



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 **Period start date** To 31/12/2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve

Charity registration number: 1125221

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve (PPNR) by promoting biological diversity.2. to advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection, and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17, 1.18 and 1.19	<p>FPPNR is involved in a range of activities which further its objectives. The activities can be broadly classified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• enhancement of habitat and creation of new habitat for wildlife through funding and volunteer action• action to achieve expansion of PPNR• engagement with planning issues which have the potential to impact on PPNR• support for wildlife monitoring on PPNR by volunteers• enhancement of visitor facilities through funding and volunteer action• running public events and promoting PPNR and its wildlife• enhancement of the 'visitor experience' through support for the Visitor Centre Volunteers Scheme and running the Group Visit programme• support for informal and formal educational activities• provision of information about PPNR through publications and the PPNR's website <p>FPPNR engaged in all of these activities during 2023 and this would not have been possible without the support of the membership of FPPNR, the active volunteers (ca.110 in 2023) and PPNR's many other supporters.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, "Charities and Public Benefit". The guidance was considered in determining and planning the activities noted above, at BoT meetings and at meetings of the Management Groups.</p> <p>FPPNR delivers this public benefit through the range of activities noted above. PPNR is open to everyone at all times, so each visitor benefits from the activities of FPPNR to improve the range and quantity of wildlife which visitors might see during their time on PPNR. Equally relevant to this goal are efforts to expand PPNR and support of wildlife monitoring. Likewise, work to achieve a favourable 'visitor experience', the availability of appropriate and welcoming visitor facilities and a range of events to enable the public to better enjoy PPNR's wildlife are of direct benefit to the visiting public. An important measure of the extent of the public benefit deriving from FPPNR's activities is the number of visitors to PPNR. The total number of visits in 2023 is estimated to be in excess of 120,000. Good access for those with mobility problems is a feature of PPNR, with a high proportion of the nature trails being accessible using mobility aids.</p>
--	-----------	---

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Funds raised by FPPNR are invested into PPNR to achieve the purposes of the charity in the form of grants to the managing agency.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>About 110 active volunteers supported PPNR and its managing agency, Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) CS, donating time equivalent to around four full time workers.</p> <p>FPPNR helps to recruit volunteers and supports their activities through provision of materials, information, advice and encouragement, and organisational services. Volunteer activities range through staffing the Visitor Centre, provisioning the Visitor Centre, habitat management, improvement of visitor facilities, organising and running events, leading guided walks, publicity and</p>

		promotion, administration, advocacy, planning and wildlife monitoring.
Other		<p>Contributions from members and supporters</p> <p>Without the support of its members and the enthusiasm and energy of its volunteers, FPPNR would not be able to achieve its aims.</p> <p>After several years with no increase in membership fees, the charity was barely breaking even on membership after printing and postage costs. The trustees decide to double membership fees from £4 to £8 per year (for individual members). As a consequence, membership fell from 2,294 on 1st January 2023 to 1,866 on 31st December 2023. However, income from membership fees increased from £9,052 in 2022 to £14,184 in 2023 (excluding Gift Aid).</p> <p>Members receive a newsletter; four editions of which were published in 2023.</p>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Habitat enhancement</p> <p>FPPNR ran 23 volunteer work parties on Sundays and Thursdays during 2023. Habitat management was carried out on PPNR and in Little Paxton Quarry. The main activities undertaken by volunteers were generating habitat for the summer migrant birds, maintaining survey routes, completion of sand martin nest boxes, installation of kingfisher nest boxes and cutting specialist areas for invertebrate habitat. Some of this work is visible from the footpaths through the site and can be appreciated by the public.</p> <p>FPPNR is grateful to Aggregate Industries (AI), operators of Little Paxton Quarry, for their support and to HDC CS for staff involvement and equipment.</p> <p>FPPNR continued to work with AI to enhance the quality of the wildlife habitat which has been created within the company's quarry. These areas will be part of the planned extension to PPNR (see below).</p>

