

Maresfield Conservation Group (MCG)

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31st March 2025

A. Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Number: 1104136

Principal address: The MCG does not have an office address. An address for correspondence is available on the charity's page at the charitycommission.co.uk website.

Trustees (serving for the whole year unless stated):

Joanne Elizabeth Lawrance (Chair)

Terence Christopher Brady (Treasurer)

Richard Allan Wane (Secretary) (appointed 18 November 2024)

Thomas Henry Merchant

Tracie Coe

Caroline Anne Shaw

Bruce Alan Milton

Rob Penfold (resigned 31 December 2024)

Ian Shaw (resigned 17 June 2025)

Name of body entitled to appoint Trustees:

Trustees are appointed by members at an Annual General Meeting.

B: Structure, Governance and Management

The MCG is an unincorporated association governed by a Constitution.

Trustees serve as members of the MCG Executive Committee (Committee) and are nominated for election at the MCG's Annual

General Meeting which is to be held between 1 May and 30 June each year. The Committee acts as the administrative and managerial body of the MCG.

C. Objects And Activities.

The MCG's Constitution states that its aims are to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Maresfield and surrounding area.

MCG undertakes a number of activities for the public benefit, notably maintaining rights-of-way, signposts, stiles, as well as keeping footpaths clear and open for walkers and raising monies for other charities. It undertakes regular community and event activities, such as operating litter-picking days and takes an interest in local planning proposals.

D. Achievement and Performance

During the period covered by the annual report MCG organised a benefit quiz for a local young carers association attended by over 100 people, arranged two litter-picking days, erected a Christmas Tree for the benefit of villagers; and through its dedicated and weekly scheduled footpaths group cleared many footpaths, rights of way and other areas in and around the parish of Maresfield, including the repair of a signpost and railing on a walking route, litter and leaf clearance by the local school, also enabling less able members of the public to be able to walk along various paths and by-ways. The Trustees have received a grant from Maresfield Parish Council towards to installation of a bench for the benefit of the public.

For the period covered by this report, the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

E. Financial Review

The main source of funds for the MCG are donations and occasional fund raising events. During the period covered in this report the MCG also received a single large legacy gift and a small grant was received from Maresfield Parish Council. All expenditure of funds supports the aims of the MCG, for example through the purchase and use of equipment for footpath clearance, path rail and signpost repairs.

The Trustees do not have any formal reserves policy, are not required to do so by the Constitution and do not consider it necessary to maintain such a policy.

F. Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees will continue to conduct their activities in accordance with the aims of the MCG through a series of activities similar to years previously.

G: Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signature:

Full Name:

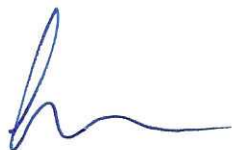
Position:

Date:

Maresfield Conservation Group

2024/2025 balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets	0.00	0.00
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	97,164.36	12,514.87
Total net assets	97,164.36	12,514.87
The funds of the charity		
Restricted funds	500.00	0.00
Unrestricted funds	96,664.36	12,514.87
Total charity funds	97,164.36	12,514.87



Helen Moore ACMA

17/12/25

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Income and Expenditure account for the Year to 31st March 2025

Bank Balances:	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Start of year	12,514.87	12,014.83
End of year	97,164.36	12,514.87
Increase	84,649.49	500.04

Income:		
Bank interest	560.69	123.80
1840 books	30.00	48.00
Merchandise	23.50	94.50
Quiz Night	1,331.00	1,095.30
Subscriptions	2,172.00	2,232.00
HMRC Gift Aid	570.45	600.94
MPC Village		
maintenance Grant	500.00	500.00
Legacy	88,177.65	-
Wealden Lottery	97.00	92.00
Summer Event	260.00	560.34
Calendar	391.50	-
Total income	94,113.79	5,346.88

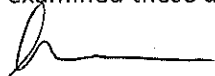
Expenditure		
Administration	1,001.04	653.05
Donations	-	1,784.25
Footpaths group	696.80	1,152.56
Insurance	-	461.81
Printing	159.00	
Quiz night	124.00	76.99
Village maintenance	685.00	-
Website	262.80	158.40
Summer Event	249.50	559.79
Footpath map	5,364.92	-
Calendar	651.24	-
Christmas tree	270.00	-
Total expenditure	9,464.30	4,846.84

Surplus	84,649.49	500.04
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Notes:

1. Admin expenses includes stationery, printing, postage and bank charges
2. Donations in 23/24 were to Uckfield Foodbank
3. Legacy receipt in 24/25 had requested a footpath map to be installed in the village

I have examined these accounts and found them to be correct.


 _____ Helen Moore ACMA