

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1111181

Details

Other names SCCT, SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [04629589](#)

Registered 2005-09-05

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

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL, NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT OF SHEFFIELD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. (B) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR APPROPRIATE RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION COMMENSURATE WITH (A) ABOVE. (C) TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND HERITAGE MATTERS IN SHEFFIELD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AND THE WAYS OF SUSTAINING, CONSERVING, PROTECTING AND IMPROVING THE SAME.

Activities: Countryside Conservation, working with local communities and other volunteers, offering skills training. We also offer team building events. Environmental education with school groups in the wider community, in school grounds and at the Countryside Centre. Also with other groups of all ages. Organising events with schools and local communities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SHEFFIELD, AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£80,397	£67,590	-	-
2024-03-31	£82,023	£95,260	-	-
2023-03-31	£162,641	£118,147	-	-
2022-03-31	£92,073	£114,799	-	-
2021-03-31	£109,459	£104,290	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JEREMY PLATTS		
JOHN MONTEYNE B SC		
Paul Benham		2014-01-20
Peter John Ibbotson		2019-10-08
RICHARD STANLEY PEARSON		2013-01-21

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Financial statements for the
year ended 31st March 2025

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Administrative details
for the year ended 31st March 2025

Registered Charity number	1111181
Registered Company number	04629589
Trustees	P Benham R Pearson P Ibbotson
Trustees (Directors)	J Monteyne J Platts
Administrative address	Wood Lane Countryside Centre, Wood Lane, Sheffield, S6 5HE
Independent Examiner	HSL Accountancy Solutions Ltd Enterprise House 4-6 Thorne Road Doncaster DN1 2HS

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
The Trustees (Directors) present their annual report
for the year ended 31st March 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on balance sheet).

Objectives and activities

Policies and objectives

The charity objectives are to promote an interest in the conservation of Sheffield's countryside to the people of Sheffield and surrounding area.

In setting the objectives and planning for activities the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to Public Benefit. In pursuance of its main objectives the Charity runs courses and provides meeting facilities at the Wood Lane Countryside Centre.

Achievements and performance

The Chair reported that the Trust had been successful in maintaining its position and had made some progress over the previous year. There were continuing challenges in obtaining external funding in a market that had become very restricted. The Chair wished to personally thank Richard Godley for the assistance he had given the Trust.

The loss of the woodland maintenance grant had been mitigated by the Trust looking successfully for sources of work that it hadn't normally been involved in. A good example was the allotment work being done in conjunction with Nature Box.

Other sources of work and income were always being actively sought. This was reflected with the work done with the St Anne's Charity developing an allotment at their hostel in Woodhouse. The work at Birley Spa would continue to provide work over the next year.

The Trust, as ever, cannot be complacent as the future continues to hold many challenges; although we are seeing more light at the end of the tunnel.

The developing partnership with Richard Godley continued to find pots of funding for the Trust eg, work with Scout and community groups in Grenoside and Dronfield and continued to place bids on our behalf.

The Chair noted that the situation at Wood Lane continued to be difficult.

Thank you to Adrian and Tony for their continued commitment in carrying out the work required, along with our volunteers.

Thank you to the Trustees for their continued support.

I believe that 2025/6 will be a year of further continued positive improvement. I also hope to be more involved in the future despite my personal situation.

Financial review

Going concern

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New Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under the Charity and Company Law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision making process, the business plan and recent financial performance of the Charity. In addition they are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Charity and the context within which it operates.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Trustees' indemnities

The Trustees, as directors of the Company, have been granted a qualifying third party indemnity provision under section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. This does not provide cover in the event of a director being proved to have acted fraudulently or dishonestly.

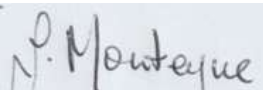
Statement of Directors and Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company and the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed: 

Name and position: John Monteyne, Director/Trustee

Date: 3rd March 2026

**Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of
SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
for the year ended 31st March 2025**

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities:

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 3rd March 2026

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income from:	2				
Charitable activities		51,947	28,450	80,397	82,023
Other income		0	0	0	0
Total		51,947	28,450	80,397	82,023
Expenditure on:	3				
Charitable activities		55,606	11,984	67,590	95,260
Total		55,606	11,984	67,590	95,260
Net income/expenditure		-3,659	16,466	12,807	-13,238
Balance brought forward At 1st April 2024		34,493	2,500	36,993	50,231
Balance carried forward At 31st March 2025		30,834	18,966	49,800	36,993

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

The Statement of Financial Activities complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
Balance sheet
As at 31st March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets	5	8,410	8,410
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	2,395	2,395
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>40,758</u>	<u>40,758</u>
		43,153	43,153
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts due within one year	7	-1,762	-1,762
Deferred income		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		-1,762	-1,762
Net current assets		41,390	41,390
Net assets		<u>49,800</u>	<u>49,801</u>
Funds of the company			
Unrestricted Funds	8	30,834	34,493
Restricted Funds	8	<u>18,966</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total funds		<u>49,800</u>	<u>36,993</u>

