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SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST

Financial statements for the
year ended 31st March 2025

Charity number: 1111181
Registered England and Wales

Company number: 04629589
Company limited by guarantee

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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

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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

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.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the funds are 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 to be unable to secure adequate short term funding and also to enable it to make any investments necessary to secure its future. The current level of free reserves does not meet the requirement. However, the Trustees are proactively pursuing further sources of funding in order that this can be achieved.

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

Structure, governance and management

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 for the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to the sum not exceeding £100. The Company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association and is a registered company number 1111181.

Trustees

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected 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 works. The day to day management of the charity is delegated to a small number of paid employees.

Sheffield Countryside Conservation will have at least 5 Trustees on its board, there is no upper limit on the number of Trustees but would not expect 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 January 2018.

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.

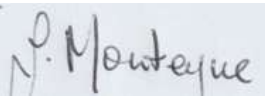
Statement of Directors and Trustees' responsibilities

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		34,493	2,500	36,993	50,231
At 1st April 2024					
Balance carried forward		30,834	18,966	49,800	36,993
At 31st March 2025					

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

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Fixed Assets	5	8,410	8,410
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	2,395	2,395
Cash at bank & in hand		40,758	40,758
		<u>43,153</u>	<u>43,153</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts due within one year	7	-1,762	-1,762
Deferred income		0	0
		<u>-1,762</u>	<u>-1,762</u>
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	18,966	2,500
Total funds		<u>49,800</u>	<u>36,993</u>

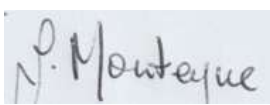
For the period ended 31st March 2025, the company is entitled to the audit exemption under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

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.

SHEFFIELD COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION TRUST

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.