



# The Trails Trust

Registered Charity No. 1094139 [www.thetrailstrust.org.uk](http://www.thetrailstrust.org.uk)

The Charity that creates, improves and preserves access to the countryside for all - on foot, bicycle, ridden and driven horse and disabled conveyance.

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

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## Report of the Trustees for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022

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).

TTT reported on The Mendip ELMs Test 159 'How to incentivise green infrastructure access & biodiversity creation' grant funded by Defra (value £87,000).

TTT and the team designed and surveyed a permanent multi- use network (Rights of Way Improvement Plan) for the Mendip test area, interviewed fifty landowner and land manager participants using an aspirational route access and biodiversity report and questionnaire to ascertain participant willingness to create / improve public access and biodiversity across land holdings report here <http://www.thetrailstrust.org.uk/pages/downloads.php>.

Having established a strong willingness amongst participants to engage with public access and biodiversity TTT approached Defra to bid for a second follow on test in Landscape Recovery programme. Throughout 2021 – 2022 TTT has been working on test 159A proposal 'Incentivising green infrastructure public access and biodiversity creation in land management'. This test (value £159,000) will explore the advice and guidance framework and mechanisms, long term agreements and covenants, payments and blended finance that will be needed to enable landowners and land managers to plan, create and improve green infrastructure public access, with enhanced biodiversity in land management plans for their individual holdings. The team and participants will also deliver best practice and landscape scale management plans. This test will report in 2023 – 2024

Farming in Protected Landscape (FiPL) scheme.

TTT has supported members and trustees involved in FiPL in their areas which have seen the development of some useful permissive bridleways.

Trustees: Chairman – Paul Hooper OBE, Hannah Gardner BSc (Hon), MSc, CEnv, MRICS Greg Glendell, Jennifer Ham BHSI MAE, Sonia Kundu, Fiona Powell, Sally Whittaker  
Company Secretary: Rachel Thompson MBE. Registered Company Address: Townsend Cottage, Townsend, Priddy, Wells BA5 3BP

TTT is a Company limited by Guarantee registered in England and Wales No 3637593.

## National consultations, campaigns and forums - In 2021 / 2022 TTT has

- Responded to the Government's Julian Glover landscape review.
- Featured on Country File – focusing in the ELMs test and TTT negotiation strategy.
- Met with The Rt Hon Lord Benyon Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at Defra to discuss the land management scheme, rights of way improvement plans, the future of historic ways / 2026 cut-off date.
- Campaigned successfully for the abolition of the Definitive Map 2026 cut off for historic right of way claims – thereby saving miles of green lanes and other routes
- Joined forces with the Nature for Everyone national campaigns.
- Working with Natural England to develop the use of CROW Act 2000 s16 dedications for linear routes – particularly advantageous for railway path projects and in woodland.
- Campaigned successfully for a seat on Defra's national access and engagement with nature forum.
- Worked collaboratively with a number of user groups and organisations (notably Cycling UK, Disabled Ramblers, BHS, historic railway estate) on local and national rights of way projects and issues such as Outdoor Access Alliance, Chew Valley Lake Trail, Strawberry Line.
- Responded to a number of road developments such as A38 and Banwell Bypass in Somerset.
- Supported TTT members and other organisations through on-line advice and discussion forums including Essex bridleways, Stratford and Mendip Councils, Rail to Trail project.
- Supporting several TTT members who have become active in their local access forums, campaigning for improved access in their areas.
- Maintained an online presence through website, Facebook and twitter.
- Started to develop a 'body of knowledge' which could include useful videos, webinars (e.g. BHS), links etc which could be offered to members.
- Started to develop landowner negotiation toolbox / handbook – this work continues in the ELM 159A test work.

## Trustees

The trustees for 2021 – 2022 were Paul Hooper OBE (Chairman), Sally Whittaker, Jennifer Ham, Lynn Myland, Greg Glendell, Fiona Powell, Sonia Kundu and Hannah Gardner. Rachel Thompson MBE continues as development and administration officer. The Board was very sorry to say goodbye to retiring trustee and rights of way officer Sheila Petherbridge and thank her for her extraordinary work in supporting TTT for so many years.

