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GARGANEY TRUST
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Full Name: GARGANEY TRUST

**Registered Charity
Number:** 1094854

Principal Address: 11 Springfields
Barnsley
S75 1JS

Trustees: Jeffrey Lunn
Geoffrey Carr
Dr Keith Clarkson
Andrew Barker
David Knight

Chair: Jeffrey Lunn

Bankers: Barclays Bank
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GARGANEY TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management

Garganey Trust is an unincorporated charity, registered with the Charity Commission on 29th November 2002 and governed by its Deed of Trust adopted 29th October 2002.

The affairs of the Trust are managed by the trustees, who may exercise all the powers of the Trust.

Appointment of Trustees

In accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust, the number of trustees shall not be less than two or more than six. New trustees can only be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting.

Each new trustee is given a copy of the Deed of Trust and the latest trustees' annual report and accounts, on or before appointment. The trustees who served during the year are shown on page 3 of this report.

Charitable aims and objectives

The objects of the Trust are to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment, in particular by preserving an area for conservation an area at Broomhill, South Yorkshire, and to advance the education of the public in all aspects relating to nature conservation.

Activities undertaken for the public benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees consider that all activities as outlined in this report meet the public benefit requirement.

Achievements & performance during the period

Twenty-first annual report – to March 2024

This report covers the work by the Garganey Trust from April 2023 to March 2024 at Broomhill Flash, Clegg's Meadow, Chirl Hill & The Fleet in Barnsley, at Denby Delf at Upper Denby, Kirklees, at Thunderbridge Meadows, Shelley, Kirklees; and at Flamborough Head, East Riding of Yorkshire.

2023 continued the steady return to some sort of normality after the Covid-19 pandemic, and turned out to be a very quiet year not helped by the Chairman's illness.

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At Flamborough, the Sea-watching Observatory on the Headland (leased to the Garganey Trust) continued to be used by members of our partners the Flamborough Bird Observatory (FBO), and the sea-watch festival in September organized by the FBO proved to be very successful again. Great progress was made regarding our lease (through licence, from East Riding of Yorkshire Council) of the Lighthouse Grasslands, with the FBO in conjunction with our Trustee Dr Keith Clarkson MBE delivering new fencing, re-routing of permissive paths and a wild bird cover crop to support local breeding bird populations, offer shelter for migrants, and to manage the grassland and scrub similarly. 2023 also proved to be a valuable shelter point for grounded migrants.

At Broomhill, the anti-predator fencing at Chirl Hill and The Fleet to firm up the boundary of the arable field and to reduce the predation of ground-nesting birds (primarily from Foxes) on The Fleet was completed. Unfortunately the fence is still being affected by repeated vandalism (e.g. wire cutting, solar panel damage) due to intruders taking dogs onto the reserve after rabbits. The police continued to be informed, but we were still not able to stop the problem. Mr. Richmond got a successful barley crop off Chirl Hill, and the Stewardship strips (wild-bird crop and nectar crop) both proved successful again with flocks of up to 500 passerines (mainly Linnets, Reed Buntings and Skylarks) although the seed had again been exhausted by December 2023. The unharvested headland crop was also again unsuccessful due to excessive grazing by geese over the summer. The River Stewardship Company removed large willows in the back marsh to maintain the open landscape feel of the site favoured by breeding waders.

At the viewpoint, one of our volunteers, Paul White rebuilt the wall during the summer. It is now cemented in and although not looking as attractive as the original, is robust and so far, has withstood any further vandalism. The interpretation boards and seat are still not repositioned and the situation is being monitored. Further excavation work on the Flash and the Fleet was undertaken by Dave Bichan to improve water level management and remove the rapidly establishing willows. Unfortunately it still doesn't seem to have worked and further investigations are required.

For our regular management, we again commissioned Mr. Paul Hughes of Greentree to cut the hedges (this was his last year of work) and the RSPB via Jeff Wragg to cut extensive swathes of soft rush. Mr. Jonathan Seels our licensee farmer cut Clegg's meadow and was also able to graze his cattle on site.

Management of Denby Delf and Thunderbridge Meadows was still halted due to the difficulties of finding suitable contractors, although late in the financial year the River Stewardship Company took on the work. Strong winds blew down some trees along the path at Thunderbridge and these were due to be dealt with in Spring 2024. At Denby Delf, Rob Bower took the haycrop though was unable to graze his cattle on the aftermath. The Barn Owls and Kestrels were successful but weren't inspected this year.

