters of the Reserve without whom our vital work would be unable to continue.

A self-financing future

The new visitor centre, which incorporates Wren's Café and a shop selling our merchandise and local produce, has provided a large area to interact and engage more fully with visitors about the work we are doing to safeguard wildlife. We are delighted to report that membership of our Supporters Club and associated donations continues to grow. The new building has proved to be an excellent venue for holding our events and from which to launch our tour activities. We have been collaborating with neighbouring businesses to promote local produce and explain how it's production benefits both the community and environment. As ever, we held the annual Open Days in late July and continue to welcome community and education groups.

Training and education

The management team collaborate with other like-minded conservation and habitat creation organisations - by working together one can achieve more. In collaboration with Natural England, we have started to provide conservation management training for rare fenland flora reintroduction projects. As many will know, this Reserve hosts 98% of the British population of the water germander (*Teucrium scordium*). For this reason this has become a conservation training imperative for us, as conservationists are actively seeking more fenland sites to promote the expansion of this species range. Working with FWAG East (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group), we are hosting advisory visits by farmers to explain our wildlife management policies. The management team have also attended external events to provide wildlife and conservation experiences for children and families supporting the Big Biology Day at Hills Road Six Form College in Cambridge amongst others.

Countryside Stewardship

Much management time has been spent on the submission of an application for a new Countryside Stewardship Scheme. Submitted in April 2023, it will run for 5 years from 2024 through to 2028. This will provide a significant uplift in funding compared to the existing Environmental Stewardship Schemes and allow the creation of new wildlife habitats as well as core visitor infrastructure, such as hides, and as well as water management systems to mitigate the risk of further climate changes.

Approved by the trustees on 31 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by

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KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	2023	2022
INCOME:		
Donations:		
Donations without gift aid	58,127	31,480
Donations with gift aid	2,185	4,311
Visitor donations	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	60,312	35,791
Tax: Claimed in year from gift aid payments	3,472	3,692
	<u>63,784</u>	<u>39,483</u>
EXPENSES:		
Grants	78,471	78,612
Trustees' insurance	981	961
Subscriptions	35	35
Bank charges & interest	328	693
Miscellaneous expense	<u>0</u>	<u>40</u>
	79,815	80,341
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for the year	<u><u>(16,031)</u></u>	<u><u>(40,858)</u></u>

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W Garnett, Trustee

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KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

	2023	2022
Bank balance and cash in hand	20,224	36,255
	<u>20,224</u>	<u>36,255</u>
Surplus retained	36,255	77,113
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(16,031)	(40,858)
	<u>20,224</u>	<u>36,255</u>



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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Signed: Nicholas Russell Date: 29/06/2023

Name: Nicholas Russell

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ICAEW

KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

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Summary of achievements for the year ended April 2022 and plans for the future

A fine balance

The rising levels of interest in the environment and the natural world has ensured that the elevated level of visitor numbers that we have experienced in recent years was maintained in the current year. As mentioned before, in keeping with our wildlife first ethos, we need to accommodate this growing interest, whilst preserving the integrity of our ecosystems. This entails a careful balance between visitor numbers and their impact on the wildlife particularly in sensitive areas. The new signage that we have installed has not only improved the visitor experience but also helped to minimise the impact of their presence on the reserve. We would also emphasise that a substantive area of the Reserve – the reed beds, wader meadows and lake area – remain completely undisturbed throughout the breeding season. The Trustees would like to thank James Moss, the manager of the Reserve, for leading the team and continuing to maintain this delicate balance such that visitors can enjoy the Reserve whilst respecting the wildlife. Our thanks also go to the dedicated team of wardens, volunteers and supporters of the Reserve without whom our vital work would be unable to continue.

A self-financing future

We continue to develop our new self-sustaining model by encouraging those who visit to make donations or join our Supporters Club. We have also worked to improve the visitor experience by optimising the paths, improving access, refreshing the website, upgrading the payment portal. During the year, much work went into the planning of a new visitor centre which was subsequently completed in September 2022. The building, which incorporates Wren's Café, will allow us to market our own merchandise as well as support more interaction with our visitors. Finally, we have initiated a guided tour program enabling visitors to learn about the project in greater detail.

Events

The management team collaborate with other like-minded conservation and habitat creation organisations - by working together one can achieve more. To that end, the Reserve hosted various groups at regular events including Liaison Days, for conservation specialists; Open Days in August for families and the local community, with over 350 visitors attending; "Friends" Days for those who support us financially and in other ways, to support their engagement and to provide direct transparency on how their financial support is used and how other support translates on the ground.