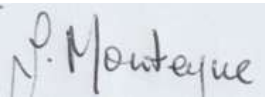
For the period ended 31st March 2025, the company is entitled to the audit exemption under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
- b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirement of the companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

Signed: 

Name and position: John Monteyne, Director/Trustee

Date: 3rd March 2026

The accounting policies and notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

1. Accounting policies

1.1.1. Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:

- The Charities Act 2011
- The Companies Act 2006
- The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS102
- Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102) (effective January 2015)

1.1.2. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.1.3. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2. Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Incoming resources are recognised when:

- the company becomes entitled to the resources
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fund-raising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Contractual income is only included in the Statement of Financial Activities once the related goods or performance related services have been delivered. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred in the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, including both direct and support costs. The expenditure has been analysed but usage. Professional fees include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, including Accountancy fees.

1.4. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds received from donors which are subject to restrictions on the purposes for which they may be used of which have been raised for a specific project. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions. These include funds freely available to the charity for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes.

1.5. Assets

Tangible assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or, if gifted, at the value to the company on receipt.

The rates applicable are;

Kitchen furniture and equipment	20% Straight line
Motor vehicle	20% Straight line

1.6. Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7. Cash

Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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1.8. Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, usually the invoice amount. Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

1.9. Taxes

The company is not VAT registered. As a Charity the company is exempt from taxation on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Awards for all	0	19,950	19,950	0
Sheffield City Council	10,000	0	10,000	42,983
Sheffield Wildlife Trust	0	3,000	3,000	2,762
The Way	0	5,500	5,500	2,500
Other generated income	41,947	0	41,947	33,777
Total 2025	51,947	28,450	80,397	82,023
Total 2024	71,761	10,262	82,023	

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs				
Staff costs	29,842	0	29,842	40,220
Depreciation	2,472	0	2,472	3,533
Rent, light and heat	1,693	0	1,693	5,000
Insurance	7,813	0	7,813	7,702
Project costs	11,236	11,984	23,220	36,865
Office costs	938	0	938	0
Bank charges	62	0	62	82
Professional fees	300	0	300	608
Governance	1,250	0	1,250	1,250
Total 2025	55,606	11,984	67,590	95,260
Total 2024	87,498	7,762	95,260	

4. Payroll

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	28,336	39,133
Social security	0	0
Pensions	1,507	1,087
Total	29,842	40,220

The average number of staff employed by the Charity was 2. (2024: 2) No employee received remuneration amount to £60,00 or more. The Trustees confirm the Charity does not operate a work place pension scheme as all employees have opted out.

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5. Fixed assets

	Plant and Machinery	Motor Vehicle	IT Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost	4,070	15,795	1,472	21,337
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 31st March 2025	4,070	15,795	1,472	21,337
Depreciation				
At 1st April 2024	1,585	7,397	1,472	10,454
Disposals	0	0	0	0
Charge this period	373	2,100	0	2,473
At 31st March 2025	1,958	9,497	1,472	12,927
Net book value at 31st March 2025	2,112	6,298	0	8,410
Net book value at 31st March 2024	2,485	8,398	0	10,883

6. Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Debtors				
Trade debtors	2,395	0	2,395	2,395
Prepayments and accrued income	0	0	0	0
Total 2025	2,395	0	2,395	2,395
Total 2024	4,301	0	4,301	

7. Creditors due in one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Creditors: due in one year				
Other taxation and social security	0	0	0	0
Trade Creditors	512	0	512	261
Accruals and deferred income	1,250	0	1,250	1,250
Total 2025	1,762	0	1,762	1,511
Total 2024	1,511	0	1,511	

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8. Movement of funds

	Balance at 01/04/2024	Incoming Resources	Expended Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31/03/2025
Restricted funds					
Sheffield City Council	0	10,000	-10,000	0	0
Awards for all	0	19,950	-3,743	0	16,207
Sheffield Wildlife Trust	0	3,000	-3,000	0	0
The Way	2,500	5,500	-5,241	0	2,759
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	34,493	41,947	-45,606	0	30,834
	36,993	80,397	-67,590	0	49,800

Purpose of grant:

Sheffield City Council	- to carry out work in the south east of Sheffield
Sheffield Wildlife Trust	- to do work on the Lakelands project
Awards for all	- to do work on the Lakelands project
The Way	- towards the allotment project at Rivilin Valley

9. Analysis between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Analysis between funds				
Tangible assets	8,410	0	8,410	10,883
Net current assets	22,424	18,966	41,390	26,111
Total 2025	30,834	18,966	49,800	36,993
Total 2024	34,493	2,500	36,993	

10. Share Capital

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of a winding-up is limited to £10.

11. Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the period of these accounts none of the Trustees received any remuneration. No out of pocket expense were reimbursed. (2025: None)

12. Previous year's comparison

Previous year's figures have been included where available for comparison purposes only.

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Achievements and performance

The picture for the voluntary sector continues to be very difficult, levels of funding and volunteering have not returned to pre pandemic levels. This has resulted in another difficult year for the Trust.

However, there is optimism within the Trust that things are improving. Volunteer levels have improved slightly and the Trust now has enough to be working four days a week, plus there is a flexibility within the volunteers that allows occasional Friday work to be done. Efforts to find more volunteers are ongoing e.g. volunteer bureaux and universities have been approached.

Work has continued on the Woodland Maintenance grant, however, that is coming to an end and the Trust will have to re-tender for the work. It has been given a 6 month extension to the grant whilst the Council assesses its options. Work for PROW will also continue into 2023-24. The Trust has also had funding from Ronseal UK to do woodland work in the Chapeltown area.

The bid for the work at Birley Spa was successful and will provide some income to the Trust over the next 2 years. The Trust has established a relationship with an experienced fundraiser and the Birley Spa bid success was a product of this collaboration. It is hoped it is the first of many.

During the year the Trust decided to branch out into a new area of work. It is building a relationship with Nature Box, the nursery that is based at Wood Lane. The partnership will look at adding the Trust's expertise to their skill set. In particular it will look to take on an allotment from the Council where it will work with children who have difficulties at school. In time this could be expanded to adults, who for example are suffering from loneliness. Grants have been applied for.

As the Trust does every year it thanks our two permanent staff for their efforts and forbearance over the year. It is their belief in the Trust that keeps us moving forward. Their enthusiasm in embracing the new partnership with Nature Box is particularly pleasing.

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New Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under the Charity and Company Law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision making process, the business plan and recent financial performance of the Charity. In addition they are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Charity and the context within which it operates.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Trustees' indemnities

The Trustees, as directors of the Company, have been granted a qualifying third party indemnity provision under section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. This does not provide cover in the event of a director being proved to have acted fraudulently or dishonestly.

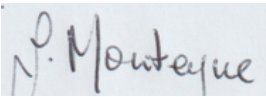
Statement of Directors and Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company and the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed: 

Name and position: John Monteyne, Director/Trustee

Date: 24th January 2025

**Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of
SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities:

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Heera Singh FMAAT
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Date: 24th January 2025

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income from:	2				
Charitable activities		71,761	10,262	82,023	162,641
Other income		0	0	0	0
Total		71,761	10,262	82,023	162,641
Expenditure on:	3				
Charitable activities		87,498	7,762	95,260	118,147
Total		87,498	7,762	95,260	118,147
Net income/expenditure		-15,738	2,500	-13,238	44,494
Balance brought forward At 1st April 2023		50,231	0	50,231	5,737
Balance carried forward At 31st March 2024		34,493	2,500	36,993	50,231

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

The Statement of Financial Activities complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
Balance sheet
As at 31st March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets	5	10,883	14,416
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	4,301	15,547
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>23,321</u>	<u>28,011</u>
		27,622	43,558
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts due within one year	7	-1,511	-7,743
Deferred income		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		-1,511	-7,743
Net current assets		26,111	35,815
Net assets		<u>36,993</u>	<u>50,231</u>
Funds of the company			
Unrestricted Funds	8	34,493	50,231
Restricted Funds	8	<u>2,500</u>	<u>0</u>
Total funds		<u>36,993</u>	<u>50,231</u>

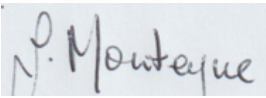
For the period ended 31st March 2024, the company is entitled to the audit exemption under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
- b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirement of the companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

Signed: 

Name and position: John Monteyne, Director/Trustee

Date: 24th January 2025

The accounting policies and notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31st March 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1.1. Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:

- The Charities Act 2011
- The Companies Act 2006
- The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS102
- Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102) (effective January 2015)

1.1.2. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.1.3. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2. Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Incoming resources are recognised when:

- the company becomes entitled to the resources
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fund-raising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Contractual income is only included in the Statement of Financial Activities once the related goods or performance related services have been delivered. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred in the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, including both direct and support costs. The expenditure has been analysed but usage. Professional fees include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, including Accountancy fees.

1.4. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds received from donors which are subject to restrictions on the purposes for which they may be used of which have been raised for a specific project. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions. These include funds freely available to the charity for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes.

1.5. Assets

Tangible assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or, if gifted, at the value to the company on receipt.