		<p>Action to achieve expansion of PPNR In October 2007, agreements were signed between AI, landowners, Cambridgeshire County Council and HDC for a phased extension to PPNR increasing the size of PPNR by 3.7 times to ca. 700 acres. FPPNR had played a central role in achieving this outcome, being involved with planning, advocacy, negotiations, and provision of habitat management expertise throughout the development period.</p> <p>During 2023, FPPNR continued to work in partnership with AI and HDC (as the future managing agency for the extension to PPNR) to enhance habitat in those parts of the quarry which will become part of PPNR in the near future (as described above).</p> <p>The planned extension to PPNR was delayed as quarrying activities were suspended for a number of years. The quarry reopened in January 2016 and extraction commenced in April 2016. FPPNR have held regular meetings with AI and were involved in producing an updated environmental management plan for the quarry. The first phases of the extension were expected to be incorporated into PPNR in 2019, unfortunately this was not achieved due to delays with the completion of the necessary legal formalities, although the contractors appointed by AI commenced restoration works in April 2019. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in further delays. The first phases are now expected to be incorporated into PPNR in 2024 with full completion by 2029.</p> <p>Future management of PPNR FPPNR started a dialogue in 2013 with HDC, as managing agency for PPNR, to consider the long-term future of PPNR. This was prompted by the fast-changing funding situation for local authorities. HDC appointed consultants in 2018 to produce a report on investment options for the future of PPNR. Actions from this report are ongoing and a restructuring within the council affecting PPNR is due to be implemented in 2024.</p>
--	--	--

		<p>During 2023 FPPNR continued to work with AI, HDC and the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, and Northamptonshire (WTBCN) to implement the management plan for the extended PPNR covering the period 2017-2027.</p> <p>Support for wildlife monitoring</p> <p>FPPNR organised the annual Breeding Bird Survey (in its 26th year and involving 30+ volunteers). The survey is designed to monitor breeding bird success and thus inform habitat management. Analysis and reporting of the results were carried out by a FPPNR volunteer.</p> <p>The FPPNR Wildlife Survey Group continued to gather data on a wide range of <i>Taxa</i> at PPNR during 2023 recording species at sites throughout PPNR. Specialist surveys for Fungi, Dragonflies, Butterflies, Bats, small mammals using traps and large mammals using trail cameras. These results are routinely made available to those planning habitat management on PPNR and in AI's quarry and to the iRecord data recording system.</p> <p>FPPNR again supported British Trust for Ornithology volunteer bird ringers in their operation of a 'Constant Effort Site' on PPNR by habitat management in the ringing area. The results of these studies are of direct use in planning habitat management on PPNR and are of key importance in national estimates of the abundance and breeding success of small passerines.</p> <p>The national Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) has been carried out by a team of volunteers at PPNR for several decades, giving a long-running and useful data set. FPPNR supports the survey by recruiting volunteers and facilitating site visits.</p> <p>These activities enabled FPPNR to produce a report for 2023 on the bird and wildlife of PPNR which is available on the PPNR website.</p> <p>During 2023 a number of projects were financed by the Friends including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of new storage container £3,240 • Purchase of water quality measuring equipment £3,042 • Purchase of a pontoon £10,795.
--	--	--

		<p>Enhancement of visitor facilities</p> <p>Some of the major expenditure projects from 2022 continued into 2023 without significant further funding.</p> <p>The other significant funding was £11,000 to upgrade the pedestrian path from the Moorings Meadow to the boundary of the Reserve.</p> <p>Other items of expenditure included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FPPNR rents three moorings on the River Great Ouse from HDC, for the exclusive use of visitors to PPNR as a 'River Viewpoint' (£1.4k in 2022). • The network of benches scattered along PPNR's nature trails was maintained. • Bird feeders at the Visitor Centre and at a bird hide on PPNR are maintained by FPPNR, at an estimated cost of £400 pa. <p>Funding of apprenticeship</p> <p>In 2022, the trustees agreed to fund a 30-month, level 4 Countryside Ranger apprenticeship, managed by Huntingdonshire District Council. The cost to the charity over the full period is approximately £50,000. The apprentice is based on the Reserve and contributes to all aspects of its management, including staffing the visitor centre, practical habitat conservation and wildlife record-keeping. The trustees are actively engaged in monitoring the work of the apprentice. The apprenticeship started on 1st January 2023.</p> <p>Running public events and promoting PPNR and its wildlife</p> <p>FPPNR ran a range of events in 2023. These included monthly guided walks, talks on a range of wildlife topics, wildlife watching events and a photography competition. All were open to the public.</p> <p>In July 2023 we organised a Dragonfly and Butterfly Day, with guided walks, and featuring an activity stand run by a representative of the British Dragonfly Society.</p> <p>Enhancement of the 'visitor experience'</p> <p>FPPNR supports the volunteers in their role of keeping the Visitor Centre open and providing a friendly and informative</p>
--	--	---

