

THE SURREY HILLS SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1125532

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [06555157](#)

Registered 2008-08-15

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

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Activities

Objects: 1 TO PROMOTE, ENHANCE AND CONSERVE THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND ITS NATURAL BEAUTY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN AND AROUND THE SURREY HILLS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY.2 TO ADVANCE THE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE PUBLIC IN THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT IS ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE.

Activities: The society seeks to promote, enhance and conserve the physical and natural environment and its natural beauty for the public benefit in and around the Surrey Hills area of natural beauty.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SURREY HILLS AREA
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£70,994	£115,477	-	-
2024-03-31	£193,290	£115,694	-	-
2023-03-31	£80,347	£73,462	-	-
2022-03-31	£64,374	£44,306	-	-
2021-03-31	£21,534	£15,732	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GORDON JACKSON	Chair	2018-10-13
CATHERINE McCUSKER		2023-10-21
James Herd		2025-10-18
Karen Newson - Clark		2024-01-24
Martin Vincent Cantor		2016-10-29
PETER ROBERT SALISBURY		2017-10-28
SHAUNA ROBINSON		2023-10-21
Satpal Luthra		2024-06-05

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Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 for
Surrey Hills Society**

Surrey Hills Society

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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

The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The Society seeks to promote, enhance and conserve the physical and natural environment and its natural beauty around the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Surrey Hills Society is an independent charity promoting the positive enjoyment and care of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for the benefit of those who live, work in or visit the area. The Society encourages people to explore and learn about the special qualities and distinctiveness of the area which is recognised as being of unique value and needs to be nurtured for the benefit of future generations to enjoy. The Surrey Hills Society is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of this outstanding and natural landscape.

The Society's aims and roles are:

- 1 Creating greater awareness and understanding of the Surrey Hills through education, publicity and events
- 2 Providing activities for members and supporters of the Society, including walks, talks, social events, advice, communications for (and with) members
- 3 Promoting and championing farming, forestry and local industries, including tourism, and raising awareness of local produce and crafts
- 4 Protecting and improving facilities for recreational use of the area
- 5 Encouraging conservation alongside the improvement of the amenities and features which make the Surrey Hills special
- 6 Influencing regional and local authorities, seeing high standards of planning so as to protect and enhance the landscape and character of the Surrey Hills.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees now consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the Society.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Society continues to flourish, driven by the dedication of our volunteers, the generosity of our members, and the enthusiasm of all who share our passion for the Surrey Hills National Landscape. This year has seen excellent progress across events, conservation projects, publications, and community engagement.

Events Programme

During 2024/25, the Society delivered **41 events** across the Surrey Hills. These ranged from guided walks and talks to cultural and heritage visits. A further 3 events were planned, two of which had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions and one due to a problem with the venue.

The events programme generated **£9,180 of income**, with costs of **£5,998** resulting in a healthy **surplus of £3,182**.

I extend warm thanks to **Sall Baring** and the **Events Team**, whose dedication, creativity, and hard work ensured such a varied and successful programme.

Volunteer Contribution

Our volunteers remain the lifeblood of the Society. Their contributions span far beyond conservation and events — from newsletters, shows, and communications to administration and membership support.

This year, they have been instrumental in:

- editing and distributing newsletters.
- representing the Society at county shows and fairs.
- supporting communications, including Mailchimp updates.
- handling bookings and administration.
- stewarding events and leading guided walks.

In particular, I would like to thank:

Peter Salisbury, for his invaluable work with minutes, MailChimp communications, and bookings administration;

Stella Cantor, who manages our membership and IT as well as supervising the distribution of our newsletters;

Jean Arnold who manages our shows programme;

All our contributors to the newsletters that we publish 3 times a year, particularly Chris Howard, Ken Bare, Suzie Turner and Diane Cooper;

Lesley Crofts, who although paid part-time effectively volunteers as well as she goes way beyond the call of duty in the way in which goes about assisting with all our bookings and the website.

On behalf of the Trustees, I express my heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers — your dedication, goodwill, and generosity underpin everything the Society achieves.

Conservation and Community Projects

Our conservation work has continued to expand, with measurable results and growing community impact. Sadly, Christa Emmett left at the end of March to join the Surrey Wildlife Trust. However, we wish her every success and are delighted to welcome Kate Bannister who joined us in October 2024 as our new Project and Volunteer Coordinator. Under their supervision:

38 dedicated volunteer sessions were held, engaging a total of 540 volunteers — equivalent to 1.5 volunteers working every day of the year.

Volunteers contributed 1,756.5 hours, amounting to 73 working days (around one fifth of the year).

1.653 km of new hedgerows were planted — equivalent to the distance from Denbies Community Garden to the viewpoint at Box Hill.

An impressive 9,924 trees were planted, strengthening biodiversity and enhancing the Surrey Hills landscape.

Growing Together: Inclusion and Conservation

A significant highlight of the year has been the progress of the Growing Together project, generously supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund with a grant of nearly £145,000. This ambitious initiative aims to create a lasting legacy of inclusive environmental conservation in the Surrey Hills, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to access and enjoy our special landscape.

From June 2024 to March 2025, the project delivered 25 events, totaling 53 hours of activity, and engaged 205 participants. These included:

- 28 members of charities supporting people with disabilities;
- 101 service users of charities supporting people with learning disabilities;
- 50 members of minority ethnic communities;
- 30 participants from organisations supporting people with poor mental health.

Three key partners — the Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum, the Surrey Coalition of Disabled People, and Surrey Choices — have been central to the programme's success, helping ensure that activities are co-designed and accessible to diverse communities.

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and I would particularly like to thank our Growing Together Project Manager, India Davies, for the amazing work she has done in developing the programme and then making it happen! Participants reported increased confidence, improved wellbeing, and a stronger sense of belonging. Growing Together demonstrates how conservation and getting out into the countryside can be a catalyst for inclusion, learning, and transformation. We are grateful to the National Lottery Players for making this project possible and are excited about its lasting impact.

Care Farm Activities

Our Care Farm programme has grown into a vibrant and therapeutic strand of our work, providing opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to connect with land, farming, and nature. This has been brilliantly managed by Katie Daws, who has brought her experience of both farming and supporting those with mental health issues to bear to develop a truly fantastic programme. Working with **four farms** across the Surrey Hills 71 participants were referred over 85 visits through **ten sources**, including Growing Health Together, Surrey Choices, YMCA, Haven/Mind Works, Family Voice Matters, Extended Hope, Amber, Social Prescribing networks, Way Through, and self-referrals.

Activities covered:

- **Animal care** — supporting veterinary checks, calving, hoof trimming, feeding, and welfare monitoring.
- **Farm management** — mucking out, repairing fences, maintaining water and feed systems, and record-keeping.
- **Environmental conservation** — building bug hotels, composting, planting hedgerows, and managing pastures.
- **Equestrian activities** — horse riding and handling.

The programme has delivered clear benefits for wellbeing, confidence, and mental health, recognised in a **BBC feature, “Helping on the farm reaps mental health benefits.”** The Care Farm embodies our mission to connect people with nature while also supporting resilient rural communities.

The Thousand Year Tree

We are delighted by the success of the stunning new book, *The Thousand Year Tree* — a publishing first for the Surrey Hills Society. The book tells the story of Surrey’s ancient trees, beginning with the thousand-year-old yews at Newlands Corner, brought to life through poems, illustrations, and historical timelines.