Management of the Reserve

The management of the reserve's habitats and infrastructure requires an ongoing maintenance programme and refinements. Another generous donation from The Linder Foundation allowed us to restore the Triangle Field at the southern end of the reserve. We have created 3 new ponds as part of The Great Crested Newt Habitat Creation Project, with funds provided by Natural England and delivered by FWAG (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group). Last year we mentioned that the lake islands were re-profiled and we have now embarked on a five year project to ring and monitor the Black-headed Gulls that now breed on them. The livestock, including Long Horn and Highland cattle, Konik horses and Water Buffalo has allowed us to continue to manage habitats in a sustainable manner, maximising ecosystem variety and biodiversity. Regular bird monitoring and moth trapping continues and an ever increasing number of species have been recorded on the Reserve.

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KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

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	35,791	128,266
Tax: Claimed in year from gift aid payments	3,692	20,200
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EXPENSES:		
Grants	78,612	71,800
Trustees' insurance	961	824
Subscriptions	35	35
Bank charges & interest	693	75
Miscellaneous expense	<u>40</u>	<u>-99</u>
	80,341	72,635
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for the year	<u><u>(40,858)</u></u>	<u><u>75,831</u></u>

KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2022

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Approved by the trustees on 16 December 2022 and signed on their behalf by

A C Green

ANDREW GREEN (TRUSTEE)

Will Garnett.

WILLIAM GARNETT (CHAIRMAN)

KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

ACCOUNTS

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W Garnett, Chairman

A C Green

A Green, Trustee

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
KING FISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 April 2022 Charity no
(if any) **1078882**

Set out on pages

1 - 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/04/2022**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: **NICHOLAS RUSSELL** Date: **31/08/2022**

Name: **NICHOLAS RUSSELL**

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

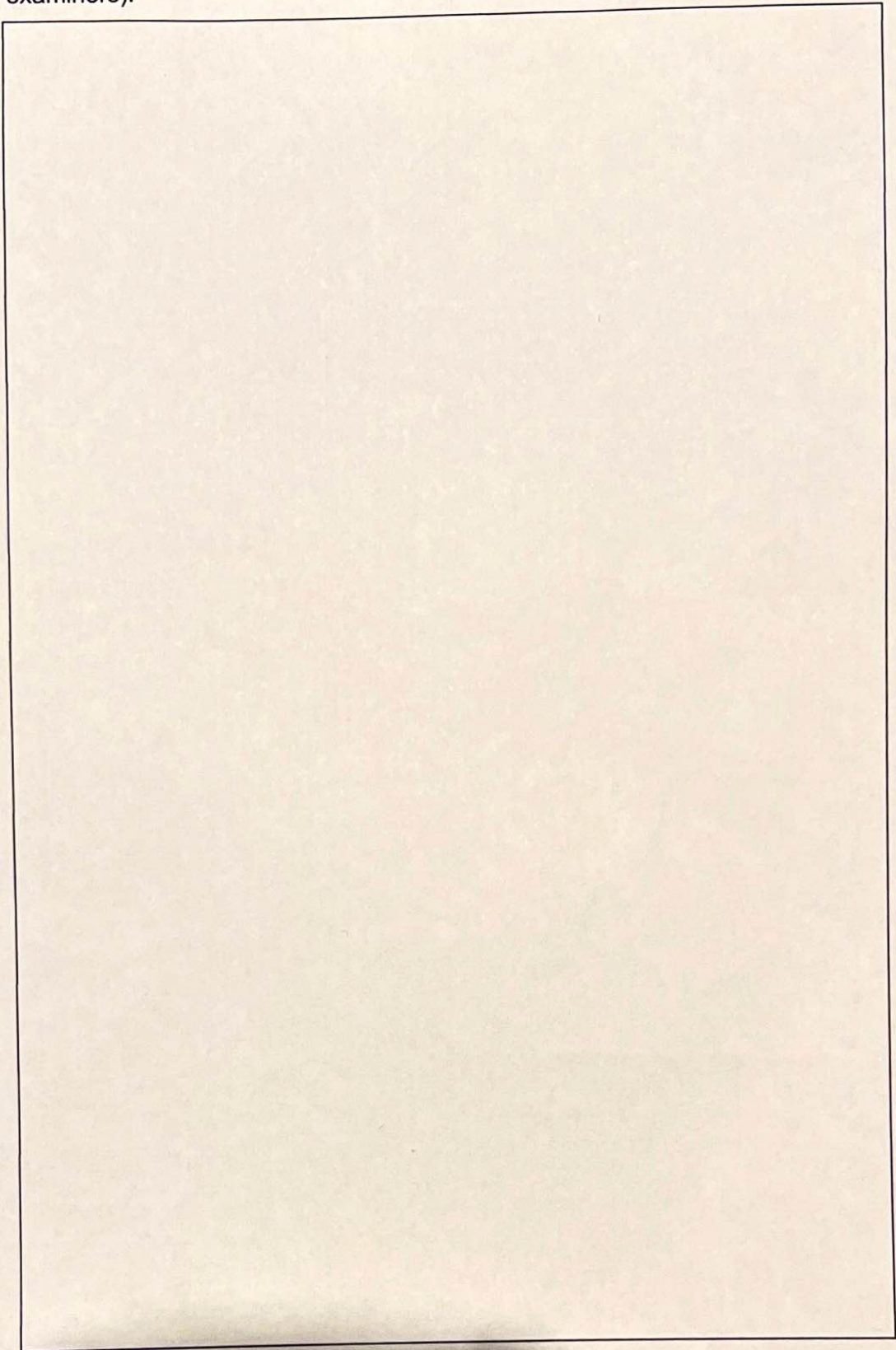
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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



KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1078882

Accounts



Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

Charity No: 107882

**Trustees Report and Financial Statements
for the Year ended 30 April 2021**



Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 30 April 2021

Name: Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

Charity Number: 1078882

Registered office: Mill House, Tower Road, Burnham Overy Staithe, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE31 8JB

Trustees:

W Garnett (Chairman, appointed 13/9/19)

A Green (appointed 9/11/17)

R Green (appointed 9/11/17)

P Green (appointed 9/11/17)

M Lawson (appointed 13/9/19)

S Tomkins (appointed 9/11/17)

Independent Examiner:

Nicholas Russell

ICAEW

Moorgate Place

London EC2R 6EA

History, structure, and governance

Since 1995 over 250 acres of farm land has been transformed into a variety of wetland and meadow habitats typical of the ancient Cambridgeshire Fens. This has enabled us to recreate many of the processes and variety that are present in natural ecosystems. Over the last 26 years this experimental and scientific approach to wildlife conservation has produced some exceptional habitats and exciting wildlife outcomes.

Initially conceived and owned by Andrew Green, the Kingfishers Bridge Nature Reserve employs a small wardening staff to manage, record and monitor wildlife throughout the year. Staff are employed by the owners to manage the Kingfishers Bridge Nature Reserve. Our operation - through advisors, staff and volunteers has enabled us to better understand influences on wildlife at all levels and so improve wetland conservation management in the Fens and beyond.

On 25 November 1999, The Kingfisher Bridge Wetland Creation Trust was established as a registered charity and is constituted under a trust deed dated 25th November 1999. The Trust's principle role is to support The Kingfishers Bridge Nature Reserve management operations via grants. Trustees are approved by existing trustees, each of whom serve for 5 years, after which time they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. The trustees meet at least twice a year and meet less formally on a monthly basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

The Trust's principle role is to support The Kingfishers Bridge Nature Reserve via grants. Excluding these grants, the Trust has very limited outgoings so there is no need for a policy on the holding of Reserves. Free reserves at the year end were £77,113 (2020 £1,380).



Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

Report for the Trustees for the period ended 30 April 2021

The Trustees present this annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Trust's primary objective is to conserve and create a variety of wetland and wildlife habitats in the fens in order to conserve fenland wildlife for its own benefit – and for the public educational benefit that they bring to people.

In furtherance of that objective, the Trust seeks to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity ((including existing and rare species of plants, insects, birds and mammals), and to advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

The Trust's principle role is to support The Kingfishers Bridge Nature Reserve via grants. These grants are made on the basis that the Reserve is being managed to conserve and create a wide variety of wetland and wildlife habitats in the Fens (including existing and rare species of plants, insects, birds and mammals) for the public educational benefit.

In support of the above, the management team will pursue the following:

- attract, retain and care for the greatest possible variety of flora and fauna;
- be a "wildlife first project" in which the majority of our resources are focused on providing a "wildscape", meaning optimal environments and habitats for thriving wildlife and excellence in the created landscape and habitat;
- innovate in approaches to conservation and habitat creation;
- monitor, record and evaluate outcomes;
- share and interact with related parties and organisations including communicating our strategies, outcomes (both successes and failures) as well as lessons learnt;
- encourage educational and scientific use of the reserve;
- provide controlled access to the public, including the disabled.

The Trustees are satisfied that the reserve has been managed in line with the objectives as detailed above.

The Trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard for public benefit as published by the Charities Commission. We highlight the outstanding outcomes in terms of the natural capital enhancements particularly biodiversity as well as the direct benefits to the public - whether it be the general public who visit in ever increasing numbers - or our ongoing liaisons with like-minded organisations.



Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

Summary of achievements for the year ended April 2021 and plans for the future

Record Numbers of Visitors

Despite all the difficulties and disruptions brought by Covid, 2020 gave Kingfishers Bridge a new lease of life and an appetite to go boldly forward. We resolved to keep the Reserve open and we welcomed a large number of new visitors for the first time. It brought us much pleasure to see how our Reserve could be so restorative and provide a place of sanctuary to humans as well as wildlife. In 2020, we estimate that that in excess of 16,000 visited the Reserve and tentatively project close to 20,000 in 2021. The Trustees would like to thank James Moss, the manager of the Reserve, for leading the team through this extraordinary year and also for managing the huge growth in visitors. Our thanks also go to the dedicated team of wardens, volunteers and supporters of the Reserve without whom our vital work would be unable to continue.