		<p>welcome to visitors. Following the Covid-enforced closure of the Visitor Centre in 2020 and 2021, we took the opportunity to reorganise the Centre to improve the visitor experience. FPPNR provide refreshments and the opportunity for visitors to purchase a limited selection of conservation-related goods (e.g. bird seed and feeders, wildlife identification guides, nest boxes, etc.). Their main role, however, is to make visits to PPNR as enjoyable as possible through friendly interaction and sharing their knowledge of PPNR and its wildlife. Support from FPPNR is provided through volunteer contributions to the administration of the Visitor Centre Volunteers Scheme, funding improvements to the Visitor Centre, provision of free hot drinks to volunteers on duty and special events for participants in the Scheme.</p> <p>FPPNR facilitates visits by organised groups to PPNR. Group visits are booked to ensure they can be accommodated, Visitor Centre facilities and parking are guaranteed, and a leader is offered for a guided walk. Participants are invited to give a small donation in return for this service.</p> <p>Support for informal and formal educational activities PPNR's Environmental Education Centre (EEC), run by the WTBCN, is used for both formal and informal education for a wide range of age groups. Around 4,000 participants use the Centre each year, including classes from many schools in the local area, and public 'drop-in' sessions during the school holidays. The Trust's "Little Bugs Club" for pre-school children, Wildlife Watch Group for children of ages from ca. 5 years to 11 years and "Greenwatch" group for teenagers are important contributions to wildlife education.</p> <p>Although not directly involved in the work with children, FPPNR continues to support this project because it makes a substantial contribution to delivering objective 2 for the Charity. Cooperation is ensured by the WTBCN's EEC Manager being a member of the FPPNR's Events Team and Members and Visitors Group.</p> <p>Provision of information about PPNR FPPNR's website, www.paxton-pits.org.uk, is designed and maintained by one of our trustees. The site aims to report developments, provide a resource for</p>
--	--	--

		<p>information about PPNR, its history and future plans, and to keep visitors to the site up to date with latest wildlife sightings. PPNR is listed on <i>Trip Advisor</i> as the number one attraction in the St Neots area.</p> <p>A monthly MailChimp 'What's Around' is sent to members.</p> <p>FPPNR and the Rangers attempt to keep PPNR and the activities on offer in the public eye through regular reporting to the local media.</p>
--	--	--

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During 2023 the charity was able to fund a number of projects which resulted in a deficit of £59,628.</p> <p>The charity remains in a strong financial position to achieve its purposes and to meet future challenges.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Purpose The purpose of this policy is to explain why FPPNR holds Financial Reserves and so demonstrate that the Charity's finances are managed in a responsible way to allow for planned and unplanned funding requirements. It is written against the background that Charity Law requires any income received by a charity to be spent within a reasonable period of receipt. Trustees must, therefore, be able to justify the holding of income as Reserves.</p> <p>Definition Financial Reserves are those parts of a charity's unrestricted funds which are freely available to be spent on any of the charity's purposes.</p> <p>Policy FPPNR has elected to divide its Financial Reserves into two elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accumulated over time to pay for planned major projects which cannot be funded from a single year's income. • set aside to cover unexpected and unplanned events. <p>FPPNR has an overriding Financial Policy not to make any financial commitment for which it does not have sufficient funds.</p> <p>Planned Projects. PPNR is being developed under a rolling management plan which includes periodic, major projects to restore gravel workings to a condition suitable for both wildlife and public access. These projects cannot be funded from any single year's income and thus money is set aside year on year. The size of the Financial Reserve will be calculated on the basis of expected income and the planned date for the particular project. It will be reviewed regularly and, in any event, not less than once per year. Where possible these Financial Reserves</p>

