

Registered Charity No: 1094854

**GARGANEY TRUST**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**



Trustees at the Flamborough muster, November 2024. Left to right: Dr Keith Clarkson, Jeff Lunn, David Knight, Andy Barker and Geoff Carr.

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**GARGANEY TRUST**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Full Name:** **GARGANEY TRUST**

**Registered Charity  
Number:** 1094854

**Principal Address:** 11 Springfields  
Barnsley  
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**Trustees:** Jeffrey Lunn  
Geoffrey Carr  
Dr Keith Clarkson  
Andrew Barker  
David Knight

**Chair:** Jeffrey Lunn

**Bankers:** Barclays Bank  
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Community Accountant  
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**GARGANEY TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2002 and governed by its Deed of Trust adopted 29<sup>th</sup> 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-second annual report – to March 2025

This report covers the work by the Garganey Trust from April 2024 to March 2025 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.

2024 continued the steady return to some sort of normality after the Covid-19 pandemic, and the previous year's bird flu outbreak.

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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.

At Broomhill, the anti-predator fencing continued to be still 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, although there was considerable goose damage despite attempts to deter the birds. The Stewardship strips (wild-bird crop and nectar crop) both proved successful again with flocks of up to 500 passerines although the seed had again been exhausted by December 2024. The unharvested headland crop was also again unsuccessful due to excessive grazing by geese over the summer. The River Stewardship Company carried out hedge cutting along the road and removed the 4 islands to the shore for restoration. This unfortunately removed the last Black-headed Gull pairs, but also the marauding Lesser Black-backed Gull pair too.

At the viewpoint, no new vandalism was reported although the seat and boards were not re-installed. 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. This time a trench adjacent to the Building Dyke was dug and clay-lined, and whilst it considerably slowed down the loss of water, the problem hasn't been fully solved.

The RSPB via Jeff Wragg again cut extensive swathes of soft rush, and 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 re-instated through the contracting of the River Stewardship Company who took on the work. After two years of little management, it was pleasing to see good progress, although the contractors are expensive and in future work will have to be carefully budgeted. At Denby Delf, Rob Bower took the hay crop. The Barn Owls and Kestrels were successful.

In terms of wildlife, it was a poorer than average year again. It was one of the wettest springs and early summers ever, with the ground sodden well into July. At Broomhill, this, the aftereffects of bird flu and continued disturbance through trespass are thought to have been the driving factors. In contrast the orchards at Denby Delf were stunning.

Visits were made by volunteers from Nosterfield nature reserve in North Yorkshire to Broomhill in April and by the Bradford Botany Group to Denby Delf in July. Both visits were very successful with some excellent feedback about the reserves.

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT continued**

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The Trust held two musters during the year. In July, trustees visited Broomhill, walking over to Chirl Hill and the Fleet, but only fleeting visits to Denby Delf and Thunderbridge were possible. In November, trustees visited Flamborough to see the excellent work going on there, and to be appraised of some potential new project.

Barnsley Community & Voluntary Services (BCVS) produced the accounts. Wilbys of Barnsley (Mr. Tim Scourfield and Ms. Orla Nally) continued to provide valuable land agency advice. Crombie Wilkinson continue as our solicitors although were only called upon once for advice concerning the freehold at Denby Delf.

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: Tim Scourfield and Orla Nally (Land Agent, Wilbys); other volunteers David Waddington, Keith Fisher, Peter Kent, Alan Whitehouse, John Law, Chris Harris, Paul White and Sid Renouf; 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.



Trustees at the Flamborough muster, November 2024. Left to right: Dr Keith Clarkson, Jeff Lunn, David Knight, Andy Barker and Geoff Carr.