The rates applicable are;

Kitchen furniture and equipment	20% Straight line
Motor vehicle	20% Straight line

1.6. Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7. Cash

Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31st March 2023

1.8. Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, usually the invoice amount. Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

1.9. Taxes

The company is not VAT registered. As a Charity the company is exempt from taxation on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Sheffield City Council	37,983	5,000	42,983	116,580
Sheffield Wildlife Trust	0	2,762	2,762	0
The Way	0	2,500	2,500	0
Other generated income	33,777	0	33,777	46,061
Total 2024	71,761	10,262	82,023	162,641
Total 2023	114,056	48,585	162,641	

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs				
Staff costs	40,220	0	40,220	54,269
Depreciation	3,533	0	3,533	1,790
Rent, light and heat	5,000	0	5,000	6,000
Insurance	7,702	0	7,702	9,640
Project costs	29,103	7,762	36,865	43,627
Office costs	0	0	0	483
Bank charges	82	0	82	122
Professional fees	608	0	608	951
Governance	1,250	0	1,250	1,265
Total 2024	87,498	7,762	95,260	118,147
Total 2023	69,562	48,585	118,147	

4. Payroll

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	39,133	52,813
Social security	0	30
Pensions	1,087	1,426
Total 2024	40,220	54,269

The average number of staff employed by the Charity was 2. (2023: 2)
 No employee received remuneration amount to £60,00 or more.

The Trustees confirm the Charity does not operate a work place pension scheme as all employees have opted out.

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31st March 2024

5. Fixed assets

	Plant and Machinery	Motor Vehicle	IT Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost	4,070	15,795	1,472	21,337
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 31st March 2024	4,070	15,795	1,472	21,337
Depreciation				
At 1st April 2023	1,147	4,302	1,472	6,921
Disposals	0	0	0	0
Charge this period	438	3,095	0	3,533
At 31st March 2024	1,585	7,397	1,472	10,454
Net book value at 31st March 2024	2,485	8,398	0	10,883
Net book value at 31st March 2023	2,923	11,493	0	14,416

6. Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Debtors				
Trade debtors	4,301	0	4,301	15,547
Prepayments and accrued income	0	0	0	0
Total 2024	4,301	0	4,301	15,547
Total 2023	15,547	0	15,547	

7. Creditors due in one year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Creditors: due in one year				
Other taxation and social security	0	0	0	1,596
Pension fund payable	0	0	0	2,173
Trade Creditors	261	0	261	2,224
Accruals and deferred income	1,250	0	1,250	1,750
Total 2024	1,511	0	1,511	7,743
Total 2023	7,743	0	7,743	

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31st March 2024

8. Movement of funds

	Balance at 01/04/2023	Incoming Resources	Expended Resources	Transfers	Balance at 31/03/2024
Restricted funds					
Sheffield City Council	0	5,000	-5,000	0	0
Sheffield Wildlife Trust	0	2,762	-2,762	0	0
The Way	0	2,500	0	0	2,500
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	50,231	71,761	-87,498	0	34,493
	50,231	82,023	-95,260	0	36,993

Purpose of grant:

Sheffield City Council	- to carry out work in the south east of Sheffield
Sheffield Wildlife Trust	- to do work on the Lakelands project
The Way	- towards the allotment project at Rivilin Valley

9. Analysis between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Analysis between funds				
Tangible assets	10,883	0	10,883	14,416
Net current assets	23,611	2,500	26,111	35,815
Total 2024	34,493	2,500	36,993	50,231
Total 2023	50,231	0	50,231	

10. Share Capital

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of a winding-up is limited to £10.

11. Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the period of these accounts none of the Trustees received any remuneration. No out of pocket expense were reimbursed. (2023: None)

12. Previous year's comparison

Previous year's figures have been included where available for comparison purposes only.

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1111181

Accounts

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees J Monteyne**
 J Platts**
 D Leek**
 P Benham*
 R Pearson*
 P Ibbotson*

* Trustee only **Director and Trustee

Company registered number 04629589

Charity registered number 1111181

Registered office Wood Lane Countryside Centre
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Company secretary J Monteyne

Accountants Shorts
 Chartered Accountants
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SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Company for the year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The Charity's objectives are to promote an interest in the conservation of Sheffield's countryside to the people of Sheffield and the surrounding area.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'. In pursuance of its main objectives the charity runs courses and provides meeting facilities at the Wood Lane Countryside Centre.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

The Trust has had another difficult year, following the pandemic and various lock downs being in place. It remained difficult for volunteers to be involved in projects which restricted the levels of activity that could be undertaken. The Trust completed some projects with Woodland Maintenance, Public Rights of Way groups and was acting as contractors for the local authority which enabled the Trust to continue to generate cash to settle liabilities.

2023-24 promises of a much better year as the Trust hopes to be successful in various funding bids. A small number of volunteers have been able to return Monday to Thursday which is allowing more activity to take place. The pandemic has completely changed the face of volunteering. We are trying various ways to recruit more volunteers.