		<p>will be placed in risk-free, short-term, interest-earning bank accounts. The reason(s) for, and size of, this Financial Reserve will be explained at every AGM.</p> <p>Unexpected and Unplanned Events. It is prudent financial management to allow for unforeseen emergencies or other unexpected needs for funds. Examples include: an unexpected large repair bill, an urgent, unanticipated project or a situation when funds might be needed to give the Trustees time to take action if income falls markedly below expectations. This Financial Reserve has been set at £10,000 to be held in an instant access bank account. This sum is reviewed annually and the reason for, and size of, this Financial Reserve will be explained at every AGM.</p> <p>Implementation of the Policy The Treasurer will normally provide Trustees with a monthly report of income and expenditure, a list of all planned financial commitments and an assessment of the net income against expectations. The report will show current balances and calculate the funds available for planned future projects. The Board of Trustees will formally review the financial position at each of its meetings.</p> <p>Policy Review This policy will be reviewed annually, prior to the AGM.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£233,974
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Receipts and payments Income available for application to FPPNR's charitable objects arises from four main sources: membership subscriptions, donations, events, and sales of goods. In 2023, these sources generated £14184 (subscriptions), £16630 (donations, grants, Gift Aid), and £29171 (surplus on refreshments and sales). We also received £110 in bequests. <i>The Kingfisher Lottery Club</i>, launched during 2013, generated a net income of £3035 in 2023.</p>
--	-----------	---

		Expenditure on FPPNR's charitable objects totalled £87887 in 2023. A new, additional expenditure was the funding of the apprenticeship (see above) at a cost of £20012. Servicing the membership, stationery, printing, insurance, etc., amounted to £13374, although much of this expenditure underpinned delivery of the charitable objects. After allowance for expenditure on refreshments and sales, funds applied to the charitable objects and administration costs, a deficit of £59628 resulted.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Risk management</p> <p>Throughout its 27 years of operation, FPPNR has developed policies and procedures which have enabled it to further its objectives while minimising risks to the organisation's finances and reputation. A central principle has been to only undertake activities/projects in pursuit of FPPNR's objectives which could be comfortably funded from the current funds available in the FPPNR bank accounts. This, together with the relatively simple (and low risk) operations of the organisation, has enabled FPPNR to steadily expand its activities and reputation in the community. This approach was continued throughout 2023. Income was mainly derived from four sources: membership subscriptions, donations, and sales of goods compatible with the primary purpose of FPPNR. No staff were employed, and the owned property was minimal – mainly tools for habitat management and some items of shop equipment and stock. A formal Risk Assessment covering Compliance, Law and Regulation; Funds; Property; Liability and Reputation was adopted in January 2013 and is reviewed annually.</p>
Other		<p>Management FPPNR's finances are managed directly by the BoT. The Treasurer reports on the current financial position at each of the BoT meetings.</p> <p>The Treasurer is authorised to pay costs incurred through the routine and recurring activities of FPPNR (e.g. refreshments, bird seed and other sales goods, postage,</p>

		<p>stationery, fees for visiting speakers, events, etc.).</p> <p>All non-routine expenditure was sanctioned by the BoT and funds for larger projects were considered on the basis of written proposals.</p> <p>All cheques were signed by two of six authorised signatories.</p> <p>Independently examined accounts for 2023 were adopted at the AGM on 13th March 2024.</p>
--	--	---

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve (FPPNR) was formed through adoption of a Constitution at its first Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 9th May 1995. Substantial amendments to the Constitution were adopted at its 12th AGM on 23rd February 2007, prior to FPPNR becoming a charity registered in England and Wales on 28th July 2008
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	FPPNR is an Association consisting of 1866 members (as of 31st December 2023)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees, including the Officers (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer), are elected annually at the AGM (March). One Trustee is appointed by the Managing Agency for Paxton Pits Nature Reserve (PPNR), <i>i.e.</i> Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC). There can be no fewer than three Trustees and no more than 14 Trustees (including the Officers). If the number of Trustees is less than 14, the Trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a Trustee. All Trustees (including Officers) must retire at the next AGM after his or her appointment but shall be eligible for re-election at that AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>Trustee Induction and Training</p> <p>New Trustees are provided with a selection of Charity Commission guidance and information literature and are engaged in wide ranging discussions with the Chairman of the Trustees and other Trustees. The purpose of these discussions is to enable new Trustees to explore the breadth of activity of FPPNR and to better understand the role expected of them. Most Trustees are members of at least one of the two Management Groups, and this enhances their knowledge of the organisation. Eleven of the Trustees who had served during 2022 were re-elected at the AGM in 2023.</p> <p>Trustees – voluntary role</p> <p>All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits during 2023.</p>

