

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1108273

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-02-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE AND CONSERVE THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY PROTECTING, CREATING AND RESTORING BIO DIVERSITY IN THE UPPER REACHES OF THE RIVER BREDE VALLEY AND ELSEWHERE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.2. TO PROMOTE PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THAT ENVIRONMENT.3. TO SUPPORT THE STUDY OF ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION4. SUCH OTHER EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE OBJECTS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DECIDE.

Activities: To promote and conserve the physical and natural environment by protecting, creating and restoring bio diversity in the upper reaches of the river Brede Valley and elsewhere for the benefit of the public education and to support the study of ecology and conservation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UPPER REACHES OF THE RIVER BREDE VALLEY AND ELSEWHERE.
- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£88,345	£82,228	-	-
2024-04-05	£55,544	£36,111	-	-
2023-04-05	£23,779	£27,035	-	-
2022-04-05	£41,652	£21,807	-	-
2021-04-05	£60,444	£28,278	-	-
2020-04-05	£56,599	£23,956	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BARRY JOHN YATES		
JOHN WILLISHER		
RALPH NICHOLAS HOBBS		

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1108273 (England and Wales)

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr R N Hobbs Mr J Willsher Mr B J Yates
Secretary	Mr J Willsher
Charity number	1108273
Principal address	Maxfield Manor Three Oaks Eighteen Pounder Lane Hastings East Sussex TN35 4NU
Independent examiner	Harding & Associates LLP Copthorne Business Suite Copthorne Way Copthorne West Sussex RH10 3PG

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THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

The charity has also adopted the Charity Governance Code which closely aligns with the charity's Trust Deed.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects and principal activities are:

1. To promote and conserve the physical and natural environment by protecting, creating and restoring biodiversity in the upper reaches of the River Brede Valley and elsewhere for the benefit of the public.
2. To promote public education in connection with the physical and natural environment and the flora and fauna of that environment.
3. To support the study of ecology and conservation.
4. To promote such other exclusively charitable object as the Trustees shall decide.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The main area of charitable activity is to support the study of ecology and nature conservation, which the charity has continued to do during the year.

In association with the Friends of the Brede Valley, the Trustees have continued to contribute to the production of the Brede Valley Wildlife publication.

Financial review

During the year the charity received grants of £80,191 (2024 - £49,279) and other income of £8,154 (2024 - £6,265) and incurred total expenditure of £82,228 (2024 - £36,111) giving rise to a surplus of £6,117 (2024 - surplus of £19,433) for the year. Unrestricted funds available to carry forward amounted to £232,248 (2024 - £226,131).

Principal funding sources

Aside from voluntary income from donations, the principal funding source for the charity is currently by way of grants from the Countryside Stewardship Scheme.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Management Committee has reviewed the charity's reserves now standing at £614,691 (2024 - £608,574). After deducting the sum of £382,443 (2024 - £382,443) earmarked for the Heritage Assets, the uncommitted reserves freely available for current activities amount to £232,248 (2024 - £226,131). This is sufficient for the charity's needs in normal circumstances for at least the next twelve months.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of volunteers, clients and visitors to the locality. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they meet the needs of the charity.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 23 February 2005 (Charity Registration No. 1108273).

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 10 February 2005.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr R N Hobbs

Mr J Willsher

Mr B J Yates

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The Trustees are elected as members of the Management Committee. As a small organisation, it has not been considered necessary to institute a formal training programme for new Trustees.

Organisational Structure

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust has a Management Committee of three members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Related Parties

In so far as it is complimentary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by both local and national policy. The charity had no interest in these organisations.

Plans for future periods

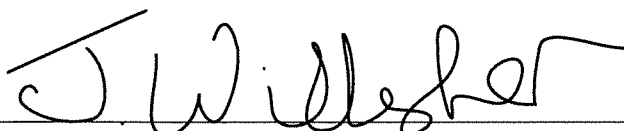
The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The charity policy is, therefore, to continue building up the free reserves by means of annual operating surpluses, supplemented by general appeals from time to time.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees. \

Mr J Willsher

Trustee

Dated: 11 March 2026



THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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 (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

