



THE TRAILS TRUST

Registered Charity No. 1094139

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The Charity that creates access to the countryside for all - on foot, bicycle or by horse

Patrons : The Lord Hylton, The Rt Hon the Lord Waldegrave of North Hill PC.
President : Angela Yeoman OBE DL

Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ended March 31st 2021

The trustees are pleased to report that the Trust has continued in the furtherance of its objectives during this period. The charitable objectives of The Trails Trust are:

'For the benefit of the public to promote the protection, restoration and improvement of existing bridleways, byways and other public rights of way, and the addition of new bridleways, byways or other public rights of way, in the interests of social welfare and with a view to improving the conditions of life of the public'.

Agricultural Transition from EU Common Agriculture Policy to Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMs).

This year was almost entirely taken up by working in partnership with Government via the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs. TTT facilitated The Mendip ELMs Test 159 'How to incentivise green infrastructure access & biodiversity creation'. This Test is informing the Defra Tests and Trials programme on landowner' opinions on the barriers to creating or enhancing new access with biodiversity measures, the potential valuation for access improvements and access creation (based on a community rights of way improvement aspirational route across their land), willingness to collaborate with others, what advice will be needed, how a future scheme could incorporate access into a future ELMs plan on their holding.

The team designed and surveyed a network (Rights of Way Improvement Plan) of over 100 routes in the Mendip test area and interviewed fifty landowner and land manager participants using an aspirational route access and biodiversity report, questionnaire and option lists designed by the team, to ascertain participant willingness to permanently create the multi-use (for horse, bicycle, foot, disable vehicle) aspirational route and improve existing routes across their land holding.

TTT would like thank the Mendip Test Team members - local agricultural consultants Mike Clements and Mike House, Natural England principal access Pippa Langford, Tim Haselden and Jim Hardcastle from the Mendip Hills AONB unit, Dr Kelly Davis and TTT trustee Lynn Myland and TTT facilitators Rachel Thompson and Jo Piper (who unfortunately had to retire due to family reasons) for their commitment to the test.

TTT would also like to thank TTT member Dr Janice Bridger and Anthony Gibson OBE for peer reviewing the report.

The report can be found here <http://www.thetrailstrust.org.uk/pages/downloads.php>



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Other work

TTT has continued to cooperate and work with

- local Somerset Equestrian Access organisations in county wide British Horse Society meetings (there being no BHS county bridleways officer).
- Somerset County Council Rights of Way Department access and Definitive Map modification meetings and Somerset access group meetings
- Mendip District Council on its work to deliver the network of active travel greenways / cycle routes across the District.
- Local groups and projects including the Strawberry Line (Cheddar to Wells), Wedmore safe route to school project, Bristol Water recreational trail around Chew Valley Lake.
- Mendip Hills AONB – representing all access users to the partnership.
- Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association on various projects including the replacement of the fence along Gales Lane bridleway.
- The Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust- working to ensure that applications for support for rights of way / cycleways upkeep are also defined as multiuser paths.

Nationally

- Lobbying for public access and for a review of the proposed 2026 cut off of the recording of historic rights of way continued on a national level often in partnership with other organisations such as the British Horse Society, Cycling UK, Byway and Bridleway Trust and the National Federation of Bridleway Associations and through the Horse Access Campaign UK network.
- Representation through a joint seat shared with BHS on the Sustrans (National Cycle Network - NCN) southern committee has continued thanks to TTT member Dr Janice Bridger. This work will hopefully result in more of the off road NCN being opened to equestrians.
- Supporting various local groups with projects and ideas including in Ireland.
- A ZOOM discussion forum has been set up for TTT members to share project and lobbying ideas and opportunities. Thanks to member Greg Glendell for facilitating these.

Trustees

The current Management Board of trustees are Paul Hooper OBE (Chairman), Sally Whittaker, Jennifer Ham, Sheila Petherbridge and Lynn Myland. Rachel Thompson MBE continues as development and administration officer. The Board was very sorry to say goodbye to retiring trustees Keith and Amy Reynolds and thank them for their work in supporting TTT since 2013.