In terms of wildlife, it was a poorer than average year. The most concerning event was the arrival of bird flu at Broomhill. Most of the Black-headed Gull colony was affected and it was distressing to see dead and moribund birds around the waterline.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

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Due to adverse circumstances, The Trust did not have its annual muster and this was planned for Summer 2024. The Trust's accountants Morrell Middleton at York informed us that they no longer required our custom and the Trust engaged Barnsley Community & Voluntary Services (BCVS) to produce the accounts. Wilbys of Barnsley (Mr. Tim Scourfield and Mr. Andrew Consett) continued to provide valuable land agency advice. Another change was the retirement of our Solicitor Mr Richard Watson in October. The Chairman attended his leaving event in York and was able to pass on the Trust's thanks for his great support as well as wish him well in his retirement. Crombie Wilkinson continue to be our solicitors.

Mr Edgar Atkinson, one of our stalwart volunteers at Broomhill, sadly passed away in the early part of 2023. A true local character, he was almost a permanent feature of the carpark area, keeping a weather eye on problems and regularly tidying up the hide and carpark. He was a great supporter of the site will be greatly missed.

Grants or donations were received in the report period from:
DEFRA (Countryside Stewardship Scheme and Higher Level Scheme)
Single Payment Scheme

Thanks

Many people have continued to help the Trust throughout the period. The Trustees thank the volunteers, especially Mr. Mick Rushton, Mr Shaun Roebuck and Mr. Ian Carter.

Thanks also to: Richard Watson (Crombie Wilkinson, Solicitors); Tim Scourfield and Andrew Consett (Land Agent, Wilbys); other volunteers David Waddington, Keith Fisher, Peter Kent, Alan Whitehouse, John Law, Chris Harris, Paul White and Sid Renouf; Paul Hughes (Greentree); Jeff Wragg, David Waddington and Heather Bennett of the RSPB; Stephen Slater of Denroyd Farm; David Wilde (Denby Dale Countryside Officer), Dave Bichan (Bichan Excavations Ltd), and our tenant and licensee farmers Richard Richmond, Jonathan Seels and Rob Bower.



Sign of the times. Black-headed gulls at Broomhill Flash affected by bird-flu. Spring 2023.

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The Charity's policy on reserves

The trustees recognise the need to keep reserves at a level which will give the trust stability to enable it to continue to operate in the future.

At the year-end the total reserves, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £193,346 (2023: £134,601) which meets this requirement.

Related parties

The trustees consider that there are no related parties to the charity.

Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

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

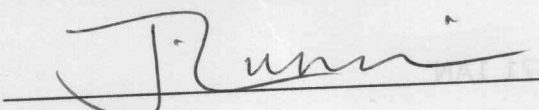
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the trust at any time and enable the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Financial Position

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 15. The Statement of Financial Activities shows a surplus for the year £55,720 (2023: surplus of £26,261). The total funds of the trust at year-end, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £193,346 (2023: £134,601).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: 

Jeffrey Lunn, Chair

Date: 15/1/25

GARGANEY TRUST
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the Trust, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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 needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts, under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

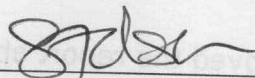
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records, in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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



Date

15/1/2025

Steph Tolson
Community Accountant
BCVS Services
23 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN

GARGANEY TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		2024	2023
		Total	Total
		Funds	Funds
		£	£
Income			
Donations & Gifts		-	50
Grants Received	2	21,985	49,670
Rental & Leasing		1,916	1,916
Bank Interest		177	33
Total Income		24,078	51,669
Expenditure			
Site Maintenance & Conservation		12,859	22,273
Insurance		1,566	1,274
Accountancy Fee		725	700
Professional Fees		1,522	480
Printing, Postage & Stationery		18	86
IT and Internet Costs		313	198
Volunteer Expenses		1,247	240
Bank Charges		108	157
Total Expenditure		18,358	25,408
Net Income/(Expenditure)		5,720	26,261
Total funds brought forward		134,601	800,319
Fund Transfers and adjustments	11	53,025	-
Total funds carried forward		193,346	826,580

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All prior year income is unrestricted. Prior year restricted expenditure includes £57 of Site Maintenance & Conservations costs. All other prior year expenditure is unrestricted.