M J Harding

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Dated: 11 March 2026

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
		2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	80,558	-	80,558	49,373	-	49,373
Other trading activities	4	1,050	-	1,050	4,166	-	4,166
Investments	5	6,737	-	6,737	2,005	-	2,005
		<u>88,345</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,345</u>	<u>55,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,544</u>
Total income							
Expenditure on:							
<u>Raising funds</u>							
Fundraising and publicity	6	78,713	-	78,713	26,924	-	26,924
		<u>78,713</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,713</u>	<u>26,924</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,924</u>
Charitable activities	7	3,515	-	3,515	9,187	-	9,187
		<u>3,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,515</u>	<u>9,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,187</u>
Total expenditure		<u>82,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>82,228</u>	<u>36,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,111</u>
Net income and movement in funds							
		6,117	-	6,117	19,433	-	19,433
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 6 April 2024		226,131	382,443	608,574	206,698	382,443	589,141
		<u>226,131</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>608,574</u>	<u>206,698</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>589,141</u>
Fund balances at 5 April 2025		<u>232,248</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>614,691</u>	<u>226,131</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>608,574</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		16,141		11,642
Heritage assets	14		382,443		382,443
			<u>398,584</u>		<u>394,085</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	15	2,500		12,770	
Debtors	16	66,653		61,047	
Cash at bank and in hand		154,773		143,492	
		<u>223,926</u>		<u>217,309</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Other creditors	17	7,819		2,820	
		<u>7,819</u>		<u>2,820</u>	
Net current assets			216,107		214,489
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>614,691</u>		<u>608,574</u>
The funds of the charity					
Endowment funds	18		382,443		382,443
Unrestricted funds	19		232,248		226,131
			<u>614,691</u>		<u>608,574</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 11 March 2026

Mr R N Hobbs
Trustee



THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Maxfield Manor, Three Oaks, Eighteen Pounder Lane, Hastings, East Sussex, TN35 4NU.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for smaller charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are restricted funds subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Income from donations or grants are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income from trading activities is recognised once the goods have been supplied to the purchaser, when both the income from the sale and the cost of the goods sold can be measured reliably, and receipt of the income is probable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and this is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Agricultural buildings	20% on cost
Plant and equipment	20% on cost
Property improvements	No depreciation

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.7 Heritage assets

The charity holds heritage assets. These are tangible fixed assets with historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture.

Newly purchased heritage assets are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. The charity has chosen not to adopt a policy of valuation, and therefore heritage assets continue to be carried at historical cost, subject to impairment review.

Where heritage assets were acquired in past accounting periods and not capitalised, it can be difficult or costly to attribute a cost or value to them. In such cases, these assets are excluded from the balance sheet if reliable cost information is not available and conventional valuation approaches lack sufficient reliability or significant costs are involved in the reconstruction or analysis of past accounting records or in valuation, which are onerous compared with the additional benefit derived by the users of the accounts in assessing the trustees' stewardship of the assets.

The very long expected lives of heritage assets, due to their nature, value and need to be protected and preserved means that depreciation is not material and is, therefore, not provided.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	367	94
Grants	80,191	49,279
	<u>80,558</u>	<u>49,373</u>
Grants		
Countryside Stewardship Scheme	80,191	49,279
	<u>80,191</u>	<u>49,279</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Letting and licensing arrangements	-	2,000
Other income	1,050	2,166
	<u>1,050</u>	<u>4,166</u>
Other trading activities		

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other interest receivable	230	215
Bank interest receivable	6,507	1,790
	<u>6,737</u>	<u>2,005</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Grant-related costs		
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	78,713	26,924

7 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2025 £	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £
Conservation activities	-	5,863
Share of support costs (see note 8)	95	17
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	3,420	3,307
	<u>3,515</u>	<u>9,187</u>

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Support costs	95	17
Governance costs	3,420	3,307
	<u>3,515</u>	<u>3,324</u>
Analysed between:		
Conservation activities	<u>3,515</u>	<u>3,324</u>

9 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,880	2,820
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>1,651</u>	<u>421</u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, benefits or reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Agricultural buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Property improvements £	Total £
Cost				
At 6 April 2024	26,360	38,520	11,065	75,945
Additions	-	6,150	-	6,150
At 5 April 2025	26,360	44,670	11,065	82,095
Depreciation and impairment				
At 6 April 2024	26,360	37,943	-	64,303
Depreciation charged in the year	-	1,651	-	1,651
At 5 April 2025	26,360	39,594	-	65,954
Carrying amount				
At 5 April 2025	-	5,076	11,065	16,141
At 5 April 2024	-	577	11,065	11,642

14 Heritage assets

The heritage assets, comprising 140 acres of land in the River Brede Valley, are held to advance the preservation and conservation objectives of the charity including the study of ecology and nature conservation.

The land was donated at a cost of £382,443 in 2005.

The current value of the land is estimated at £770,000.

