

Company registration number: 4190401

Charity registration number: 1091698

The Poverty & Environment Trust

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Charity Registration Number	1091698
Company Registration Number	4190401
Registered Office	DeVines Bellefield House 104 New London Road Chelmsford Essex CM2 0RG
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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

This report is also the Directors' Report as required by s417 of the Companies Act.

The attached financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements; comply with the provisions of the charity's governing documents; comply with the Companies Act 2006; and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (the "Charities SORP").

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Trust's objects are to relieve poverty and to conserve and protect the environment, in particular by carrying out research into the causes and effects of poverty in an environmental context and publicising the results of that research.

Objectives, strategies and activities

We carried out research into the benefits and obstacles to small-scale and community-owned and run renewable energy generation and supply, including increasing domestic renewable energy generation and advancing community development. This work resulted in evidence of the costs and complexity of supplier licensing in the UK and how this deters smaller, community-based renewable energy generators from supplying electricity to local customers. It further resulted in recommendations for an alternative energy supply regulatory mechanism that would overcome the issues identified and the benefits this would bring. This contributed to the drafting of the Private Member's Bill, the Local Electricity Bill, which would do this if made law.

We helped bring these matters to the attention of the general public, community groups and national organisations through funding educational activities, including informative webinars, monthly e-newsletters and weekly online content (e.g. shareable images, animations video and online articles). We further enabled the assistance of these groups with effective advocacy towards policymakers - national and local elected representatives - to support our research's recommendations.

We have also been involved in promoting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the UK at a rate consistent with limiting the global mean temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. We gave advice on the drafting of the Climate and Ecology Bill, which would do this, and helped assist the general public in advocating for support from policymakers.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Trustees' Report

Achievements and performance

The work detailed above advanced the Trust's objects of relieving poverty and conserving and protecting the environment through supporting thinking and proposals that would contribute towards the realisation of the huge potential of the community energy sector and the limiting of global heating.

The Trust's research added to the collective knowledge of the benefits and obstacles to small-scale and community-owned and run renewable energy generation and supply. The Trust's enabling of educational activities advanced both the general public's awareness of these issues and helped equip them with the skills and confidence to engage with policymakers.

The Trust's assistance with promoting the limiting of the global mean temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels through engaging the general public and policymakers with the Climate and Ecology Bill advanced both the general public's awareness of this issue and helped equip them with the skills and confidence to engage with policymakers.

Financial review

The Trust's policy is to use its reserves to fund measures as detailed in its charitable objectives, undertaking further study. The Trustees consider that the reserves are at present sufficient for this purpose. At present all monies are held in the Trust's bank account.

Financial review

During the year the company made a loss of £23,195.

During the year the trust used its reserves to fund measures as detailed in its charitable objectives, undertaking further study. The Trustees consider that the reserves are at present sufficient for this purpose. At present all monies are held in the Trust's bank account.

Principal funding sources

The main sources of income was from grants including :

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - £10,000

Marmot Charitable Trust - £16,600

Trust for London-£10,000

Polden Puckham Charitable Trust-£15,000

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

A Warren

M Williams

T Kenny (appointed 28 February 2022)

S Ahmed (appointed 9 March 2022)

Secretary:

RE Bailey

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Trustees' Report

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Trust is governed by its Memorandum & Articles of Association as amended on 05 April 2002.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected in accordance with the Memorandum & Articles of Association as amended on 5 April 2002.

Organisational structure

The Trust is managed by four Trustees who have experience in the fields of activity covered by the Trust, and management of such projects.

The day-to-day activities are carried out by the Company Secretary who reports to the Trustees and, in between meetings, to the Chair of the Trust.

The Chair, Mr Warren is the Chairman of the British Energy Efficiency Association (BEEF); Mr Williams is a former employee of Friends of the Earth; Mr Ahmed is Director of the Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group (PRASEG), Policy Advisor to the Green Gas Certification Scheme (GGCS), Chair of Repowering London and Trustee of National Energy Action; Ms Kenny is External Affairs Officer at Demand Logic

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Poverty & Environment Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

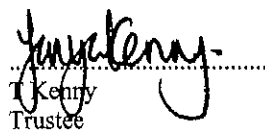
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Trustees' Report