Thanks must be given again this year to our excellent staff who continue to remain highly motivated and continue to help the Trust strive to achieve its goals.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the funds not committed or invested in tangible assets (the 'free reserves') held by the charity should be enough to cover the expenses incurred if it were unable to secure adequate short term funding and also to enable it to make any investment necessary to secure its future. The current level of free reserves does not meet this requirement. However the Trustees are actively pursuing further sources of funding in order that this can be achieved.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Sheffield Countryside Conservation Trust is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding £10. The Company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association and is a registered charity number 1111181.

b. Trustees

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

The Trustees determine the general policy of the charity. They are assisted in the running of the charity by a number of volunteer workers. The day to day management of the charity is delegated to a small number of paid employees.

All of the Trustees who served during the year and who are also the present Trustees, were as follows:

J Monteyne
J Platts
D Leek
P Benham
R Pearson
P Ibbotson

SCCT will have at least 5 Trustees on its board, there is no upper limit on the number of Trustees but would not expect it to exceed 10. The Trustees may be either a) elected at an AGM, or b) be co-opted where it is considered they have a skill that would be of particular use to the Charity.

When a need has been identified to recruit Trustees the process will be managed by the Executive Committee in line with the charity's Trustee recruitment policy which was updated in January 2018.

New Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision making process, the business plan and recent financial performance of the Charity. In addition they are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

d. Trustees' indemnities

The Trustees, as directors of the Company, have been granted a qualifying third party indemnity provision under section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. This does not provide cover in the event of a director being proved to have acted fraudulently or dishonestly.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to reappoint H K Freeman as the independent examiner will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 10 February 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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J Monteyne
Trustee

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sheffield Countryside Conservation Trust ('the Company')

I report to the Company Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 10 February 2024

H K Freeman FCA

Chartered Accountant

Shorts Chartered Accountants, 2 Ashgate Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 4AA

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Charitable activities	3	48,585	114,056	162,641	92,073
Other income	4	-	-	-	4,217
Total income		48,585	114,056	162,641	96,290
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		48,585	69,562	118,147	114,799
Total expenditure		48,585	69,562	118,147	114,799
Net income/(expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		-	44,494	44,494	(18,509)
Net movement in funds		-	44,494	44,494	(18,509)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		-	5,737	5,737	24,246
Net movement in funds		-	44,494	44,494	(18,509)
Total funds carried forward		-	50,231	50,231	5,737

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

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 04629589

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	14,416	836
Current assets			
Debtors	10	15,547	8,867
Cash at bank and in hand		28,011	2,114
		<u>43,558</u>	<u>10,981</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(7,743)	(6,080)
		<u>35,815</u>	4,901
Net current assets		<u>35,815</u>	4,901
Total net assets		<u><u>50,231</u></u>	<u><u>5,737</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		50,231	5,737
Total funds		<u><u>50,231</u></u>	<u><u>5,737</u></u>

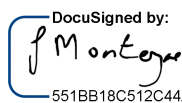
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SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Sheffield City Council	48,585	67,995	116,580	71,129
Other income	-	46,061	46,061	20,944
Total 2023	<u>48,585</u>	<u>114,056</u>	<u>162,641</u>	<u>92,073</u>
Total 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>92,073</u>	<u>92,073</u>	

4. Other incoming resources

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Government support receivable - furlough	-	-	4,217
Total 2022	<u>4,217</u>	<u>4,217</u>	

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Direct costs	118,147	118,147	114,799
Total 2022	<u>114,799</u>	<u>114,799</u>	

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	54,269	54,269	52,611
Depreciation	1,790	1,790	209
Rent, light and heat	6,000	6,000	3,000
Insurance	9,640	9,640	7,898
Project costs	43,627	43,627	47,564
Office costs	483	483	1,457
Bank charges	122	122	30
Professional fees	951	951	-
Governance costs	1,265	1,265	2,030
Total 2023	<u>118,147</u>	<u>118,147</u>	<u>114,799</u>
Total 2022	<u>114,799</u>	<u>114,799</u>	

6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	1,750	1,000
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	<u>-</u>	<u>1,030</u>

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7. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	52,813	50,698
Social security costs	30	557
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	1,426	1,356
	<u>54,269</u>	<u>52,611</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022: £nil).

During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022: £nil).