15 Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Livestock	2,500	12,770

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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16 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	65,897	60,388
Prepayments and accrued income	756	659
	<u>66,653</u>	<u>61,047</u>

17 Other creditors falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,119	-
Accruals and deferred income	5,700	2,820
	<u>7,819</u>	<u>2,820</u>

18 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	At 6 April 2024	At 5 April 2025
	£	£
Permanent endowments	<u>382,443</u>	<u>382,443</u>
Previous year:	At 6 April 2023	At 5 April 2024
	£	£
Permanent endowments	<u>382,443</u>	<u>382,443</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2025 £
General funds	226,131	88,345	(82,228)	232,248
	<u>226,131</u>	<u>88,345</u>	<u>(82,228)</u>	<u>232,248</u>
Previous year:	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	206,698	55,544	(36,111)	226,131
	<u>206,698</u>	<u>55,544</u>	<u>(36,111)</u>	<u>226,131</u>

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 5 April 2025:			
Tangible assets	16,141	-	16,141
Heritage assets	-	382,443	382,443
Current assets/(liabilities)	216,107	-	216,107
	<u>232,248</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>614,691</u>
	<u>232,248</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>614,691</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 5 April 2024:			
Tangible assets	11,642	-	11,642
Heritage assets	-	382,443	382,443
Current assets/(liabilities)	214,489	-	214,489
	<u>226,131</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>608,574</u>
	<u>226,131</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>608,574</u>

21 Related party transactions

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21 Related party transactions

(Continued)

The following amounts were outstanding at the reporting end date:

	Amounts owed by related parties 2025		Amounts owed by related parties 2024	
	Balance £	Net £	Balance £	Net £
Other related parties	65,897	65,897	60,388	60,388
	<u>65,897</u>	<u>65,897</u>	<u>60,388</u>	<u>60,388</u>

The above amounts were owed to the charity by Mr P Newton, the donor of the land. The loan consists mainly of Rural Payments Agency (RPA) payments made to Mr P Newton and due to be transferred to the charity.

The loan is unsecured and repayable on demand. Interest is charged at 1.88% on the balance excluding the RPA payments due to be transferred to the charity.

There are no other related party transactions (2024 - none).

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr R N Hobbs Mr J Willsher Mr B J Yates
Secretary	Mr J Willsher
Charity number	1108273
Principal address	Maxfield Manor Three Oaks Eighteen Pounder Lane Hastings East Sussex TN35 4NU
Independent examiner	Harding & Associates LLP Copthorne Business Suite Copthorne Way Copthorne West Sussex RH10 3PG

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

The charity has also adopted the Charity Governance Code which closely aligns with the charity's Trust Deed.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects and principal activities are:

1. To promote and conserve the physical and natural environment by protecting, creating and restoring biodiversity in the upper reaches of the River Brede Valley and elsewhere for the benefit of the public.
2. To promote public education in connection with the physical and natural environment and the flora and fauna of that environment.
3. To support the study of ecology and conservation.
4. To promote such other exclusively charitable object as the Trustees shall decide.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The main area of charitable activity is to support the study of ecology and nature conservation, which the charity has continued to do during the year.

In association with the Friends of the Brede Valley, the Trustees have continued to contribute to the production of the Brede Valley Wildlife publication.

Financial review

During the year the charity received grants of £49,279 (2023 - £16,051) and other income of £6,265 (2023 - £7,728) and incurred total expenditure of £36,111 (2023 - £27,035) giving rise to a surplus of £19,433 (2023 - deficit of £3,256) for the year. Unrestricted funds available to carry forward amounted to £226,131 (2023 - £206,698).

Principal funding sources

Aside from voluntary income from donations, the principal funding source for the charity is currently by way of grants from the Countryside Stewardship Scheme.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Management Committee has reviewed the charity's reserves now standing at £608,574 (2023 - £589,141). After deducting the sum of £382,443 (2023 - £382,443) earmarked for the Heritage Assets, the uncommitted reserves freely available for current activities amount to £226,131 (2023 - £206,698). This is sufficient for the charity's needs in normal circumstances for at least the next twelve months.

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Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of volunteers, clients and visitors to the locality. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they meet the needs of the charity.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 23 February 2005 (Charity Registration No. 1108273).

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 10 February 2005.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr R N Hobbs

Mr J Willsher

Mr B J Yates

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The Trustees are elected as members of the Management Committee. As a small organisation, it has not been considered necessary to institute a formal training programme for new Trustees.