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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 £178,135 (2024: £193,346) 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 deficit for the year £15,211 (2024: surplus of £55,720). The total funds of the trust at year-end, represented by unrestricted funds, stand at £178,135 (2024: £193,346).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: 

**Jeffrey Lunn, Chair**

Date: 20 January 2026

**GARGANEY TRUST**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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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 20 January 2026

Christopher Stones  
Community Accountant  
Barnsley CVS  
23 Queens Road, Barnsley, S71 1AN



**GARGANEY TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2025	2024
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	Note	£	£	£	Funds	Funds
					£	£
<b>Income</b>						
Grants Received	2	24,046	1,000	-	25,046	71,985
Rental & Leasing		1,916	-	-	1,916	1,916
Bank Interest		696	-	-	696	177
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>26,658</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,658</b>	<b>74,078</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Site Maintenance & Conservation		39,189	1,000	-	40,189	12,859
Insurance		1,057	-	-	1,057	1,566
Accountancy Fee		750	-	-	750	725
Professional Fees		-	-	-	-	1,522
Printing, Postage & Stationery		-	-	-	-	18
IT and Internet Costs		196	-	-	196	313
Volunteer Expenses		600	-	-	600	1,247
Bank Charges		77	-	-	77	108
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>41,869</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,869</b>	<b>18,358</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>		<b>(15,211)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(15,211)</b>	<b>55,720</b>
Total funds brought forward		193,346	-	688,954	882,300	826,580
Fund Transfers and adjustments	11	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>178,135</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>688,954</b>	<b>867,089</b>	<b>882,300</b>

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

£50,000 of the prior year's income was restricted. There was no restricted expenditure in the prior year. The £50,000 restricted income was transferred to unrestricted funds at the end of the prior year.

**GARGANEY TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Heritage Assets	3/4		688,954		688,954
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	5	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		178,885		194,071	
Total current assets		178,885		194,071	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors	6	(750)		(725)	
amounts falling due within one year			178,135		193,346
Net current assets					
			<u>867,089</u>		<u>882,300</u>
<b>Net assets</b>					
<b>Funds of the charity</b>	10				
Unrestricted funds			178,135		193,346
Designated funds (Heritage Assets)			688,954		688,954
Restricted funds			-		-
<b>Total funds</b>			<u>867,089</u>		<u>882,300</u>

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



**Jeffrey Lunn, Chair**

Date: 20 January 2026

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**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**

	2025	2024
	£	£
BMBC s106 Biodiversity Net Gain funding	-	50,000
DEFRA - Countryside Stewardship Unrestricted	24,046	21,985
Denby Dale Parish Restricted	1,000	-
	<u>25,046</u>	<u>71,985</u>

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 Denby Dale Parish restricted grant is for repairs to path at Denby Delf. This was spent during the year.

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**3. Fixed Assets**

	<b>Heritage Assets £</b>	<b>Other Assets £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
Balance b/f - 01.04.24	688,954	-	688,954
Additions in year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance c/f at 31.03.25	<u>688,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>688,954</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
Balance b/f - 01.04.24	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-	-
Balance c/f at 31.03.25	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NBV at 31 March 2025</b>	<u><b>688,954</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>688,954</b></u>
NBV at 31 March 2024	<u>688,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>688,954</u>

**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**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Additions</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Charge for impairment</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Disposals</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Proceeds from disposals</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**5. Debtors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Debtors	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**6. Creditors**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy accrual	750	725
	<u>750</u>	<u>725</u>
	<u>750</u>	<u>725</u>

**7. Trustee Payments, Benefits and Expenses**

No payments were made to trustees during the period. (2024: £0)

**8. Related Party Transactions**

No payments were made to related parties during the period. (2024: £0)

**9. Independent Examination of Accounts**

The cost of the independent examination for the year was £750 (2024: £725).

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**10. Movement In Funds**

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Transfers & adjustments £	Closing balance £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Fund	193,346	26,658	(41,869)	-	178,135
	<b>193,346</b>	<b>26,658</b>	<b>(41,869)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,135</b>
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Heritage Assets	688,954	-	-	-	688,954
	<b>688,954</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>688,954</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Denby Dale Parish	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>882,300</b>	<b>27,658</b>	<b>(42,869)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>867,089</b>

**11. Fund Transfers**

There was no transfers during the current year.