This collaboration between author Lucy Reynolds, illustrator Katie Hickey, and pupils from Pine Class at Weyfield Primary Academy was delivered with support from the Guildford Book Festival, the Old Dungate Press, Surrey County Council, the Surrey Hills National Landscape, and Defra’s Access for All Fund, alongside 52 Surrey libraries.

Over 20 schools have been visited, and workshops have helped children understand that while trees may appear strong and timeless, they are in fact fragile and in need of protection. Sales at Waterstones and independent bookshops have spread this important message widely.

Author Lucy Reynolds noted: *“The children’s creativity and hard work contributed to its enormous success, along with the range of partners involved who ensured the book reached its full potential. Its success has proved that this model works, paving the way for more sequels to come.”*

Building on this success, the Society is now developing a sequel — *A Raindrop Falls* — focusing on the ecology and history of the Tillingbourne River.

Partnerships and Community Engagement

We continue to work closely with the Surrey Hills National Landscape team, Surrey Wildlife Trust, The National Trust, numerous environmental and local organisations as well as community groups and schools. One of the strongest assets of the Society is our extensive network across the Surrey Hills. These partnerships amplify our work and ensure that the Society’s activities are aligned with the wider vision for the Surrey Hills.

Financial Position

Our financial position remains sound. With prudent management of income from membership subscriptions, events, and fundraising, we have maintained a healthy balance while investing in projects that will build long-term capacity.

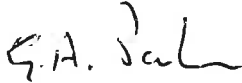
I extend my particular thanks to Martin Cantor, our Treasurer, for his excellent stewardship of the accounts and guidance to the Trustees.

Looking Ahead

As we move into 2025/26, we look to expand our conservation projects, strengthen our educational outreach, and secure new funding sources to underpin long-term sustainability. Our priorities will be to:

- consolidate and grow the *Growing Together* and *Care Farm* programmes;
- deliver *The Raindrop Falls* to schools and communities;
- expand our events programme to attract new audiences;
- increase our presence at shows, schools, and festivals;
- continue strengthening our volunteer network.

With the commitment of our volunteers, the dedication of our Trustees, and the support of our members and partners, the Society is well placed to continue playing a leading role in promoting, protecting, and celebrating the Surrey Hills.



GORDON JACKSON

Chairman

Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESERVES POLICY

As in previous years, the Society's work is funded by membership subscriptions, donations and grants received for specific purposes. Our Newsletter sponsor is Bury Hill Estate Management Limited whom we thank wholeheartedly for their support.

Overall, the Society's financial position is strong with net reserves of £104,093 at 31 March 2025. Unrestricted Reserves now stand at £50,675 and the Trustees are therefore confident that the Charity has appropriate reserves to finance the increasingly diverse range of activities that are now being undertaken without necessarily relying on grant funding to do so. The Society's reserves provide the Trustees with confidence that The Society can continue to operate as a going concern over the next twelve-month period.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

The Trustees have received great support and encouragement from the Surrey Hills Board. They have also been fortunate to have help from a number of hardworking volunteers that have formed the various committees that do so much to run the day-to-day affairs of the Society. The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles. Trustees are initially appointed to the trustee board and proposed for election at the AGM following their appointment. One third of the trustees retire by rotation at the AGM each year. If the charity is unable to fill the vacancy of a retiring trustee, the trustee may be re-appointed.

Management Structure

The trustees have delegated day to day management of the Society to various committees which meet regularly.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees have the responsibility for identifying and assessing the Society's key risks arising from the various activities it undertakes and these matters are considered at trustee meetings along with recommended mitigating actions. Such mitigation includes clear controls over our finances, insurance arrangements and ensuring that, whatever the nature of a given activity, a risk assessment is carried out.

Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Company no: 6555157 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity no: 1125532

Registered Office: Warren Farm Bams, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Surrey RH5 6DG

Trustees

Trustees and Directors

The following Trustees served throughout the current and preceding periods unless noted otherwise below:

M Cantor
P Salisbury
G Jackson
K McCusker
S Robinson
K Newson – Clark
C. Harris (appointed 9 November 2024)

Independent Examiner

Nicholas Boot F.C.A.
Bullimores LLP
Old Printers Yard
156 South Street
Dorking
Surrey
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 01/10/2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee – G Jackson

Surrey Hills Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Surrey Hills Society

I report on the accounts of the Surrey Hills Society for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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 your charity's accounts as 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.

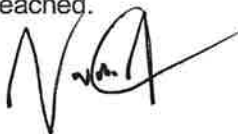
Basis for Independent Examiner's Report

Your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS102)).

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.



Nicholas Boot F.C.A.
For and on behalf of Bullimores LLP
Chartered Accountants

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02/10/2025

Surrey Hills Society

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
Including Income and Expenditure Account

			31.3.25	31.3.24
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and Legacies		23,787	-	23,787
Charitable Activities		-	36,620	36,620
Events		9,180	-	9,180
Promotional		924	-	924
Investment Income	2	483	-	483
Total		34,374	36,620	70,994
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable Activities				
Events & Operations	3	30,564	84,264	114,828
Promotional	3	649	-	649
Total		31,213	84,264	115,477
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		3,161	(47,644)	(44,483)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		47,514	101,062	148,576
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		50,675	53,418	104,093

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities

These notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31.3.25 Total Funds	31.3.24 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Equipment	8	149	-	149	392
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	12,130		12,130	19,078
Cash at Bank and in hand		49,631	53,418	103,049	131,918
CURRENT ASSETS		61,910	53,418	115,328	150,996
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year.	10	11,235	-	11,235	2,812
NET CURRENT ASSETS		50,675	53,418	104,093	148,184
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		50,675	53,418	104,093	148,576
LIABILITIES					
NET ASSETS		50,675	53,418	104,093	148,576
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds		50,675	-	50,675	47,514
Restricted Funds		-	53,418	-	101,062
TOTAL FUNDS		50,675	53,418	104,093	148,576

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025 (cont'd)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

G. A. Jackson

TRUSTEE – G Jackson

DATE 1st October 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the U.K. and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The charitable company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and a registered charity established as a company under guarantee and therefore has also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities who prepare their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards in the U.K and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102, Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102.

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows

Going Concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of the financial statements. In particular, the Trustees have considered the charitable company's forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on donation income. After making enquiries the Trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charitable company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs by category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Plant and Machinery	25% on cost
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Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Areas of Judgement

In the view of the trustees, in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

Financial Instruments**(i) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and Cash Equivalents include cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with a maturity date of three months or less.

(ii) Debtors and Creditors

Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price. Debtors and creditors that are receivable in more than one year and not subject to a market rate of interest are measured at the present value of the expected future receipts or payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Bank interest	483	251

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	TOTAL £
Events	5,998	108,830	114,828
Promotional	649	-	649
	<u>6,647</u>	<u>108,830</u>	<u>115,477</u>

£93,800 (2024: £86,490) of expenditure was in respect of restricted funds.

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Totals
	£
Management	21,899
Other	693
Salary costs	86,238
TOTAL	<u>108,830</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

After charging:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	1,060	857
Depreciation - owned assets		

6. EMPLOYEES

During the year there were three members of staff(2024: one), all of whose costs were charged to the Restricted Funds established for the purpose of supporting their roles. None of these costs were borne by the Society's own funds

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	95,774	30,440

7. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Key Management personnel include the Trustees of the charitable company.