Organisational Structure

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust has a Management Committee of three members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Related Parties

In so far as it is complimentary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by both local and national policy. The charity had no interest in these organisations.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The charity policy is, therefore, to continue building up the free reserves by means of annual operating surpluses, supplemented by general appeals from time to time.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr J Willsher

Trustee

Dated: 12 June 2025

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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 (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

M J Harding

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Dated: 12 June 2025

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
		2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	49,373	-	49,373	16,431	-	16,431
Other trading activities	4	4,166	-	4,166	5,411	-	5,411
Investments	5	2,005	-	2,005	437	-	437
Other income	6	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500
Total income		<u>55,544</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,544</u>	<u>23,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,779</u>
Expenditure on:							
<u>Raising funds</u>							
Fundraising and publicity	7	26,924	-	26,924	23,319	-	23,319
Charitable activities	8	9,187	-	9,187	3,716	-	3,716
Total expenditure		<u>36,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,111</u>	<u>27,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,035</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		19,433	-	19,433	(3,256)	-	(3,256)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 6 April 2023		206,698	382,443	589,141	209,954	382,443	592,397
Fund balances at 5 April 2024		<u>226,131</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>608,574</u>	<u>206,698</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>589,141</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		11,642		12,063
Heritage assets	15		382,443		382,443
			<u>394,085</u>		<u>394,506</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	16	12,770		3,000	
Debtors	17	61,047		59,823	
Cash at bank and in hand		143,492		138,423	
		<u>217,309</u>		<u>201,246</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Other creditors	18	2,820		6,611	
		<u>214,489</u>		<u>194,635</u>	
Net current assets			<u>608,574</u>		<u>589,141</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>608,574</u>		<u>589,141</u>
The funds of the charity					
Endowment funds	19	382,443		382,443	
Unrestricted funds	20	226,131		206,698	
		<u>608,574</u>		<u>589,141</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12 June 2025



Mr R N Hobbs
Trustee

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Maxfield Manor, Three Oaks, Eighteen Pounder Lane, Hastings, East Sussex, TN35 4NU.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for smaller charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are restricted funds subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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1 Accounting policies

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Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Income from donations or grants are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income from trading activities is recognised once the goods have been supplied to the purchaser, when both the income from the sale and the cost of the goods sold can be measured reliably, and receipt of the income is probable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and this is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Agricultural buildings	20% on cost
Plant and equipment	20% on cost
Property improvements	No depreciation

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.7 Heritage assets

The charity holds heritage assets. These are tangible fixed assets with historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture.

Newly purchased heritage assets are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. The charity has chosen not to adopt a policy of valuation, and therefore heritage assets continue to be carried at historical cost, subject to impairment review.

Where heritage assets were acquired in past accounting periods and not capitalised, it can be difficult or costly to attribute a cost or value to them. In such cases, these assets are excluded from the balance sheet if reliable cost information is not available and conventional valuation approaches lack sufficient reliability or significant costs are involved in the reconstruction or analysis of past accounting records or in valuation, which are onerous compared with the additional benefit derived by the users of the accounts in assessing the trustees' stewardship of the assets.

The very long expected lives of heritage assets, due to their nature, value and need to be protected and preserved means that depreciation is not material and is, therefore, not provided.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	94	380
Grants	49,279	16,051
	<u>49,373</u>	<u>16,431</u>
Grants		
Countryside Stewardship Scheme	49,279	16,051
	<u>49,279</u>	<u>16,051</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Letting and licensing arrangements	2,000	2,000
Other income	2,166	3,411
	<u>4,166</u>	<u>5,411</u>
Other trading activities		

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other interest receivable	215	225
Bank interest receivable	1,790	212
	<u>2,005</u>	<u>437</u>

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6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	1,500

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Grant-related costs		
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	26,924	23,319

8 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2024 £	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £
Conservation activities	5,863	-
Share of support costs (see note 9)	17	6
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	3,307	3,710
	9,187	3,716

9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Governance costs	17 3,307	6 3,710
	3,324	3,716
Analysed between:		
Conservation activities	3,324	3,716

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

10	Net movement in funds	2024 £	2023 £
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,820	3,270
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	421	1,321
	Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(1,500)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, benefits or reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Agricultural buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Property improvements £	Total £
Cost				
At 6 April 2023	26,360	38,520	11,065	75,945
At 5 April 2024	26,360	38,520	11,065	75,945
Depreciation and impairment				
At 6 April 2023	26,360	37,522	-	63,882
Depreciation charged in the year	-	421	-	421
At 5 April 2024	26,360	37,943	-	64,303
Carrying amount				
At 5 April 2024	-	577	11,065	11,642
At 5 April 2023	-	998	11,065	12,063

15 Heritage assets

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15 Heritage assets

(Continued)

The heritage assets, comprising 140 acres of land in the River Brede Valley, are held to advance the preservation and conservation objectives of the charity including the study of ecology and nature conservation.