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9. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	1,200	3,295	1,472	5,967
Additions	2,870	12,500	-	15,370
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,070</u>	<u>15,795</u>	<u>1,472</u>	<u>21,337</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	758	2,901	1,472	5,131
Charge for the year	389	1,401	-	1,790
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,147</u>	<u>4,302</u>	<u>1,472</u>	<u>6,921</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,923</u>	<u>11,493</u>	-	<u>14,416</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>442</u>	<u>394</u>	-	<u>836</u>

10. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	<u>15,547</u>	<u>8,867</u>

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11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,596	2,546
Pension fund loan payable	2,173	1,534
Other creditors	2,224	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,750	2,000
	<u>7,743</u>	<u>6,080</u>

12. Pension commitments

The Company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the pension scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amount to £1,426 (2022: £1,356). Contributions totalling £2,173 (2022: £1,534) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

13. Related party transactions

No trustees or other person related to the Company had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Company during the year (2022: £nil).

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1111181

Accounts

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
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UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Trustees J Monteyne**
 J Platts**
 D Leek**
 P Benham*
 R Pearson*
 P Ibbotson*

* Trustee only **Director and Trustee

Company registered number 04629589

Charity registered number 1111181

Registered office Wood Lane Countryside Centre
 Wood Lane
 Sheffield
 South Yorkshire
 S6 5HE

Company secretary J Monteyne

Accountants Shorts
 Chartered Accountants
 2 Ashgate Road
 Chesterfield
 Derbyshire
 S40 4AA

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Company for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The Charity's objectives are to promote an interest in the conservation of Sheffield's countryside to the people of Sheffield and the surrounding area.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'. In pursuance of its main objectives the charity runs courses and provides meeting facilities at the Wood Lane Countryside Centre.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

The Trust has had another difficult year, following the pandemic and various lock downs being in place. It remained difficult for volunteers to be involved in projects which restricted the levels of activity that could be undertaken. The Trust completed some projects with Woodland Maintenance, Public Rights of Way groups and was acting as contractors for the local authority which enabled the Trust to continue to generate cash to settle liabilities.

2022-23 promises of a much better year as the Trust was successful in various funding bids. A small number of volunteers have been able to return Monday to Thursday which is allowing more activity to take place. The pandemic has completely changed the face of volunteering. We are trying various ways to recruit more volunteers.

Thanks must be given again this year to our excellent staff who continue to remain highly motivated and continue to help the Trust strive to achieve its goals.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the funds not committed or invested in tangible assets (the 'free reserves') held by the charity should be enough to cover the expenses incurred if it were unable to secure adequate short term funding and also to enable it to make any investment necessary to secure its future. The current level of free reserves does not meet this requirement. However the Trustees are actively pursuing further sources of funding in order that this can be achieved.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Sheffield Countryside Conservation Trust is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding £10. The Company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association and is a registered charity number 1111181.

b. Trustees

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

The Trustees determine the general policy of the charity. They are assisted in the running of the charity by a number of volunteer workers. The day to day management of the charity is delegated to a small number of paid employees.

All of the Trustees who served during the year and who are also the present Trustees, were as follows:

J Monteyne
J Platts
D Leek
P Benham
R Pearson
P Ibbotson

SCCT will have at least 5 Trustees on its board, there is no upper limit on the number of Trustees but would not expect it to exceed 10. The Trustees may be either a) elected at an AGM, or b) be co-opted where it is considered they have a skill that would be of particular use to the Charity.

When a need has been identified to recruit Trustees the process will be managed by the Executive Committee in line with the charity's Trustee recruitment policy which was updated in January 2018.

New Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision making process, the business plan and recent financial performance of the Charity. In addition they are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

d. Trustees' indemnities

The Trustees, as directors of the Company, have been granted a qualifying third party indemnity provision under section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. This does not provide cover in the event of a director being proved to have acted fraudulently or dishonestly.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to reappoint H K Freeman as the independent examiner will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

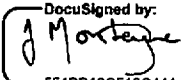
Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 27 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

J Monteyne
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sheffield Countryside Conservation Trust ('the Company')

I report to the Company Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: 

Dated: 27 January 2023

H K Freeman FCA

Chartered Accountant

Shorts Chartered Accountants, 2 Ashgate Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 4AA

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Charitable activities	3	-	92,073	92,073	84,764
Other income	4	4,217	-	4,217	24,695
Total income		4,217	92,073	96,290	109,459
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	4,217	110,582	114,799	104,289
Total expenditure		4,217	110,582	114,799	104,289
Net income/(expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		-	(18,509)	(18,509)	5,170
Net movement in funds		-	(18,509)	(18,509)	5,170
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		-	24,246	24,246	19,076
Net movement in funds		-	(18,509)	(18,509)	5,170
Total funds carried forward		-	5,737	5,737	24,246

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

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SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 04629589

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	836	1,045
Current assets			
Debtors	10	8,867	4,162
Cash at bank and in hand		2,114	26,797
		<u>10,981</u>	<u>30,959</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(6,080)	(7,758)
Net current assets		<u>4,901</u>	<u>23,201</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>5,737</u></u>	<u><u>24,246</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		5,737	24,246
Total funds		<u><u>5,737</u></u>	<u><u>24,246</u></u>