There was no trustee remuneration of any kind or reimbursement of expenditure for the years ended 31.3.25 and 31.3.24.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Machinery
	£
At 1.4.24	
Cost	3,426
Additions	817
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At 1.4.25	4,243
Depreciation	
At 1.4.24	3,034
Charge for the year	1,060
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	4,094
Net Book Value	
At 31.3.25	149
At 31.3.24	392

9. DEBTORS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Rent Deposit	63	63
Other Debtors	<u>12,067</u>	<u>19,015</u>
TOTAL	<u>12,130</u>	<u>19,078</u>

10 CREDITORS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other Creditors (Unrestricted)	4,873	870
Payroll Taxes	4,593	1,467
Accrued Pensions	<u>1,769</u>	<u>475</u>
TOTAL	<u>11,235</u>	<u>2,812</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	47,514	3,161	50,675
Restricted Funds			
Wanderdusk	2,000	-	2,000
Surrey Hills Champions	-	-	-
Surrey Hills Trust Fund	-	-	-
East Surrey Care Farm Project	63,502	(24,424)	39,078
Hedge & Treeplanting	-	-	-
Volunteer Co-Ordinator	34,304	(21,964)	12,340
Send Prison Artwork	2,405	(2,405)	-
Making Space For Nature	-	-	-
Farming in a Protected landscape	-	-	-
Yew Tree Project	(1,000)	1,000	-
NHLF – Growing Together	(149)	149	-
House of Invisible Hands	-	-	-
Total Restricted Fund	101,062	(47,644)	53,418
TOTAL FUNDS	148,576	(47,644)	104,093

The restricted funds listed above are held by the Society to be spent in due course on specific activities:

Volunteer Co-Ordinators - Funds retained to support the employment of our Volunteer Co-Ordinator.

Send Prison -Artwork created for Surrey Hills Society in conjunction with the Michael Varah Fund.

East Surrey Care Farm Project – Piloting of nature-based health interventions on farms in East Surrey.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025 or 31 March 2024.

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and Legacies		
Donations	787	1,573
Gift Aid	1,802	1,451
Subscriptions	11,283	10,980
Other Income	9,915	-
Restricted Activities	36,620	165,084
<i>Total - Income and Endowments</i>	<u>60,407</u>	<u>179,088</u>
Investment Income		
Bank Interest	483	251
Charitable Activities		
Event Income	9,180	13,119
Promotional sales	739	447
Gift Packs	185	385
<i>Total - Charitable Activities</i>	<u>10,104</u>	<u>13,951</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>70,994</u>	<u>193,290</u>
EXPENDITURE		
<i>Charitable Activities</i>		
Attendance at Shows	649	82
Direct Clothing Costs	373	566
Direct Event Costs	5,998	8,765
Other merchandising costs	233	-
Restricted Activities	84,264	86,490
<i>Total Expenditure - Charitable Activities</i>	<u>91,517</u>	<u>95,903</u>
Support Costs		
<i>Management</i>		
Insurance	853	696
Printing	5,020	2,962
Postage and Stationery	1,128	1,713
Sundries	732	632
Consultancy Fees	7,034	7,484
Technology and IT	1,080	2,276
Archive Rent	1,438	1,430
Bank & Card charges	644	559
PR and Social Media	2,910	-
Depreciation	1,060	857
<i>Total Expenditure - Support Costs</i>	<u>21,899</u>	<u>18,609</u>
Other		
Donations	2,061	1,182
Total Resources Expended	<u>115,477</u>	<u>115,694</u>
Net income/ (Expenditure)	<u>(44,483)</u>	<u>77,596</u>

THE SURREY HILLS SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1125532

Accounts

Registered Company No:

06555157 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity No:

1125532

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 for
Surrey Hills Society

Surrey Hills Society

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report with the financial statements of the charity of the year ended 31 March 2024.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The Society seeks to promote, enhance and conserve the physical and natural environment and its natural beauty around the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Surrey Hills Society is an independent charity promoting the positive enjoyment and care of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for the benefit of those who live, work in or visit the area. The Society encourages people to explore and learn about the special qualities and distinctiveness of the area which is recognised as being of unique value and needs to be nurtured for the benefit of future generations to enjoy. The Surrey Hills Society is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of this outstanding and natural landscape.

The Society's aims and roles are:

- 1 Creating greater awareness and understanding of the Surrey Hills through education, publicity and events
- 2 Providing activities for members and supporters of the Society, including walks, talks, social events, advice, communications for (and with) members
- 3 Promoting and championing farming, forestry and local industries, including tourism, and raising awareness of local produce and crafts
- 4 Protecting and improving facilities for recreational use of the area
- 5 Encouraging conservation alongside the improvement of the amenities and features which make the Surrey Hills special
- 6 Influencing regional and local authorities, seeing high standards of planning so as to protect and enhance the landscape and character of the Surrey Hills.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees now consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the Society.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Society volunteers continue to promote the special protected landscape of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in many ways, ranging from:

- Running events to educate our members and residents about the area
- Leading free walks across the county and developing walks that can be promoted to the public
- Promoting volunteer conservation activity working with a wide range of schools, community groups and corporates
- Promoting diversity and access for all in the Countryside
- Supporting and promoting the work of other related charities
- Manning our stall at local shows across the county, handing out free walks leaflets and showcasing the special attractions of the area; and
- Giving talks to other groups and organisations

Our regular volunteers, of which there are over 50, contribute their time and share their passion for everything to do with the Surrey Hills – from its wonderful flora and fauna and rare habitats to its unique culture and heritage, as well as its leisure opportunities. They also collaborate with other organisations across the Surrey Hills to raise funds for agreed worthwhile projects within the area, which benefit both the environment and the residents of Surrey.

During the year the composition of our Trustee Board has changed, and I would particularly like to thank Stella Cantor, Sarah Jane Chimbwindara and Andrew Povey, who all stood down at the AGM after long periods of service. I'm delighted to welcome our new trustees – Catherine McCusker, Shauna Robinson, Claire Harris, Karen Clarke and Sat Luthra. They are already making a huge contribution to the Society and I feel confident that the Society will continue to flourish with their enthusiastic assistance.

In the current year, we have run 50 events for our members and their guests with 1,035 attendees. This is 10 more events than last year, and I would like to particularly thank Sall Baring and her Events Committee for all their hard work. The events would not happen without our extensive network of volunteers and, as with last year, approximately 850 volunteer hours have been recorded in supporting the programme. It is important to emphasise that these events are key to the health of our Society, not only for the income they generate, but also so that we have a continuous interesting programme to offer both members and non-members alike.

The programme included 16 walks (21 last year) of varying lengths both in the countryside and in towns and villages right the way across the Surrey Hills. Our largest numbers came with a 9 mile walk that we organised for Active Inclusion, a Muslim Hiking Group, from Gomshall to Guildford – we were joined by over 100 walkers from as far away as Sheffield and Manchester and it was heartwarming to see so many people enjoying the Surrey Hills for the first time. Seven of the walks were organised as part of Guildford Walkfest. There were several visits to places of interest in the Surrey Hills as well as a number of talks. Our visits encompassed a wide variety of activities from President's day exploring Ripley to the Patchworking Gardens in Dorking, Glass Fusion with Hazelhouse Jewellery, a guided tour behind the scenes at RHS Wisley, discovering Chaldon House and Church and a visit to the Surrey History Centre at Woking as well as exploration days in Leatherhead and Caterham. One of our most popular events was a talk entitled "Over Here – The Lives and Legacy of the Wartime Canadians in Surrey" by Military Historian, Lorraine Spindler. This year we also ran a number of nature based events including a dragonfly walk at Thursley, a bat walk and talk at Albury and a sunset walk at RSPB Farnham to listen to nightjars.