The land was donated at a cost of £382,443 in 2005.

The current value of the land is estimated at £770,000.

16 Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Livestock	12,770	3,000

17 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	60,388	59,365
Prepayments and accrued income	659	458
	61,047	59,823

18 Other creditors falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	971
Accruals and deferred income	2,820	5,640
	2,820	6,611

19 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	At 6 April 2023 £	At 5 April 2024 £
Permanent endowments	382,443	382,443

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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19 Endowment funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 6 April 2022 £	At 5 April 2023 £
Permanent endowments	382,443	382,443

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	206,698	55,544	(36,111)	226,131
Previous year:	At 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2023 £
General funds	209,954	23,779	(27,035)	206,698

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 5 April 2024:			
Tangible assets	11,642	-	11,642
Heritage assets	-	382,443	382,443
Current assets/(liabilities)	214,489	-	214,489
	226,131	382,443	608,574

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 5 April 2023:			
Tangible assets	12,063	-	12,063
Heritage assets	-	382,443	382,443
Current assets/(liabilities)	194,635	-	194,635
	<u>206,698</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>589,141</u>

22 Related party transactions

The following amounts were outstanding at the reporting end date:

	Amounts owed by related parties 2024		Amounts owed by related parties 2023	
	Balance £	Net £	Balance £	Net £
Other related parties	60,388	60,388	59,365	59,365
	<u>60,388</u>	<u>60,388</u>	<u>59,365</u>	<u>59,365</u>

The above amounts were owed to the charity by Mr P Newton, the donor of the land. The loan consists mainly of Rural Payments Agency (RPA) payments made to Mr P Newton and due to be transferred to the charity.

The loan is unsecured and repayable on demand. Interest is charged at 1.88% on the balance excluding the RPA payments due to be transferred to the charity.

There are no other related party transactions (2023 - none).

Accounts

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects and principal activities are:

1. To promote and conserve the physical and natural environment by protecting, creating and restoring biodiversity in the upper reaches of the River Brede Valley and elsewhere for the benefit of the public.
2. To promote public education in connection with the physical and natural environment and the flora and fauna of that environment.
3. To support the study of ecology and conservation.
4. To promote such other exclusively charitable object as the Trustees shall decide.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The main area of charitable activity is to support the study of ecology and nature conservation, which the charity has continued to do during the year.

In association with the Friends of the Brede Valley, the Trustees have continued to contribute to the production of the Brede Valley Wildlife publication.

Financial review

During the year the charity received grants of £38,067 (2021 - £57,422) and other income of £3,585 (2021 - £3,022) and incurred total expenditure of £21,807 (2021 - £28,278) giving rise to a surplus of £19,845 (2021 - £32,166) for the year. Unrestricted funds available to carry forward amounted to £209,954 (2021 - £190,109).

Principal funding sources

Aside from voluntary income from donations, the principal funding source for the charity is currently by way of grants from the Countryside Stewardship Scheme.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Management Committee has reviewed the charity's reserves now standing at £592,397 (2021 - £572,552). After deducting the sum of £382,443 (2021 - £382,443) earmarked for the Heritage Assets, the uncommitted reserves freely available for current activities amount to £209,954 (2021 - £190,109). This is sufficient for the charity's needs in normal circumstances for at least the next twelve months.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of volunteers, clients and visitors to the locality. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they meet the needs of the charity.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 23 February 2005 (Charity Registration No. 1108273).

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 10 February 2005.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr R N Hobbs

Mr J Willsher

Mr B J Yates

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The Trustees are elected as members of the Management Committee. As a small organisation, it has not been considered necessary to institute a formal training programme for new Trustees.

Organisational Structure

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust has a Management Committee of three members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Related Parties

In so far as it is complimentary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by both local and national policy. The charity had no interest in these organisations.

Plans for future periods

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The charity policy is, therefore, to continue building up the free reserves by means of annual operating surpluses, supplemented by general appeals from time to time.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr J Willsher

Trustee

Dated: 17 April 2023



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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 (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

M J Harding

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Dated: 17 April 2023

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
<u>Income from:</u>							
Grants, donations and legacies	3	38,283	-	38,283	57,982	-	57,982
Other trading activities	4	3,166	-	3,166	2,255	-	2,255
Investments	5	203	-	203	207	-	207
Total income		41,652	-	41,652	60,444	-	60,444
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
<u>Raising funds</u>							
Grant-related costs	6	18,716	-	18,716	24,584	-	24,584
Charitable activities	7	3,091	-	3,091	3,694	-	3,694
Total expenditure		21,807	-	21,807	28,278	-	28,278
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		19,845	-	19,845	32,166	-	32,166
Fund balances at 6 April 2021		190,109	382,443	572,552	157,943	382,443	540,386
Fund balances at 5 April 2022		209,954	382,443	592,397	190,109	382,443	572,552

