

West Kent Downs Countryside Trust
Balance Sheet

As at 31st August 2023

		2021/2022	2022/2023
		£	£
Fixed Assets:	Land	36,378.00	36,378.00
	Land Purchases	—	—
		£36,378.00	£36,378.00
Current Assets:			
	Balance at Bank	7,262.55	9,303.49
Net Assets:		<u>43,640.55</u>	<u>45,681.49</u>
Financed by:			
	Surplus B/fwd	32,904.37	32,417.55
		— 486.82	2,040.94
	Land purchase	—	—
Capitalised:		32,417.55	34,458.49
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Accounts for the Year to 31 August 2023

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on 14th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Dr. Mike Adams Trustee and Company Secretary -----

Mike Adams

West Kent Downs Countryside Trust
Statement of Accounts

For year ended 31st August 2023

INCOME

		2020/2021	2022/2023
		£	£
Refunds	-	5,000.00	
Funds	-	1,961.52	
Membership Subscriptions	627.00	896.00	
Gift Aid	-	123.85	
Grants	-	78,240.00	
Events Income	-	125.00	
Donations	563.66	255.00	
Druids	-	-	
Forest Schools	-	-	
PayPal Giving Fund	-	4.70	
Accounts Payable (Co-op Fund)	-	-	
Timber Sales	2,466.00	50.00	
Amazon	23.72	36.65	
CAF	-	500.00	
		£ 3,680.38	£ 87,192.72

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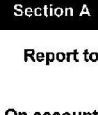
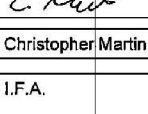
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	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Independent examiner's report on the accounts
Section A Independent Examiner's Report		
Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name West Kent Downs Countryside Trust	
On accounts for the year ended	30 August 2023	Charity no (if any)
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
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 30/08/2023. 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").	
Independent examiner's statement	I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 148 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. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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.	
Signed:		Date: 29/9/23
Name:	Christopher Martin	
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	I.F.A.	
Address:	Michael D Nichols, West Suite, 1 Tolhurst Court, Turkey Mill, Ashford Road Maldstone, Kent, ME14 5SP	
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).		
IER	1	October 2018

Every charity must prepare a **trustees' annual report**. The report should explain the aims of the charity and how it is achieving them. It is a chance to show the benefit to the public of the charity's work and also show funders how their money was used and what was achieved with it.

The aims of West Kent Downs Countryside Trust are :

1. To acquire land in the area known as the Leisure Plots near Cobham, Kent.
2. To manage to plots to maintain the woodland environment, to provide safe access on the tracks to members of the public and to promote the diversity and health of the natural environment.
3. To educate the public about the natural world as it pertains to the woodland and to encourage to public to enjoy its peace and tranquillity.

To acquire more plots we have carried out a mailshot to each of the 50 individual plot owners inviting them to contribute their plots to us for management under our approved scheme. We have received three replies and are pursuing them. We plan to write again to selected owners with an offer to purchase their plots. This will be funded from accumulated subscriptions.

The management of the woodland has been made considerably easier by the gift of an Avant loader – a type of tractor which takes various attachments – from Lower Thames Crossing. We are now able to safely fell trees which threaten to fall onto the tracks or have serious Ash Dieback.

In general we follow our Management plan to remove invasive species such as rhododendron and sycamore and to plant native species such as oak, beech and hornbeam. In order to combat the effects of global heating we are planning to widen the range of species which will increase diversity. Work is carried out on Wednesdays by members of WKDCT and includes felling of dangerous trees, surveys for veteran trees, dangerous trees and invasive species. Surveys for chalk grassland plants and for dormice are under way. This work is not costly and is funded from subscriptions.

We are also in touch with funding organisations such as the Lower Thames Crossing and M&G financial services who paid for a replacement vehicle.

To fulfil our educational obligation, we have a website – wkdct.org and a facebook page. We publicise workdays and publish informative photos and comments. Local Scout troops camp in the woodland and forest schools are held.