A self-financing future

2020 also marked the project's 25th Anniversary and although we were unable to celebrate with Friends and supporters as planned, given the dramatic increase in the number of visitors, we used this milestone to embark on various new initiatives. With the generous support of the Titcomb Foundation, we have been able to make significant changes to enable us to welcome and accommodate more visitors as well as to encourage them to support the project; in time, the hope is that the project will become self-financing. The creation of additional car parking facilities, the introduction of The Wren Café, enabling visitors to enjoy refreshments onsite, the provision of guided tours and a bushcraft centre have been all part of this new drive to improve the visitor experience.

Above all, in keeping with our wildlife first ethos, we need to do all this whilst preserving the integrity of our ecosystems entailing a careful balance between visitor numbers and their impact on the wildlife particularly in sensitive areas. We have, therefore, created additional paths and routes along with upgraded signage to ensure that visitors are guided to less sensitive areas within the Reserve.

Events

Covid related rules prevented us from organising our regular rota of events such as our Liaison Days for conservation specialists, our Open Days held in August for families, and Friends days for those who support us financially and in other ways. We have, however, restarted these events in recent months as soon as Covid regulations have allowed.

Management of the Reserve

The management of the reserve's habitats and infrastructure required an ongoing maintenance programme and refinements. A generous donation from The Linder Foundation was used to fund a much needed purchase of a replacement second-hand tractor – with its added power and functionality, this has boosted productivity significantly. The lake islands, which over the years had been subject to erosion from wind and waves, were re-profiled in the autumn of 2020 using an amphibious dredger. This was to ensure that the islands continue to provide the sanctuary for various ground nesting birds particularly gulls and waders; it was gratifying to see the number of Black-headed Gulls and Common Terns nesting on the islands rose dramatically in 2021. The new platform, built onto the top of the recently installed insulated hide on top of the mound, proved a major success.



Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

Reed beds and water bodies: elvers return!

The European eel is a critically endangered species, and it was wonderful to discover during the year that elvers were naturally colonising the waterbodies at Kingfishers Bridge and a great reward for all our work to create mature habitats. Due to the height of the flood bank separating the lake from the River Cam and the primary water source for the reserve being from the quarry, it had been thought that the reserve was a closed system - and that the only eels in the reserve were those that we had been introduced to the site. However, the discovery of young elvers throughout the wetlands has proved a natural migration into the reserve from adjacent systems.

Monitoring:

This year's (April 2021) breeding season was disrupted by a late frost in mid-April which caused all the Lapwing nests to be abandoned but thankfully both Lapwings and Redshanks re-laid. Overall we hosted 71 breeding species on the site – close to the record 75 recorded in 2020 but considerably higher than the tally recorded in the early years of the Reserve, which were around 50.

Building on the trial of new technology last year, thermal scopes have been used to find and monitor wader chicks and nests to better determine the nest fertility and chick survival of some of our most important breeding species.

Regular moth trapping using mercury vapour traps at night and pheromones during the day continued and has resulted in the recording of over 732 species on the reserve and this regular effort will eventually help build up long term trends in species. These insects are vital in the food chain of endangered wildlife.

Grazing

The livestock, including Long Horn and Highland cattle, Konik horses and Water Buffalo has allowed us to continue to manage habitats in a sustainable manner, maximising ecosystem variety and biodiversity.

Education programme

Based around our new classroom that we built last year, we now offer educational experiences for children from pre-school to sixth form and college. Whether school groups, youth groups or holiday activities, we give children the opportunity to learn and explore outdoors. The emphasis is on hands-on investigations, practical activities and fun in an outdoor setting.

Approved by the trustees on 16 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by

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ANDREW GREEN (TRUSTEE)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Will Garnett'.

WILLIAM GARNETT (CHAIRMAN)



Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

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EXPENSES:		
Grants	71,800	52,020
Trustees' insurance	824	664
Subscriptions	35	0
Bank charges & interest	75	31
Miscellaneous expense	<u>-99</u>	<u>0</u>
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Will Garnett.

W Garnett, Chairman

A C Green

A Green, Trustee



Kingfishers Bridge Wetland Creation Trust

KINGFISHERS BRIDGE WETLAND CREATION TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

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W Garnett, Chairman



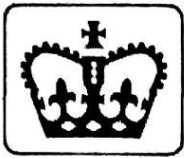
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Signed: Nicholas Russell

Date: 14/10/2021

Name: NICHOLAS RUSSELL

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

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