Anyone interested in serving as a trustee should register their interest by writing to TTT at [trailstrust90@gmail.com](mailto:trailstrust90@gmail.com)

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

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 2022  
For  
THE TRAILS TRUST**

**The Trails Trust**  
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**For the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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**The Trails Trust  
Report of the Trustees  
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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 2022. 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 (retired 27/09/2021) Sally Whittaker Lynn Myland Paul J Hooper OBE Hannah Gardner (appointed 27/09/2021) Greg Glendell (appointed 27/09/2021) Sonia Kundu (appointed 27/09/2021) Fiona Powell (appointed 27/09/21)
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 26/09/2022
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## **The Trails Trust**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Trails Trust**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 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 Tobiasson 28/09/22

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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

		2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>							
Incoming resources from generated funds							
Voluntary Income		26,458.45	-		80250	-	80250
Activities for generating funds	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	3	71.48	-	71.48	98.15	-	98.15
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>26,529.93</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>80348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80348</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>							
Costs of Generating Funds							
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other resources expended		23,031.80	-	23,031.80	74223	-	74223
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>23,031.80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,031.80</b>	<b>74223</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74223</b>
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) Resources</b>		<b>3498.13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3498.13</b>	<b>6125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6125</b>
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds brought forward		18,374.01		18374.01	12249		12249
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b><u>21,872.14</u></b>		<b><u>21,872.14</u></b>	<b>18374</b>		<b><u>18374</u></b>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2022**

		<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>							
Prepayments & accrued income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank		<u>21,872</u>		<u>21,872</u>	<u>18,374</u>		<u>18,374</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>21,872</u>		<u>21,872</u>	<u>18,374</u>		<u>18,374</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		21,872		21,872	18,374		18,374
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>21,872</u>		<u>21,872</u>	<u>18,374</u>		<u>18,374</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>							
Unrestricted funds		21,872		21,872	18,374		<u>18,374</u>
Restricted funds							
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		21,872		21,872	18,374		<u>18,374</u>

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**Balance Sheet (continued)**  
**At 31 March 2022**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 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 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

	2021	2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	0	0

INVESTMENT INCOME	2021	2022
	£	£
Deposit Account Interest	98	71

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## TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

	2021	2022
	£	£
Trustees' Expenses	-	-

## STAFF COSTS

	2021	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	-	-

## MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.04.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.03.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	18,374	3,498	21,872
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted funds	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>18,374</b>		<b>21,872</b>

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

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	26,529	23,031	3498
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted funds	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>26,529</b>	<b>23,031</b>	<b>3498</b>

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	2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
	18308	
<b>Voluntary Income</b>		71493
Gifts	0	0
Donations	7035	7800
Grants	0	0
Subscriptions	1115	957
	<b>26458</b>	<b>80250</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Fundraising Events	0	0
Consultancy and Sales of Publications	0	0
<b>Investment Income</b>		
Deposit incoming interest	71	98
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>26529</b>	<b>80348</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>		
Sundries	0	0
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Legal fees & bank charges	7	0
<b>Support Costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Trustee's expenses	0	0
Administration Costs	121	60
Advertising	0	0
IT	185	733
Expenses		
<b>Finance</b>		
Insurance	947	942
<b>Other</b>		
Maintenance	1160	130
Events	0	0
<b>Project expenses</b>		
Website Costs	75	165
Project Officer Fee		0
Project Services	20536	72193
Project Expenses		
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>23031</b>	<b>74223</b>

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Net (expenditure)/income

3498

5192

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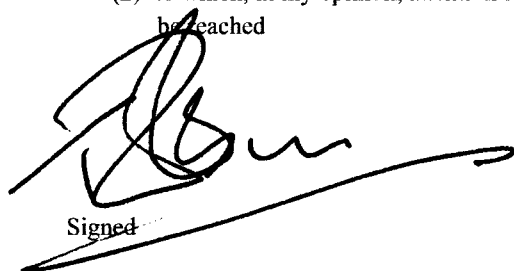
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