Many of our events are organised in conjunction with local charities and wherever possible we made donations to support their work. The remainder of the funds generated go towards paying for our part-time website coordinator, Lesley Crofts, who does a superb job, managing the promotion and booking of our events through the website, and much more besides.

Our full time Project and Volunteer Coordinator, Christa Emmett, has continued to facilitate a variety of conservation and engagement activities. During the financial period under review we have organised a number of volunteering events including hedge planting events resulting in 2.6 kms of hedgerow being planted over several sites in the Surrey Hills. 632 volunteers participating have contributed just under 3200 hours of work. We have

engaged a wide range of groups including schools, corporates, community groups and members of the public. The total number of trees planted including the hedgerow amounts to 14700. Since Christa started in October 2021, we have now facilitated the planting of over 4.5 kms of hedgerow and 26000 trees.

Another major effort has involved the use of specialist “tree-popping” tools to remove inappropriate tree species such as silver birch and hawthorn from our precious chalk downland. This is one of the richest habitats of Western Europe, containing a great diversity of plants and animals. It is now very rare and fragmented and is of international conservation importance. Other activities have included mulching and weeding around trees, harvest mouse and hedgehog surveys, and litter picking. We also coordinated the delivery of 5 freshwater naturalness assessment training sessions, run by the Freshwater Biological Association, in which just under 90 volunteers from the National Trust, Surrey Wildlife Trust, My Green Future Programme and Surrey Hills were trained in conducting freshwater naturalness assessment citizen science surveys.

With funding from Surrey County Council’s Green Social Prescribing Team, the Society in collaboration with Surrey County Council, National Trust Surrey Hills and Surrey Wildlife Trust worked on a project called My Green Future, a 12-week volunteering programme for nine 18-24 year olds, not currently working in the environmental sector, who were keen to pursue a career in this sector. There were a series of practical conservation, career and training sessions once a week and this was hugely successful. The following quote sums up the way the course was received:

“MGF has been amazing and has had a huge benefit on my life and helping me decide what I want to do. It has been an incredible opportunity, and I hope it is something which continues on and inspires more people like it did with me. I think all the advisors have been amazingly helpful, and always willing to help and guide us.”

We have worked with some incredible partners over the year and our partnership with Surrey Choices Growth Team has continued to be highly successful. Surrey Choices supports adults with a range of disabilities, particularly learning disabilities, to undertake conservation and access work across Surrey, giving them skills and volunteering opportunities, which may help with future employment. Worthy of particular mention are the partnerships that we have had with Tice’s Meadow Nature Reserve, Hampton’s Estate, RSPB Farnham, and Banstead Commons Conservators. We don’t own any of our own land, so a big thank you to all those that manage sites such as these who facilitate all our conservation activities.

Another partnership of particular note is the work that we do with the Surrey Wildlife Trust. They are always enormously supportive and during this year we have been able to reciprocate by making some of Christa’s time available to support their ‘Nextdoor Nature’ project, a national initiative funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The programme aims to inspire communities to connect and take action for nature in their local spaces, through a community organising approach, rather than through traditional engagement work.

This leads me on to two exciting new undertakings that we have now received funding for and which will really get going during 2024-25. The National Lottery Heritage Fund has awarded us approximately £145,000 to run Growing Together in the 2025 accounts year. The aim of the project is to engage under-represented communities in the Surrey Hills countryside by co-designing a programme of nature-based activities aimed at building confidence, developing skills, and improving health and wellbeing. We are working with three key partners, Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum, Surrey Coalition of Disabled People and Surrey Choices. Since the completion of the period currently under review we have engaged a Project Coordinator, and this is now in full swing! I would like to record our thanks to the National Lottery Players for their support.

We have also received £65,000 funding in the 2024 year to enable the Society to facilitate the East Surrey Care Farm Pilot Project. In February we engaged Katie Daw as Care-Farm Coordinator. She has now facilitated the first care-farm visits for people with mental health need in East Surrey. Care Farm visits may simply involve visiting the farm and walking around or may involve assisting with animal care or taking part in a craft or conservation activity. The important thing is that the visit is tailored to the individual’s needs, and supporting an individual’s mental health is at the forefront of the purpose of the visit.

None of the above could have been achieved without the important funding that we have received for the Project and Volunteer Coordinator Post from the Community Foundation of Surrey and the Surrey Hills AONB Board. It has been particularly important to us to work with the AONB team throughout the year who do a fantastic job under Rob Fairbank’s leadership. Emma Cole has worked closely with us to help promote the work we do and Sarah Thiele and Jenna Emmerton, who manage the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme that is funded by DEFRA, have been invaluable in encouraging landowners to use our volunteers.

We are now producing our printed Surrey Hills Views three times a year, but do not currently have a sponsor, so we are actively looking for someone to support this aspect. The newsletters are supplemented by regular MailChimps to members. Particular thanks are due to Peter Salisbury for all his hard work in this connection and for all his support as our Administrator.

This year we have continued our representation at various shows ably co-ordinated by Jean Arnold. These have included The Tilford Spring Festival and the Surrey Hills Wood Fair, which are organised by Surrey Hills Enterprises.

The theme of the 2023 Surrey Hills Symposium, which the Society helped to organise, was 'Woodland Wonder'. Notable speakers included Sir Willian Worsley, Chair of the Forestry Commission and Tom Hill, Trees and Woodland Advisor for the National Trust. Personal stories and perspectives on the significance of woodlands were shared followed by a Q & A session. There were over 300 people at the Symposium and it is always an excellent opportunity to catch up with our extensive network of contacts, who are united in their enthusiasm for the Surrey Hills.

Another important part of our outreach are the talks that we give to interested organisations. During the financial period our Vice-President Ken Bare gave 4 such talks to Headley Society, Westcott History Society, Bookham Trefoil Guild, Newdigate History Society and kindly donated all speakers fees to the Society. Our membership continues to hold up extremely well – there were 533 memberships including a significant number of joint memberships at the end of the financial period. Again, thanks are due to husband-and-wife team Martin and Stella Cantor, who respectively look after the Society finances and manage our membership. This report started by referring to our many volunteers. The trustees would like to extend our thanks to all that our volunteers do for the Society. It has been yet another successful year and there is no doubt that people are becoming more and more aware of the importance of preserving our wildlife and the environment and our beautiful Surrey Hills.

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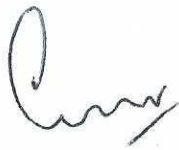
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Chairman

Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESERVES POLICY

As in previous years, the Society's work is funded by membership subscriptions, donations and grants received for specific purposes. Our Newsletter sponsor is Bury Hill Estate Management Limited whom we thank wholeheartedly for their support.

Overall, the Society's financial position is strong with net reserves of £148,576 at 31 March 2024. Unrestricted Reserves now stand at £47,514 and the Trustees are therefore confident that the Charity has appropriate reserves to finance the increasingly diverse range of activities that are now being undertaken without necessarily relying on grant funding to do so. The Society's reserves provide the Trustees with confidence that The Society can continue to operate as a going concern over the next twelve-month period.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

The Trustees have received great support and encouragement from the Surrey Hills Board. They have also been fortunate to have help from a number of hardworking volunteers that have formed the various committees that do so much to run the day-to-day affairs of the Society. The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles. Trustees are initially appointed to the trustee board and proposed for election at the AGM following their appointment. One third of the trustees retire by rotation at the AGM each year. If the charity is unable to fill the vacancy of a retiring trustee, the trustee may be re-appointed.