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		13,384		16,275
Heritage assets	13		382,443		382,443
			<u>395,827</u>		<u>398,718</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	14	5,000		6,000	
Debtors	15	63,496		42,815	
Cash at bank and in hand		132,274		131,919	
		<u>200,770</u>		<u>180,734</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Other creditors	16	4,200		6,900	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			196,570		173,834
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>592,397</u>		<u>572,552</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general			382,443		382,443
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			209,954		190,109
			<u>592,397</u>		<u>572,552</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 17 April 2023

Mr R N Hobbs
Trustee

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Maxfield Manor, Three Oaks, Eighteen Pounder Lane, Hastings, East Sussex, TN35 4NU.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for smaller charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are restricted funds subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Income from donations or grants are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income from trading activities is recognised once the goods have been supplied to the purchaser, when both the income from the sale and the cost of the goods sold can be measured reliably, and receipt of the income is probable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and this is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Agricultural buildings	20% on cost
Plant and equipment	20% on cost
Motor vehicles	20% on cost
Property improvements	No depreciation

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Heritage assets

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

The charity holds heritage assets. These are tangible fixed assets with historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture.

Newly purchased heritage assets are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. The charity has chosen not to adopt a policy of valuation, and therefore heritage assets continue to be carried at historical cost, subject to impairment review.

Where heritage assets were acquired in past accounting periods and not capitalised, it can be difficult or costly to attribute a cost or value to them. In such cases, these assets are excluded from the balance sheet if reliable cost information is not available and conventional valuation approaches lack sufficient reliability or significant costs are involved in the reconstruction or analysis of past accounting records or in valuation, which are onerous compared with the additional benefit derived by the users of the accounts in assessing the trustees' stewardship of the assets.

The very long expected lives of heritage assets, due to their nature, value and need to be protected and preserved means that depreciation is not material and is, therefore, not provided.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

3 Grants, donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	216	560
Grants	38,067	57,422
	<u>38,283</u>	<u>57,982</u>
Grants receivable for core activities		
Countryside Stewardship Scheme	38,067	57,422
	<u>38,067</u>	<u>57,422</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Letting and licensing arrangements	2,000	2,000
Trading activity income: sale of livestock and goods	1,166	255
	<u>3,166</u>	<u>2,255</u>
Other trading activities		

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Other interest receivable	194	194
Bank interest receivable	9	13
	<u>203</u>	<u>207</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Grant-related costs		
Costs relating to grants and donations	18,716	24,584
	<u>18,716</u>	<u>24,584</u>

7 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2022	Charitable Expenditure 2021
	£	£
Share of support costs (see note 8)	21	16
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	3,070	3,678
	<u>3,091</u>	<u>3,694</u>

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Printing, postage and stationery	21	-	21	16	-	16
Audit fees	-	2,665	2,665	-	3,330	3,330
Legal and professional	-	405	405	-	348	348
	<u>21</u>	<u>3,070</u>	<u>3,091</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3,678</u>	<u>3,694</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>21</u>	<u>3,070</u>	<u>3,091</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3,678</u>	<u>3,694</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £2,665 (2021 - £3,330) for independent examination fees.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, benefits or reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Agricultural buildings £	Plant and Motor vehicles equipment £	Property improvements £	Total £
Cost				
At 6 April 2021	26,360	37,740	17,000	92,165
Additions	-	780	-	780
At 5 April 2022	26,360	38,520	17,000	92,945
Depreciation and impairment				
At 6 April 2021	26,360	32,530	-	75,890
Depreciation charged in the year	-	3,671	-	3,671
At 5 April 2022	26,360	36,201	-	79,561
Carrying amount				
At 5 April 2022	-	2,319	11,065	13,384
At 5 April 2021	-	5,210	11,065	16,275

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13 Heritage assets

Heritage assets
£

At 6 April 2021 and at 5 April 2022 382,443

The heritage assets, comprising 140 acres of land in the River Brede Valley, are held to advance the preservation and conservation objectives of the charity including the study of ecology and nature conservation.

The land was donated at a cost of £382,443 in 2005.

The current value of the land is estimated at £770,000.

14 Stocks

2022
£

2021
£

Livestock 5,000 6,000

The carrying amount of stock has been written down to estimated net realisable value. The reduction of £1,000 has been recognised as an expense.