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>Organisation</p> <p>The Board of Trustees (BoT) is required to meet at least quarterly; Four meetings were held in 2023. The BoT is supported by two Management Groups, the Members and Visitors Group (MVG) and the Conservation and Volunteers Group (CVG). The Management Groups are chaired by Trustees or non-Trustee members of FPPNR and are composed of Trustees and members of FPPNR with particular expertise or experience. In accordance with Clause 29 of the Constitution, the BoT has approved Rules which, together with additional protocols/guidance, set out the responsibilities and procedures for the BoT and the Management Groups. It follows from Clause 29 (5) that the Rules made by the BoT only concern matters which are additional to, or derived from, those governed by the Constitution. Each Management Group has clearly defined responsibilities for progressing particular areas of FPPNR's activities. The BoT receives reports and recommendations from the Management Groups at each of its meetings, determines policies and has responsibility for the good governance of the charity and ensuring that all FPPNR activities are compatible with its charitable objectives. In its role as voluntary support group for PPNR, FPPNR sets a high priority on maintenance of good communications between Trustees/ Management Group members and volunteers on the one hand, and HDC Countryside Services (HDC CS) staff on the other. This is facilitated through appointment of one of the Trustees by HDC CS and by the almost daily contact between some Trustees and HDC CS staff.</p>
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve
Other name the charity uses	FPPNR
Registered charity number	1125221
Charity's principal address	Paxton Pits Nature Reserve Visitor Centre High Street Little Paxton St Neots PE19 6ET

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Trevor Gunton		Resigned 19/3/23	
2	Matt Hall		Resigned 16/9/23	Huntingdonshire District Council as the Managing Agency for Paxton Pits Nature Reserve
3	Martin Runchman			Members at AGM
4	Mike Thomas			Members at AGM
5	David Wilson			Members at AGM
6	Sophie Baker			Members at AGM
7	Alison Inwood	Treasurer until 1/3/23		Members at AGM
8	Mike Anderson-Brown	Chairman		Members at AGM
9	Ian Crosby	Secretary		Members at AGM
10	Neal Parkin			Members at AGM
11	Rita Brooke	Treasurer from 1/3/23	Appointed 1/3/23	Members at AGM
12	Sian Therese		Appointed 1/3/23	Members at AGM
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
-----------------	------	---------

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

--

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

--

Other optional information

--

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	xxxx	
Full name(s)	Michael Anderson-Brown	Ian Crosby
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	xxx	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve

No (if any)
11252211

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2023		31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
VC & Bird Food Sales	53,076	-	-	53,076	39,457
Donations & Gift Aid	16,627	-	-	16,627	12,478
Bequests	110	-	-	110	1,234
Lottery Membership	4,910	-	-	4,910	4,942
Membership Fees	14,184	-	-	14,184	9,052
Prior Year Adjustment				-	-
Events		-	-	-	
Bank Interest	3,828	-	-	3,828	242
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	92,736	-	-	92,736	67,405
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	92,736	-	-	92,736	67,405
A3 Payments					
Lottery Prizes	1,875	-	-	1,875	1,450
Admin & Computing	2,919	-	-	2,919	1,605
Conservation & Projects	87,887	-	-	87,887	51,754
VC Card Services	1,665	-	-	1,665	1,186
Stationery Printing & Post	7,873	-	-	7,873	4,294
Banking & Insurance	918	-	-	918	1,030
Visitor Centre Purchases	23,905	-	-	23,905	14,270
Apprentice	20,012	-	-	20,012	-
Visitor Centre Enhancements	5,311			5,311	
Petty Cash/Stock variation		-	-	-	-
Sub total	152,364	-	-	152,364	75,589
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	152,364	-	-	152,364	75,589
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 59,628	-	-	- 59,628	- 8,184
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	292,931	-	-	292,931	301,115
Cash funds this year end	233,303	-	-	233,303	292,931

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	231,810	-	-
	Stock Till & Petty Cash	2,164	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	233,974	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Prepayments	30,153	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Accounts Payable	Apprentice	30,824	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Michael Thomas		
		Michael Anderson-Brown		



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Friends of Paxton Pits Nature Reserve

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1125221

Set out on pages

1 and 2 of Form CC16a

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Date:

6 March 2024

Name:

David Stephen Jones FCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

6 Murrell Close, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 1LN