Management Structure

The trustees have delegated day to day management of the Society to various committees which meet regularly.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees have the responsibility for identifying and assessing the Society's key risks arising from the various activities it undertakes and these matters are considered at trustee meetings along with recommended mitigating actions. Such mitigation includes clear controls over our finances, insurance arrangements and ensuring that, whatever the nature of a given activity, a risk assessment is carried out.

Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Company no: 6555157 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity no: 1125532

Registered Office: Warren Farm Barns, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Surrey RH5 6DG

Trustees

Trustees and Directors

The following Trustees served throughout the current and preceding periods unless noted otherwise below:

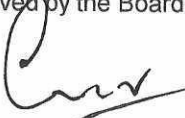
S Cantor	(Resigned 21/10/2023)
S Chimbwandira	(Resigned 21/10/2023)
M Cantor	
A Povey	(Resigned 27/04/2023)
P Salisbury	
G Jackson	
K McCusker	(Appointed 21/10/2023)
S Robinson	(Appointed 21/10/2023)
K Newson – Clark	(Appointed 24/01/2024)

Independent Examiner

Nicholas Boot F.C.A.
Bullimores LLP
Old Printers Yard
156 South Street
Dorking
Surrey
RH4 2HF

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 23rd October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee - M Cantor

Surrey Hills Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Surrey Hills Society

I report on the accounts of the Surrey Hills Society for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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 your charity's accounts as 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.

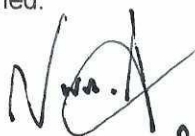
Basis for Independent Examiner's Report

Your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS102)).

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.



23/10/2024

Nicholas Boot F.C.A.
For and on behalf of Bullimores LLP
Chartered Accountants

Old Printers Yard
156 South Street
Dorking
Surrey RH4 2HF

Surrey Hills Society

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024
Including Income and Expenditure Account

			31.3.24	31.3.23
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and Legacies		14,004	-	14,004
Charitable Activities		-	165,084	165,084
Events		13,119	-	13,119
Promotional		832	-	832
Investment Income	2	251	-	251
Total		28,206	165,084	193,290
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable Activities				
Events & Operations	3	29,122	86,490	115,612
Promotional	3	82	-	82
Total		29,204	86,490	115,694
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(998)	78,594	77,596
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		48,512	22,468	70,980
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		47,514	101,062	148,576

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities

These notes form part of these financial statements

Surrey Hills Society

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31.3.24 Total Funds	31.3.23 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Equipment	8	392	-	392	1,249
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	4,078	15,000	19,078	63
Cash at Bank and in hand		45,856	86,062	131,918	71,368
CURRENT ASSETS		49,934	101,062	150,996	71,431
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year.	10	2,812	-	2,812	1,698
NET CURRENT ASSETS		47,122	101,062	148,184	69,733
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		47,514	101,062	148,576	70,982
NET ASSETS		47,514	101,062	148,576	70,982
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds		47,514	-	47,514	48,514
Restricted Funds		-	101,062	101,062	22,468
TOTAL FUNDS		47,514	101,062	148,576	70,982

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

Surrey Hills Society
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024 (cont'd)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23/10/24 and were signed on its behalf by:

TRUSTEE – M Cantor

DATE 23/10/2024.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the U.K. and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The charitable company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and a registered charity established as a company under guarantee and therefore has also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities who prepare their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards in the U.K and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102, Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102.

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows

Going Concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of the financial statements. In particular, the Trustees have considered the charitable company's forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on donation income. After making enquiries the Trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charitable company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs by category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Plant and Machinery	25% on cost
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Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Areas of Judgement

In the view of the trustees, in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

Financial Instruments**(i) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and Cash Equivalents include cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with a maturity date of three months or less.

(ii) Debtors and Creditors

Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price. Debtors and creditors that are receivable in more than one year and not subject to a market rate of interest are measured at the present value of the expected future receipts or payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Bank interest	251	79

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	TOTAL £
Events	8,765	106,847	115,612
Promotional	82	-	82
	<u>8,847</u>	<u>106,847</u>	<u>115,694</u>

£86,490 (2023: £47,728) of expenditure was in respect of restricted funds.

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Totals
	£
Management	18,609
Other	57,798
Salary costs	<u>30,440</u>
TOTAL	<u>106,847</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

After charging:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	857	857
Depreciation - owned assets		

6. EMPLOYEES

During the year there were two members of staff(2023: one), all of whose costs were charged to the Restricted Funds established for the purpose of supporting their roles. None of these costs were borne by the Society's own funds

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	30,440	26,960

7. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Key Management personnel include the Trustees of the charitable company.

There was no trustee remuneration of any kind or reimbursement of expenditure for the years ended 31.3.24 and 31.3.23.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Machinery
	£
COST	
At 1.4.23	3,426
Additions: Disposals:	
At 31.3.24	<u>3,426</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1.4.23	2,177
Charge for the year: At	857
31.3.24	<u>3,034</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31.3.24	<u>392</u>
At 31.3.23	<u>1,249</u>

9. DEBTORS	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Rent Deposit	63	63
Other Debtors	<u>19,015</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	<u>19,078</u>	<u>63</u>

10 CREDITORS	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other Creditors	870	50
Payroll Taxes	1,467	1,648
Accrued Pensions	<u>475</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	<u>2,812</u>	<u>1,698</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	48,512	(998)	47,514
Restricted Funds			
Wanderdusk	-	2,000	2,000
Surrey Hills Champions	199	(199)	-
Surrey Hills Trust Fund	10	(10)	-
East Surrey Care Farm Project	-	63,502	63,502
Hedge & Treeplanting	688	(688)	-
Volunteer Co-Ordinator	17,474	16,830	34,304
Send Prison Artwork	2,405	-	2,405
Making Space For Nature	1,220	(1,220)	-
Farming in a Protected landscape	472	(472)	-
Yew Tree Project	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
NHLF – Growing Together	-	(149)	(149)
Total Restricted Fund	<u>22,468</u>	<u>78,594</u>	<u>101,062</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>70,980</u>	<u>77,596</u>	<u>148,576</u>

The restricted funds listed above are held by the Society to be spent in due course on specific activities:

Volunteer Co-Ordinators - Funds retained to support the employment of two Volunteer Co-Ordinators
(Appointment of second employee commenced in February 2024)

Send Prison -Artwork created for Surrey Hills Society in conjunction with the Michael Varah Fund

East Surrey Care Farm Project – Piloting of nature-based health interventions on farms in East Surrey, to include the necessary employment to deliver the project.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024 or 31 March 2023.