Anyone interested in serving as a trustee should register their interest by writing to TTT at trailstrust90@gmail.com

With best wishes and thanks to all our members for their continuing hard work and support of TTT

Paul J Hooper OBE for the Board of Trustees

The Trails Trust

Registered Company Number: 03637593(England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number: 1094139

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2021
For
THE TRAILS TRUST**

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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Report of the Trustees For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number	03637593 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity Number	1094139
Registered Office	Townsend Cottage Townsend, Priddy Wells, Somerset BA5 3BP
Trustees	Jennifer Mary Ham Sheila Petherbridge Sally Whittaker Amy Reynolds (retired 26/01/21) Keith Reynolds (retired 26/01/21) Lynn Myland Paul J Hooper OBE (appointed 26/01/21)
Company Secretary	Rachel Thompson MBE
Independent Examiner	Priddy Accountancy Ltd (Rick Tobiassen)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Trustee Paul J Hooper OBE	Date 27/09/2021
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Trails Trust

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages five to nine.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Sections 386-387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of sections 394-395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed R Tobiasen

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

		2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources							
Incoming resources from generated funds							
Voluntary Income		80250	-	80250	8840	-	8840
Activities for generating funds	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	3	98.15	-	98.15	94	-	94
Total Incoming Resources		80348	-	80348	8934	-	8934
Resources Expended							
Costs of Generating Funds							
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other resources expended		74223	-	74223	3742	-	3742
Total Resources Expended		74223	-	74223	3742	-	3742
Net incoming / (outgoing) Resources		6125	-	6125	5192	-	5192
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds brought forward		12249		12249	7057		7057
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		18374		<u>18374</u>	<u>12249</u>		<u>12249</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2021

		2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS							
Prepayments & accrued income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank		<u>18374</u>		<u>18374</u>	<u>12249</u>		<u>12249</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>18374</u>		<u>18374</u>	<u>12249</u>		<u>12249</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		18374		18374	12249		12249
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>18374</u>		<u>18374</u>	<u>12249</u>		<u>12249</u>
FUNDS							
Unrestricted funds		18474		<u>18474</u>	12249		<u>12249</u>
Restricted funds							
TOTAL FUNDS		18374		<u>18374</u>	12249		<u>12249</u>

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Balance Sheet (continued)
At 31 March 2021

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with sections 386-387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its income and expenditure for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394-395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27/09/21 and were signed on its behalf by

Paul J Hooper OBE
Trustee (Chairman)

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and reporting by Charities.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	2020	2021
	£	£
Fundraising events	0	0

INVESTMENT INCOME	2020	2021
	£	£
Deposit Account Interest	94	98

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TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2020 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

	2020	2021
	£	£
Trustees' Expenses	-	-

STAFF COSTS

	2020	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	-

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.04.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.03.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12249	6125	18374
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	12249		18374

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	80348	74223	6125
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	80348	74223	6125

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	2021 £	2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary Income	71493	0
Gifts	0	0
Donations	7800	7849
Grants	0	0
Subscriptions	957	991
	80250	8840
Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising Events	0	0
Consultancy and Sales of Publications	0	0
Investment Income		
Deposit incoming interest	98	94
	80348	8934
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Costs of generating voluntary income		
Sundries	0	0
Governance costs		
Legal fees & bank charges	0	0
Support Costs		
Management		
Trustee's expenses	0	0
Administration Costs	60	209
Advertising	0	0
IT	733	0
Expenses	793	209
Finance		
Insurance	942	843
Other		
Maintenance	130	0
Events	0	0
Project expenses		
Website Costs	165	190
Project Officer Fee	0	2500
	£72,193	
Project Services		0
Project Expenses		
	74223	3742
Total resources expended	74223	3742
Net (expenditure)/income	6125	5192

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