15 Debtors

2022
£

2021
£

Amounts falling due within one year:

Other debtors 62,898 42,208
Prepayments and accrued income 598 607
63,496 42,815

16 Other creditors falling due within one year

2022
£

2021
£

Trade creditors 1,830 4,080
Accruals and deferred income 2,370 2,820
4,200 6,900

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Endowment Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 5 April 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	13,384	-	13,384	16,275	-	16,275
Heritage assets	-	382,443	382,443	-	382,443	382,443
Current assets/(liabilities)	196,570	-	196,570	173,834	-	173,834
	<u>209,954</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>592,397</u>	<u>190,109</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>572,552</u>

18 Events after the reporting date

The nature of the charity's activities and income has lessened the impact of the Covid19 pandemic on the charity as at the reporting date.

19 Related party transactions

The following amounts were outstanding at the reporting end date:

	Amounts owed by related parties 2022		Amounts owed by related parties 2021	
	Balance £	Net £	Balance £	Net £
Other related parties	62,898	62,898	42,208	42,208
	<u>62,898</u>	<u>62,898</u>	<u>42,208</u>	<u>42,208</u>

The above amounts were owed to the charity by Mr P Newton, the donor of the land. The loan consists mainly of Rural Payments Agency (RPA) payments made to Mr P Newton and due to be transferred to the charity.

The loan is unsecured and repayable on demand. Interest is charged at 1.88% on the balance excluding the RPA payments due to be transferred to the charity.

There are no other related party transactions (2021 - none).

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Achievements and performance

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In association with the Friends of the Brede Valley, the Trustees have continued to contribute to the production of the Brede Valley Wildlife publication.

Financial review

During the year the charity received grants of £57,422 (2020 - £51,791) and other income of £3,022 (2020 - £4,808) and incurred total expenditure of £28,278 (2020 - £23,956) giving rise to a surplus of £32,166 (2020 - £32,643) for the year. Unrestricted funds available to carry forward amounted to £190,109 (2020 - £157,943).

Principal funding sources

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Reserves Policy

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Risk Management

The Management Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of volunteers, clients and visitors to the locality. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they meet the needs of the charity.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 23 February 2005 (Charity Registration No. 1108273).

The charity is governed by its Trust Deed dated 10 February 2005.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr R N Hobbs

Mr J Willsher

Mr B J Yates

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The Trustees are elected as members of the Management Committee. As a small organisation, it has not been considered necessary to institute a formal training programme for new Trustees.

Organisational Structure

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust has a Management Committee of three members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Related Parties

In so far as it is complimentary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by both local and national policy. The charity had no interest in these organisations.

Plans for future periods

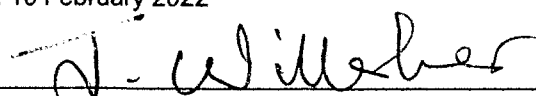
The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The charity policy is, therefore, to continue building up the free reserves by means of annual operating surpluses, supplemented by general appeals from time to time.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr J Willsher

Trustee

Dated: 10 February 2022



THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements 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 (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

M J Harding

M J Harding FCA FCCA
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Independent Examiner
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Dated: 10 February 2022

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	Notes	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Grants, donations and legacies	3	57,982	-	57,982	52,796	52,796
Other trading activities	4	2,255	-	2,255	3,619	3,619
Investments	5	207	-	207	184	184
Total income		<u>60,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,444</u>	<u>56,599</u>	<u>56,599</u>
Expenditure on:						
<u>Raising funds</u>						
Grant-related costs	6	24,584	-	24,584	21,629	21,629
Charitable activities	7	3,694	-	3,694	2,327	2,327
Total resources expended		<u>28,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,278</u>	<u>23,956</u>	<u>23,956</u>
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		32,166	-	32,166	32,643	32,643
Fund balances at 6 April 2020		157,943	382,443	540,386	125,300	507,743
Fund balances at 5 April 2021		<u>190,109</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>572,552</u>	<u>157,943</u>	<u>540,386</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

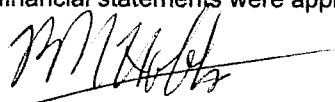
THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		16,275		18,465
Heritage assets	12		382,443		382,443
			<u>398,718</u>		<u>400,908</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	13	6,000		6,000	
Debtors	14	42,815		57,824	
Cash at bank and in hand		131,919		80,694	
		<u>180,734</u>		<u>144,518</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Other creditors	15	6,900		5,040	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			173,834		139,478
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>572,552</u>		<u>540,386</u>
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general			382,443		382,443
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			190,109		157,943
			<u>572,552</u>		<u>540,386</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 February 2022


Mr R N Hobbs
Trustee

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Maxfield Nature Conservation Trust is a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Maxfield Manor, Three Oaks, Eighteen Pounder Lane, Hastings, East Sussex, TN35 4NU.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are restricted funds subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured.