Surrey Hills Society
Detailed statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and Legacies		
Donations	1,573	3,127
Gift Aid	1,451	3,458
Subscriptions	10,980	10,685
Other Income	-	4,960
Restricted Activities	165,084	47,886
<i>Total - Income and Endowments</i>	<u>179,088</u>	<u>70,116</u>
Investment Income		
Bank Interest	251	79
Charitable Activities		
Event Income	13,119	9,214
Promotional sales	447	448
Gift Packs	385	490
<i>Total - Charitable Activities</i>	<u>13,951</u>	<u>10,152</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>193,290</u>	<u>80,347</u>
EXPENDITURE		
<i>Charitable Activities</i>		
Attendance at Shows	82	99
Direct Clothing Costs	566	31
Direct Event Costs	8,765	7,561
Other merchandising costs	-	732
Restricted Activities	86,490	47,728
<i>Total Expenditure - Charitable Activities</i>	<u>95,903</u>	<u>56,151</u>
Support Costs		
<i>Management</i>		
Insurance	696	673
Printing	2,962	2,329
Postage and Stationery	1,713	1,188
Sundries	632	285
Consultancy Fees	7,484	6,685
Technology and IT	2,276	2,296
Archive Rent	1,430	1,285
Bank & Card charges	559	443
Depreciation	857	857
<i>Total Expenditure - Support Costs</i>	<u>18,609</u>	<u>16,041</u>
Other		
Donations	1,182	1,270
Total Resources Expended	<u>115,694</u>	<u>73,462</u>
Net income/ (Expenditure)	<u>77,596</u>	<u>6,885</u>

THE SURREY HILLS SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1125532

Accounts

Registered Company No:

06555157 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity No:

1125532

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 for
Surrey Hills Society

Surrey Hills Society

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Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report with the financial statements of the charity of the year ended 31 March 2023.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The Society seeks to promote, enhance and conserve the physical and natural environment and its natural beauty around the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Surrey Hills Society is an independent charity promoting the positive enjoyment and care of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for the benefit of those who live, work in or visit the area. The Society encourages people to explore and learn about the special qualities and distinctiveness of the area which is recognised as being of unique value and needs to be nurtured for the benefit of future generations to enjoy. The Surrey Hills Society is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of this outstanding and natural landscape.

The Society's aims and roles are:

- 1 Creating greater awareness and understanding of the Surrey Hills through education, publicity and events
- 2 Providing activities for members and supporters of the Society, including walks, talks, social events, advice, communications for (and with) members
- 3 Promoting and championing farming, forestry and local industries, including tourism, and raising awareness of local produce and crafts
- 4 Protecting and improving facilities for recreational use of the area
- 5 Encouraging conservation alongside the improvement of the amenities and features which make the Surrey Hills special
- 6 Influencing regional and local authorities, seeing high standards of planning so as to protect and enhance the landscape and character of the Surrey Hills.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees now consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the Society.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Society volunteers continue to promote the special protected landscape of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in many different ways, ranging from:

- Running events to educate our members and residents about the area
- Leading free walks across the county and developing walks that can be promoted to the public
- Promoting volunteer conservation activity working with a wide range of schools, community groups and corporates
- Promoting diversity and access for all in the Countryside
- Supporting and promoting the work of other related charities
- Manning our stall at local shows across the county, handing out free walks leaflets and showcasing the special attractions of the area; and
- Giving talks to other groups and organisations

Our regular volunteers, of which there are over 50, contribute their time and share their passion for everything to do with the Surrey Hills – from its wonderful flora and fauna and rare habitats to its unique culture and heritage, as well as its leisure opportunities. They also collaborate with other organisations across the Surrey Hills to raise funds for agreed worthwhile projects within the area, which benefit both the environment and the residents of Surrey.

In the current year, we have run 40 events for our members and their guests with over 1,000 attendees. I would like to particularly thank Sall Baring and her Events Committee for all their hard work. The events would not go ahead without our extensive network of volunteers and approximately 850 volunteer hours have been recorded in supporting the programme. It is important to emphasise that these are key to the health of our Society, not only for the income they generate, but also so that we have a continued interesting programme to offer both members and non-members alike. A further six events had to be cancelled due to weather conditions, the death of Her Majesty the Queen and a speaker being ill.

The programme included 21 walks of varying lengths right the way across the Surrey Hills. Seven of the walks were organised as part of Guildford Walkfest, one of which was a sponsored walk from Guildford to Witley, which raised £4,400 for Guildford Community Angels. There were 11 visits to places of interest in the Surrey Hills as well as a number of talks. Our visits encompassed a wide variety of activities from Chairman's Day at Pierrepont Farm, Tilford, to the Hanna Peschar Sculpture Garden, Glassblowing with Adam Aaronson, a Boat Trip on the Basingstoke Canal, discovering Brookwood Cemetery and a tour of Kenley Airfield as well as village days in Godalming and Bletchingley. One of our most popular events which was repeated twice was a talk about Ada Lovelace, the mother of computing, at Horsley Towers.

Many of our events are organised in conjunction with local charities and wherever possible we made donations to support their work. The remainder of the funds generated go towards paying for our part-time website coordinator, Lesley Crofts, who does a superb job, managing the promotion and booking of our events through the website, and much more besides.

This year our full time Project and Volunteer Coordinator, Christa Emmett, has also facilitated a variety of conservation and engagement activities. During the financial period under review 632 volunteers have contributed just under 3,200 hours of work. The main activity has been assisting with planting 2.6 kms of hedgerow over several sites in the Surrey Hills. We have also planted several copses and shelter belts and the total number of trees planted including the hedgerow amounts to 14,700. Since Christa started in October 2021, we have now facilitated the planting of over 4.5 kms of hedgerow and 26,000 trees.

There are seven different habitats in the Surrey Hills and another major effort has involved the use of specialist “tree-popping” tools to remove inappropriate tree species such as silver birch and hawthorn from our precious chalk downland. This is one of the richest habitats of Western Europe, containing a great diversity of plants and animals. It is now very rare and fragmented and is of international conservation importance. During the bird nesting season our volunteers have helped with litter picking, carried out dormice and hedgehog surveys and assessed the health of lengths of hedgerow for a nationwide survey across a variety of locations.

As part of this work, we have developed a cohort of Surrey Hills Conservation Volunteers. We now have a volunteers’ handbook and associated documentation and are able to offer training for those that are interested in particular aspects of our work in the Surrey Hills.

I would particularly like to mention our partnership with Surrey Choices Growth Team, which supports adults with learning disabilities to undertake conservation and access work across Surrey, giving them skills and volunteering opportunities, which may help with future employment. A number of our volunteer groups have worked alongside the Growth Team and we have helped find suitable work for them including funding 14 days of scrub clearance at Newlands Corner, thereby restoring the views and the downland habitat. We were delighted to be given the ‘Working in Partnership with Communities’ award by Surrey Choices as part of their Celebrating Success Awards Ceremony earlier this year. All our volunteers have appreciated the opportunity to meet and work with this very special group of people.

Another activity that has considerably expanded this year is the audit of promoted footpaths and the development of new walking routes. Our President and Vice-President were approached by the North Downs Way Trail Manager at the end of September 2022 with a request to help with a project to create detailed walk instructions for the North Downs Way that would then appear on the National Trails website. After deducting their expenses Chris Howard and Ken Bare kindly donated their fee for this to the Society. This year they have been recognised for all their efforts in promoting the Surrey Hills by each being granted a High Sheriff’s Award – very many congratulations to them.

Similarly, Surrey County Council Countryside team asked the Society to audit and, in some cases, create around 15 walks from their car parks at various locations in and around the borders of the Surrey Hills – this was accomplished with the help of several volunteers, who kindly gave their time for free, although the Society received a fee for the work. New information boards are being designed at all the relevant car parks and in due course the walks will be signed using the information we have provided.

Christa has also enabled us to widen our community engagement and we have held activity days with groups such as the National Autistic Society, Amber Foundation and Halow. Last year we also led a walk for refugees, who have also helped with conservation tasks and made clay hedgehogs at The Hive in Guildford bringing together a group of elderly people and young families that are customers of this day centre

None of the above could have been achieved without the important funding that we have received for the Project and Volunteer Coordinator Post from the Community Foundation of Surrey and the Surrey Hills AONB Board. It has been particularly important to us to work with the AONB team throughout the year who do a fantastic job under Rob Fairbank's leadership. Emma Cole has worked closely with us to help promote the work we do and Sarah Thiele and Jenna Emmerton, who manage the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme that is funded by DEFRA, have been invaluable in encouraging landowners to use our volunteers. We were also delighted to receive a grant of just over £12,000 from the Trees Council that enabled us to fund 20 volunteering sessions and plant an additional 700 trees.