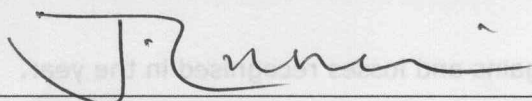
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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Heritage Assets	3/4	688,954	688,954
Current assets			
Debtors	5	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		194,071	138,326
Total current assets		194,071	138,326
Current liabilities			
Creditors	6	(725)	(700)
amounts falling due within one year			
Net current assets		193,346	137,626
Net assets		882,300	826,580
Funds of the charity	10		
Unrestricted funds		193,346	134,601
Designated funds (Heritage Assets)		688,954	688,954
Restricted funds		-	3,025
Total funds		882,300	826,580

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Date: 15/1/25

Jeffrey Lunn, Chair

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Garganey Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Income and expenditure has been analysed in the accounts using natural classification, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.6, SORP 2019 (smaller charities). The charity also meets the requirements for exemption from preparing a statement of cash flows.

Going Concern note

After reviewing the charity's forecasts and projections and its reserves, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the 12 month period, from the date of the signing of these accounts.

Incoming resources

All material incoming resources have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, when any performance conditions attached are met, when it is probable that the income will be received and when the amount can be measured reliably.

Donated goods and services

Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts, at the amount the charity would pay in the open market for a service equivalent to that being donated, when the charity would otherwise have purchased them and the value can be measured reliably.

Donated goods for the charity's own use are recognised as income, at their fair value.

The contribution of general volunteers is not recognised as income in the charity accounts.

Resources Expended

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised as a liability is incurred.

Heritage Assets

The Charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. They are valued at cost and are not depreciated.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

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Taxation

Garganey Trust is a registered charity and is exempt from UK corporation tax on income from its charitable activities.

Funds Structure

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on that fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

Funds relating to capital expenditure are transferred to a designated fund against which depreciation is charged.

2. Grants Received

	2024	2023
	£	£
BMBC s106 Biodiversity Net Gain funding	50,000	-
DEFRA - Countryside Stewardship grants	21,985	49,670
	71,985	49,670

The DEFRA Countryside Stewardship grants are a series of regular payments from the Rural Payments Agency for land management, site conservation and maintenance costs in order to protect and improve the land in the Charity's ownership.

The BMBC section 106 Biodiversity Net Gain grant was a contribution towards Wildlife enhancement. This was received as a result of the Symphony development at Grimethorpe. The funding was allocated for the predator fence at The Fleet, Broomhill which was installed in 2022. The grant was received in 2024 due to the nature of section 106 monies only being payable when the development is occupied.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3. Fixed Assets

	Heritage Assets	Other Assets	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
Balance b/f - 01.04.23	688,954	-	688,954
Additions in year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance c/f at 31.03.24	688,954	-	688,954
Depreciation			
Balance b/f - 01.04.23	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
Balance c/f at 31.03.24	-	-	-
NBV at 31 March 2024	688,954	-	688,954
NBV at 31 March 2023	688,954	-	688,954

4. Heritage Assets

The Heritage Assets held by the Charity include:

- Land at Broomhill Flash, purchased in 2004 for £130,726
- Land at Wombwell, purchased in 2017 for £558,228

The Heritage Assets are shown at cost and significant improvements are capitalised in line with GAAP. Any general preservation works are treated as an expense in the SOFA. The assets are held for the benefit of the public and ecological study, and are not intended to be sold or held for monetary gain.

Five year summary of heritage assets transactions

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Total Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from disposals	-	-	-	-	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6. Creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy accrual	725	700
	<u>725</u>	<u>700</u>

7. Trustee Payments, Benefits and Expenses

No payments were made to trustees during the period. (2023: £0)

8. Related Party Transactions

No payments were made to related parties during the period. (2023: £0)

9. Independent Examination of Accounts

The cost of the independent examination for the year was £725 (2023: £700).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

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10. Movement In Funds

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Transfers & adjustments £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	134,601	24,078	(18,358)	53,025	193,346
	134,601	24,078	(18,358)	53,025	193,346
Designated funds					
Heritage Assets	688,954	-	-	-	688,954
	688,954	-	-	-	688,954
Restricted funds					
Wood Meadow Project	3,025	-	-	(3,025)	-
BMBC s106 Predator fence	-	50,000	-	(50,000)	-
	3,025	50,000	-	(53,025)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	826,580	74,078	(18,358)	-	882,300

11. Fund Transfers

£3,025 was transferred to the General Fund from Restricted Funds to account for the closure of the Wood Meadow Project. If future research takes place re the project it will be paid from general funds.

£50,000 was transferred to the General Fund from Restricted Funds as the Predator Fence project is now complete. The project was paid for during the previous two financial years from general funds, but due to the nature of when s106 funds are released, it meant that the funds were received after the work was completed.