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


T. Kenny
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Poverty & Environment Trust ("the Company")

I report to the charity trustees who are also Directors for the purpose of company law) on my examination of the accounts of The Poverty and Environment Trust for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of The Poverty & Environment Trust are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

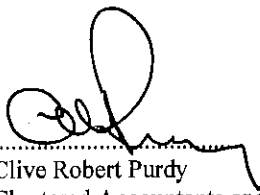
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Poverty & Environment Trust as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Poverty & Environment Trust
("the Company")**



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30 January 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	6	100,390	100,396
Total income		6	100,390	100,396
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4	-	(7,650)	(7,650)
Charitable activities	5	-	(115,941)	(115,941)
Total expenditure		-	(123,591)	(123,591)
Net income/(expenditure)		6	(23,201)	(23,195)
Net movement in funds		6	(23,201)	(23,195)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		-	37,434	37,434
Total funds carried forward	13	6	14,233	14,239
	Note		Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3		100,842	100,842
Total income			100,842	100,842
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4		(8,045)	(8,045)
Charitable activities	5		(96,493)	(96,493)
Total expenditure			(104,538)	(104,538)
Net expenditure			(3,696)	(3,696)
Net movement in funds			(3,696)	(3,696)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward			41,130	41,130
Total funds carried forward	13		37,434	37,434

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 13.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

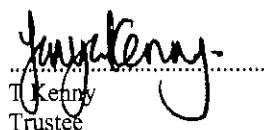
	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	753	-
Current assets			
Debtors	11	840	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>28,038</u>	<u>47,468</u>
		28,878	47,468
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(15,392)</u>	<u>(10,034)</u>
Net current assets		<u>13,486</u>	<u>37,434</u>
Net assets		<u>14,239</u>	<u>37,434</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		14,233	37,434
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	13	<u>14,239</u>	<u>37,434</u>

For the financial year ending 31 March 2022 the charity 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 charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 30 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


T. Kenny
Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

DeVines Bellefield House
104 New London Road
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The principal place of business is:

5-7 Buck Street
London
NW1 8NJ

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 30 January 2023.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The Poverty & Environment Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to adopt Bulletin 1 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments

Classification

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instrument Issues' of FRS102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

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Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Impairment

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial assets, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in the profit or loss.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from such an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in the profit or loss.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	6	10,122	10,128
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	-	90,268	90,268
Total for 2022	6	100,390	100,396
Total for 2021	-	100,842	100,842

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4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of generating donations and legacies

	Direct costs £	Total 2022 £
Costs of generating donations and legacies	8,045	8,045

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Grant funding of activities		500	500
Allocated support costs	6	104,845	104,845
Governance costs	6	10,596	10,596
		<u>115,941</u>	<u>115,941</u>
	Note	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Grant funding of activities		4,900	4,900
Allocated support costs	6	90,552	90,552
Governance costs	6	1,041	1,041
		<u>96,493</u>	<u>96,493</u>

	Grant funding of activity £	2022 £
Grants paid	4,900	4,900
Subcontractors	90,252	90,252
Sundry expenses	300	300
	<u>95,452</u>	<u>95,452</u>

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In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £10,596 (2021 - £1,041) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 6 for further details.

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	2,160	2,160
Legal fees	296	296
Other governance costs	7,889	7,889
Allocated support costs	251	251
Total for 2022	10,596	10,596
Total for 2021	1,041	1,041

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Staff costs

The charity has no employees.

9 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Examination of the financial statements	2,160	1,009

10 Tangible fixed assets

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	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
Additions	1,004	1,004
At 31 March 2022	1,004	1,004
Depreciation		
Charge for the year	251	251
At 31 March 2022	251	251
Net book value		
At 31 March 2022	753	753

11 Debtors

	2022 £
Other debtors	840

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	13,591	8,594
Other creditors	1	-
Accruals	1,800	1,440
	15,392	10,034

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	-	6	-	6
Restricted funds	37,434	100,390	(123,591)	14,233
Total funds	37,434	100,396	(123,591)	14,239
	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
Restricted funds	41,130	100,842	(104,538)	37,434

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	753	753
Current assets	-	28,878	28,878
Current liabilities	(1)	(15,391)	(15,392)
Total net assets	(1)	14,240	14,239

	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2021 £
Current assets	47,468	47,468
Current liabilities	(10,034)	(10,034)
Total net assets	37,434	37,434