I reported last year that in order to promote the Making Space for Nature programme, with funding provided by the Surrey Hills Trust Fund, the Society commissioned 30 illustrations of the identified indicator species, whose presence shows that the habitats of the Surrey Hills are in good health. These fabulous paintings were created by an 'Our Time' artist at HMP Send, taking part in a programme delivered by Watts Gallery Trust and funded by the Michael Varah Memorial Fund. Having been exhibited by the National Trust at Leith Hill Place until October last year the drawings were auctioned off at a reception attended by the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff. We will continue to use the digital images of the works for interpretative and signage purposes across the Surrey Hills. As a result, we raised £1,805, which enabled us to make a donation to the National Trust to support conservation work at Burfield Spur below Box Hill. I would particularly like to thank Stephanie Fudge and Catherine McCusker of the National Trust for their support and am delighted that the artist has since been commissioned by them to provide interpretative displays at Box Hill.

We are now producing our printed Surrey Hills Views three times a year. We are extremely grateful to Bury Hill Estate Management and their Managing Director, Kathryn May for their continued sponsorship. The newsletters are supplemented by regular MailChimps to members. Particular thanks are due to Peter Salisbury for all his hard work in this connection and for all his support at our Administrator.

The Surrey Hills Family now has a more coordinated approach to material sent by email, and you can elect to be a Friend of the Surrey Hills as well as a Society Member and receive regular communications from the AONB Board that bring together a summary of all the activities being undertaken by the whole Surrey Hills Family. This is in addition to our own e-newsletters that members receive as a matter of course.

We have continued to develop our already close relationship with the other members of the Surrey Hills Family – Surrey Hills Trust Fund, Surrey Hills Enterprises and Surrey Hills Arts – and the Chairs of these organisations meet regularly to ensure that our activities are co-ordinated. We were delighted to welcome Kathy Atkinson as the new independent Chairman of the Surrey Hills AONB Board at the beginning of 2023. Kathy has had considerable experience of working with the National Parks and she has embraced her new role with enthusiasm.

This year we have continued our representation at various shows ably co-ordinated by Jean Arnold. These have included Denbies Artisans' Festival and the Surrey Hills Wood Fair, which are organised by Surrey Hills Enterprises. With funding from FiPL we have acquired a new gazebo and our updated logos and the new Surrey Hills map, which is displayed as a backdrop, have been extremely well received. I would like to thank Society Member, Martin Wilkie for all his help with the design of the Gazebo and the new children's games that have been so successful as an engagement tool as part of our shows display.

The theme of the 2022 Surrey Hills Symposium, which the Society helped to organise, was 'How can we all Protect, Respect and Enjoy our National Landscape?' The Symposium was part physical and part virtual and had over 400 attendees. We heard fascinating perspectives from the Hon President of Black Environment Network, Judy Ling Wong; Haroon Mota, Founder of Active Inclusion; Stephanie Fudge, General Manager, National Trust Surrey Hills and Ashley Greening, a wheelchair user, who is an Intern with Surrey Wildlife Trust. There followed an excellent debate chaired by Birgitta Gartersleben, Professor of Environmental Psychology at the University of Surrey.

Another important part of our outreach are the talks that we give to interested organisations. During the year we gave 14 such talks. These are usually given by our Vice President Ken Bare, although myself, Christa Emmett, Chris Howard and Stella Cantor have also been involved. Organisations ranged from Surrey East Trefoil Guild, Rotary, Ex-Round Tablers, U3A, Parish Councils and Village Societies, "Friendship Groups", Camberley Mosque, a retirement home and a retired Engineers association. The talks are always well-received, and we frequently attract new members as a result, although the principal purpose of the talks is to fulfil our twin purposes of educating and inspiring people about the Surrey Hills. All the speakers have kindly donated their fees, which they receive, to the Society and we have raised over £800 through this activity.

I am delighted that, as we have emerged from the coronavirus pandemic, the financial standing of the Society has been unaffected, and we are able to report excellent figures for the year. Our membership has held up extremely well. Again, thanks are due to husband-and-wife team Martin and Stella Cantor, who respectively look after the Society finances and manage our membership.

This report started by referring to our many volunteers. The trustees would like to extend our thanks to all that our volunteers do for the Society. It has been yet another successful year and there is no doubt that people are becoming more and more aware of the importance of preserving our wildlife and the environment and our beautiful Surrey Hills.

GORDON JACKSON

Chairman

Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESERVES POLICY

As in previous years, the Society's work is funded by membership subscriptions, donations and grants received for specific purposes. Our Newsletter sponsor is Bury Hill Estate Management Limited whom we thank wholeheartedly for their support.

Overall, the Society's financial position is strong with net reserves of £70,932 at 31 March 2023. Unrestricted Reserves now stand at £48,514 and The Trustees are therefore confident that the Charity has appropriate reserves to finance the increasingly diverse range of activities that are now being undertaken without necessarily relying on grant funding to do so. The Society's reserves provide the Trustees with confidence that The Society can continue to operate as a going concern over the next twelve-month period.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

The Trustees have received great support and encouragement from the Surrey Hills Board. They have also been fortunate to have help from a number of hardworking volunteers that have formed the various committees that do so much to run the day-to-day affairs of the Society. The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles. Trustees are initially appointed to the trustee board and proposed for election at the AGM following their appointment. One third of the trustees retire by rotation at the AGM each year. If the charity is unable to fill the vacancy of a retiring trustee, the trustee may be re-appointed.

Management Structure

The trustees have delegated day to day management of the Society to various committees which meet regularly.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees have the responsibility for identifying and assessing the Society's key risks and formally prepares a risk register which is presented to the Board of Trustees annually, along with recommended mitigating actions.

Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Company no: 6555157 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity no: 1125532

Registered Office: Warren Farm Barns, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Surrey RH5 6DG

Trustees

Trustees and Directors

The following Trustees served throughout the current and preceding periods unless noted otherwise below:

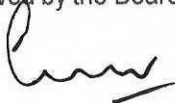
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Independent Examiner

Nicholas Boot F.C.A.
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 25th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee - M Cantor

Surrey Hills Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Surrey Hills Society

I report on the accounts of the Surrey Hills Society for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as 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.

Basis for Independent Examiner's Report

Your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

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.



Nicholas Boot F.C.A.
For and on behalf of Bullimores LLP
Chartered Accountants

27/09/2023

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Surrey Hills Society

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
Including Income and Expenditure Account

			31.3.23	31.3.22
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and Legacies		22,230		22,230
Charitable Activities			47,886	47,886
Events		9,214		9,214
Promotional		938		938
Investment Income	2	79		79
Total		32,461	47,886	80,347
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable Activities				
Events & Operations	3	25,635	47,728	73,363
Promotional	3	99		99
Total		25,734	47,728	73,462
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		6,727	158	6,885
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		41,785	22,310	64,095
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		48,512	22,468	70,980
CONTINUING OPERATIONS				
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities				
These notes form part of these financial statements				

Surrey Hills Society

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31.3.23 Total Funds £	31.3.22 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Equipment	8	1,249	-	1,249	1,172
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	63	-	63	63
Cash at Bank and in hand		48,900	22,468	71,368	63,695
CURRENT ASSETS		48,963	22,468	71,431	63,758
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year.	10	1,698	-	1,698	835
NET CURRENT ASSETS		47,265	22,468	69,733	62,923
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		48,514	22,468	70,982	64,095
NET ASSETS		48,514	22,468	70,982	64,095
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds		48,514	-	48,514	41,785
Restricted Funds		-	22,468	22,468	22,310
TOTAL FUNDS		48,514	22,468	70,982	64,095

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

Surrey Hills Society
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023 (cont'd)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 25/9/23 and were signed on its behalf by:



TRUSTEE – M Cantor

DATE 25/9/2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the U.K. and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The charitable company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and a registered charity established as a company under guarantee and therefore has also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities who prepare their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards in the U.K and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102, Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102.