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

Income from donations or grants are recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income from trading activities is recognised once the goods have been supplied to the purchaser, when both the income from the sale and the cost of the goods sold can be measured reliably, and receipt of the income is probable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and this is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Agricultural buildings	20% on cost
Plant and equipment	20% on cost
Motor vehicles	20% on cost
Property improvements	No depreciation

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Heritage assets

The charity holds heritage assets. These are tangible fixed assets with historical, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture.

Newly purchased heritage assets are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. The charity has chosen not to adopt a policy of valuation, and therefore heritage assets continue to be carried at historical cost, subject to impairment review.

Where heritage assets were acquired in past accounting periods and not capitalised, it can be difficult or costly to attribute a cost or value to them. In such cases, these assets are excluded from the balance sheet if reliable cost information is not available and conventional valuation approaches lack sufficient reliability or significant costs are involved in the reconstruction or analysis of past accounting records or in valuation, which are onerous compared with the additional benefit derived by the users of the accounts in assessing the trustees' stewardship of the assets.

The very long expected lives of heritage assets, due to their nature, value and need to be protected and preserved means that depreciation is not material and is, therefore, not provided.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

3 Grants, donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	560	1,005
Grants	57,422	51,791
	<u>57,982</u>	<u>52,796</u>
Grants receivable for core activities		
Countryside Stewardship Scheme	57,422	51,791
	<u>57,422</u>	<u>51,791</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Letting and licensing arrangements	2,000	2,000
Trading activity income: sale of livestock and goods	255	1,619
	<u>2,255</u>	<u>3,619</u>
Other trading activities		

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Other interest receivable	194	183
Bank interest receivable	13	1
	<u>207</u>	<u>184</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>Grant-related costs</u>		
Costs relating to grants and donations	24,584	21,629
	<u>24,584</u>	<u>21,629</u>

7 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure	Charitable Expenditure
	2021	2020
	£	£
Share of support costs (see note 8)	16	5
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	3,678	2,322
	<u>3,694</u>	<u>2,327</u>

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Printing, postage and stationery	16	-	16	5	-	5
Audit fees	-	3,330	3,330	-	1,950	1,950
Legal and professional	-	348	348	-	372	372
	<u>16</u>	<u>3,678</u>	<u>3,694</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2,322</u>	<u>2,327</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>16</u>	<u>3,678</u>	<u>3,694</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2,322</u>	<u>2,327</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £3,330 (2020 - £1,950) for independent examination fees.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, benefits or reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Agricultural buildings £	Plant and Motor vehicles equipment £	Property improvements £	Total £
Cost				
At 6 April 2020	26,360	36,415	17,000	90,840
Additions	-	1,325	-	1,325
At 5 April 2021	26,360	37,740	17,000	92,165
Depreciation and Impairment				
At 6 April 2020	26,360	29,015	17,000	72,375
Depreciation charged in the year	-	3,515	-	3,515
At 5 April 2021	26,360	32,530	17,000	75,890
Carrying amount				
At 5 April 2021	-	5,210	-	16,275
At 5 April 2020	-	7,400	-	18,465

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

12 Heritage assets

Heritage
assets
£

At 6 April 2020 and at 5 April 2021

382,443

The heritage assets, comprising 140 acres of land in the River Brede Valley, are held to advance the preservation and conservation objectives of the charity including the study of ecology and nature conservation.

The land was donated at a cost of £382,443 in 2005.

The current value of the land is estimated at £700,000.

13 Stocks

2021
£

2020
£

Livestock

6,000

6,000

14 Debtors

2021
£

2020
£

Amounts falling due within one year:

Other debtors

42,208

57,221

Prepayments and accrued income

607

603

42,815

57,824

15 Other creditors falling due within one year

2021
£

2020
£

Trade creditors

4,080

-

Accruals and deferred income

2,820

5,040

6,900

5,040

THE MAXFIELD NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 5 April 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	16,275	-	16,275	18,465	-	18,465
Heritage assets	-	382,443	382,443	-	382,443	382,443
Current assets/ (liabilities)	173,834	-	173,834	139,478	-	139,478
	<u>190,109</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>572,552</u>	<u>157,943</u>	<u>382,443</u>	<u>540,386</u>

17 Events after the reporting date

The nature of the charity's activities and income has lessened the impact of the Covid19 pandemic on the charity as at the reporting date.

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).