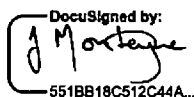
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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Sheffield City Council	71,129	71,129	81,964
Other income	20,944	20,944	2,800
Total 2022	92,073	92,073	84,764
Total 2021	84,764	84,764	

4. Other incoming resources

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Government support receivable - furlough	4,217	4,217	24,695
Total 2021	24,695	24,695	

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Direct costs	114,799	114,799	104,289
Total 2021	104,289	104,289	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	52,611	52,611	67,759
Depreciation	209	209	432
Rent, light and heat	3,000	3,000	6,700
Insurance	7,898	7,898	8,732
Project costs	47,564	47,564	18,442
Activities and volunteers	-	-	200
Office costs	1,457	1,457	824
Bank Charges	30	30	-
Governance costs	2,030	2,030	1,200
Total 2022	<u>114,799</u>	<u>114,799</u>	<u>104,289</u>
Total 2021	<u>104,289</u>	<u>104,289</u>	

6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	1,000	750
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	<u>1,030</u>	<u>450</u>

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7. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	50,698	65,342
Social security costs	557	554
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	1,356	1,863
	<u>52,611</u>	<u>67,759</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year ended 31 March 2022, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021: £nil).

During the year ended 31 March 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021: £nil).

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9. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	1,200	3,295	1,472	5,967
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,200</u>	<u>3,295</u>	<u>1,472</u>	<u>5,967</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	680	2,770	1,472	4,922
Charge for the year	78	131	-	209
At 31 March 2022	<u>758</u>	<u>2,901</u>	<u>1,472</u>	<u>5,131</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2022	<u>442</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>836</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>520</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,045</u>

10. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	<u>8,867</u>	<u>4,162</u>

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other taxation and social security	2,546	1,079
Pension fund loan payable	1,534	872
Other creditors	-	3,320
Accruals and deferred income	2,000	2,487
	<u>6,080</u>	<u>7,758</u>

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12. Pension commitments

The Company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the pension scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amount to £1,356 (2021: £1,863). Contributions totalling £1,534 (2021: £872) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

13. Related party transactions

No trustees or other person related to the Company had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Company during the year (2021: £nil).

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1111181

Accounts

Registered number: 04629589

Charity number: 1111181

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees J Monteyne**
 J Platts**
 D Leek**
 P Benham*
 R Pearson*
 P Ibbotson*

* Trustee only **Director and Trustee

Company registered number 04629589

Charity registered number 1111181

Registered office Wood Lane Countryside Centre
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Company secretary J Monteyne

Accountants Shorts
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Company for the year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The Charity's objectives are to promote an interest in the conservation of Sheffield's countryside to the people of Sheffield and the surrounding area.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'. In pursuance of its main objectives the charity runs courses and provides meeting facilities at the Wood Lane Countryside Centre.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

The Trust has had a difficult year, with the year to 31 March 2021 being dominated completely by the pandemic. No volunteers were able to be involved in projects and all staff furloughed for a period of time. The premises was shut and could not be accessed, all of which restricted the levels of activity that could be undertaken. Funders also shut down over this period, and school access diminished completely. Despite this, the Trust has generated a surplus for the year, thanks to the continued funding by Sheffield City Council as well as furlough income which covered certain staff costs.

Going forwards, more contacts have been generated with Sheffield City Council which are expected to help generate further funding in the future. Numbers of volunteers are still down, due to continuing restrictions for vulnerable people and other access issues, as well as school visits not having returned. More volunteers are expected to return in 2022. Thanks must be given again this year to our excellent staff who continue to remain highly motivated and continue to help the Trust strive to achieve its goals.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

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b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the funds not committed or invested in tangible assets (the 'free reserves') held by the charity should be enough to cover the expenses incurred if it were unable to secure adequate short term funding and also to enable it to make any investment necessary to secure its future. The current level of free reserves does not meet this requirement. However the Trustees are actively pursuing further sources of funding in order that this can be achieved.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Sheffield Countryside Conservation Trust is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding £10. The Company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association and is a registered charity number 1111181.

b. Trustees

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

The Trustees determine the general policy of the charity. They are assisted in the running of the charity by a number of volunteer workers. The day to day management of the charity is delegated to a small number of paid employees.

All of the Trustees who served during the year and who are also the present Trustees, were as follows:

J Monteyne
J Platts
D Leek
P Benham
R Pearson
P Ibbotson

SCCT will have at least 5 Trustees on its board, there is no upper limit on the number of Trustees but would not expect it to exceed 10. The Trustees may be either a) elected at an AGM, or b) be co-opted where it is considered they have a skill that would be of particular use to the Charity.

When a need has been identified to recruit Trustees the process will be managed by the Executive Committee in line with the charity's Trustee recruitment policy which was updated in January 2018.

New Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision making process, the business plan and recent financial performance of the Charity. In addition they are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

d. Trustees' indemnities

The Trustees, as directors of the Company, have been granted a qualifying third party indemnity provision under section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. This does not provide cover in the event of a director being proved to have acted fraudulently or dishonestly.

Independent Examiner

A resolution to reappoint H K Freeman as the independent examiner will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
 - make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 15 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:


J Monteyne
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sheffield Countryside Conservation Trust ('the Company')

I report to the Company Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: *Howard Freeman*

Dated: 15 December 2021

H K Freeman

Shorts Chartered Accountants, 2 Ashgate Road, Chesterfield, S40 4AA.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Charitable activities	3	-	84,764	84,764	77,515
Investments		-	-	-	3
Other income	4	24,695	-	24,695	-
		<u>24,695</u>	<u>84,764</u>	<u>109,459</u>	<u>77,518</u>
Total income					
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		24,695	79,595	104,290	85,277
		<u>24,695</u>	<u>79,595</u>	<u>104,290</u>	<u>85,277</u>
Total expenditure					
Net income/(expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses					
		-	5,169	5,169	(7,759)
		<u>-</u>	<u>5,169</u>	<u>5,169</u>	<u>(7,759)</u>
Net movement in funds					
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		-	19,076	19,076	26,835
Net movement in funds		-	5,169	5,169	(7,759)
		<u>-</u>	<u>24,245</u>	<u>24,245</u>	<u>19,076</u>
Total funds carried forward					

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

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 04629589

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	1,045	1,477
Current assets			
Debtors	10	4,162	2,498
Cash at bank and in hand		26,797	21,547
		<u>30,959</u>	<u>24,045</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(7,758)	(6,446)
Net current assets		<u>23,201</u>	17,599
Total net assets		<u><u>24,246</u></u>	<u><u>19,076</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		24,246	19,076
Total funds		<u><u>24,246</u></u>	<u><u>19,076</u></u>

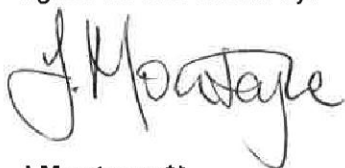
The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 15 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



J Monteyne**
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The Company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the Company are the Trustees; J Monteyne, J Platts, D Leek, P Benham, R Pearson, P Ibbotson. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the Company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Sheffield Countryside Conservation Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income and expenditure

Income and expenditure are accounted for on an accruals basis.

2.3 Grants

Revenue grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as received, unless they relate to a specific activity or period, in which case they are placed in a restricted fund until used.

2.4 Taxation

As a registered charity, the Trust is exempt from corporation tax, but generally not from value added tax (VAT). Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and machinery	-	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	15% straight line

2.6 Debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors are initially recognised at the transaction value. Debtors are subsequently measured at their recoverable value and creditors are stated at the amounts expected to be required to settle the transaction.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Sheffield City Council	84,764	84,764

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Sheffield City Council	77,515	77,515

4. Other incoming resources

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Government support receivable - furlough	24,695	24,695	-

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Direct costs	104,290	104,290

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

	Activities undertaken directly 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Direct costs	85,277	85,277

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	67,759	67,759
Depreciation	432	432
Rent, light and heat	6,700	6,700
Insurance	8,732	8,732
Project costs	18,443	18,443
Activities and volunteers	200	200
Office costs	824	824
Governance costs	1,200	1,200
	104,290	104,290

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Activities 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	64,180	64,180
Depreciation	563	563
Insurance	8,426	8,426
Project costs	7,313	7,313
Activities and volunteers	966	966
Office costs	978	978
Bad debts	1,429	1,429
Health and Safety fees	222	222
Governance costs	1,200	1,200
	<u>85,277</u>	<u>85,277</u>

6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	750	750
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	450	450
	<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>

7. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	65,342	60,515
Social security costs	554	1,780
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	1,863	1,885
	<u>67,759</u>	<u>64,180</u>

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7. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Employees	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year ended 31 March 2021, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020: £nil).

During the year ended 31 March 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020: £nil).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	1,200	3,295	1,472	5,967
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,200</u>	<u>3,295</u>	<u>1,472</u>	<u>5,967</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	588	2,595	1,307	4,490
Charge for the year	92	175	165	432
At 31 March 2021	<u>680</u>	<u>2,770</u>	<u>1,472</u>	<u>4,922</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2021	<u>520</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,045</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>612</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>1,477</u>

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10. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	4,162	2,498

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,079	-
Pension fund loan payable	872	401
Other creditors	3,320	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,487	6,045
	7,758	6,446

12. Pension commitments

The assets of the pension scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £1,863 (2020: £1,885).

13. Related party transactions

No trustees or other person related to the Company had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Company during the year (2020: £nil).