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows

Going Concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of the financial statements. In particular, the Trustees have considered the charitable company's forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on donation income. After making enquiries the Trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charitable company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs by category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Plant and Machinery	25% on cost
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Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow - moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Areas of Judgement

In the view of the trustees, in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

Financial Instruments

(i) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents include cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with a maturity date of three months or less.

(ii) Debtors and Creditors

Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price. Debtors and creditors that are receivable in more than one year and not subject to a market rate of interest are measured at the present value of the expected future receipts or payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>79</u>	<u>40</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Events	7,561	65,802	73,363
Promotional	99		99
	<u>7,660</u>	<u>65,802</u>	<u>73,462</u>

£47,728 (2022: £40,867) of expenditure was in respect of restricted funds.

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Totals
	£
Management	16,041
Other	38,123
Salary costs	11,706
	<u>65,870</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

After charging:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Depreciation - owned assets	857	440

6. EMPLOYEES

During the year there was one member of staff(2022: one), our Volunteer Co-ordinator, all of whose costs were charged to the Restricted Fund established for the purpose of supporting this role. None of these costs were borne by the Society's own funds

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Salaries	26,960	11,738

7. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Key Management personnel include the Trustees of the charitable company.

There was no trustee remuneration of any kind or reimbursement of expenditure for the years ended 31.3.23 and 31.3.22.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Machinery £
COST	
At 1.4.22	2,492
Additions:	934
Disposals:	
At 31.3.23	<u>3,426</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1.4.22	1,320
Charge for the year:	857
At 31.3.23	<u>2,177</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31.3.23	<u>1,249</u>
At 31.3.22	<u>1,858</u>

9. DEBTORS

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Rent Deposit	63	63

10. CREDITORS

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Trade Creditor	50	-
Tax and Social Security	1,648	835
Total	<u>1,698</u>	<u>835</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	41,785	6,727	48,512
Restricted Funds			
Surrey Hills Champions	349	{150}	199
Inspiring Views	1,920	{1,920}	-
Surrey Hills Trust Fund	10		10
Waverley Borough Council	250	(250)	-
Hedge & Treeplanting		688	688
Volunteer Co-Ordinator	15,965	1,509	17,474
Send Prison Artwork	600	1,805	2,405
Making Space For Nature		1,220	1,220
Farming in a Protected landscape	3,216	{2,744}	472
Total Restricted Fund	<u>22,310</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>22,468</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>64,095</u>	<u>6,885</u>	<u>71,053</u>

The restricted funds listed above are held by the Society to be spent in due course on specific activities:

Inspiring Views -The Radius installation at Denbies Hillside, arranged by Surrey Hills Arts

Waverley Borough Council -A future Surrey Hills Arts Project at Waverley Abbey

Volunteer Co-Ordinator - Funds retained to support the employment of a Volunteer Co-Ordinator
(appointment to commence in October 2022)

Surrey Hills Trust Fund - small surplus retained.

Surrey Hills Champions - surplus retained to be spent for purposes agreed with Surrey Hills Enterprises.

Send Prison -Artwork created for Surrey Hills Society in conjunction with the Michael Varah Fund

Farming in a Protected Landscape - Funds for allocation towards hedge and tree planting projects in the Surrey Hills.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023 or 31 March 2022.

Surrey Hills Society
Detailed statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and Legacies		
Donations	3,127	421
Gift Aid	3,458	64
Subscriptions	10,685	10,298
Other Income	4,960	1,560
Restricted Activities	47,886	40,867
<i>Total - Income and Endowments</i>	<u>70,116</u>	<u>53,210</u>
Investment Income		
Bank Interest	79	40
Charitable Activities		
Event Income	9,214	9,934
Promotional sales	448	681
Gift Packs	490	509
<i>Total - Charitable Activities</i>	<u>10,231</u>	<u>11,124</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>80,347</u>	<u>64,374</u>
EXPENDITURE		
<i>Charitable Activities</i>		
Attendance at Shows	99	91
Direct Clothing Costs	31	129
Direct Event Costs	7,561	5,463
Other merchandising costs	732	200
Restricted Activities	47,728	25,374
<i>Total Expenditure - Charitable Activities</i>	<u>56,151</u>	<u>31,257</u>
Support Costs		
<i>Management</i>		
Insurance	673	586
Printing	2,329	-
Postage and Stationery	1,188	652
Sundries	285	299
Consultancy Fees	6,685	6,407
Technology and IT	2,296	1,097
Archive Rent	1,285	1,236
Bank & Card charges	443	378
Depreciation	857	440
<i>Total Expenditure - Support Costs</i>	<u>16,041</u>	<u>11,095</u>
Other		
Donations	1,270	1,954
Total Resources Expended	<u>73,462</u>	<u>44,306</u>
Net income/ (Expenditure)	<u>6,885</u>	<u>20,068</u>

THE SURREY HILLS SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1125532

Accounts

Registered Company No:

06555157 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity No:

1125532

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 for
Surrey Hills Society**

Surrey Hills Society

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Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report with the financial statements of the charity of the year ended 31 March 2022.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The Society seeks to promote, enhance and conserve the physical and natural environment and its natural beauty around the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Surrey Hills Society is an independent charity promoting the positive enjoyment and care of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for the benefit of those who live, work in or visit the area. The Society encourages people to explore and learn about the special qualities and distinctiveness of the area which is recognised as being of unique value and needs to be nurtured for the benefit of future generations to enjoy. The Surrey Hills Society is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of this outstanding and natural landscape.

The Society's aims and roles are:

- 1 Creating greater awareness and understanding of the Surrey Hills through education, publicity and events
- 2 Providing activities for members and supporters of the Society, including walks, talks, social events, advice, communications for (and with) members
- 3 Promoting and championing farming, forestry and local industries, including tourism, and raising awareness of local produce and crafts
- 4 Protecting and improving facilities for recreational use of the area
- 5 Encouraging conservation alongside the improvement of the amenities and features which make the Surrey Hills special
- 6 Influencing regional and local authorities, seeing high standards of planning so as to protect and enhance the landscape and character of the Surrey Hills.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees now consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the Society.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Society volunteers continue to promote the special protected landscape of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in many different ways, ranging from:

- Running events to educate our members and residents about the area
- Leading free walks across the county and developing walks that can be promoted to the public
- Promoting volunteer conservation activity
- Supporting and promoting the work of other related charities
- Manning our stall at local shows across the county, handing out free walks leaflets and showcasing the special attractions of the area; and
- Giving talks to other groups and organisations

Our volunteers, of which there are over 50 who regularly contribute their time, share their passion for everything to do with the Surrey Hills – from its wonderful flora and fauna and rare habitats to its unique culture and heritage, as well as its leisure opportunities. They also collaborate with other organisations across the Surrey Hills to raise funds for agreed worthwhile projects within the area, which benefits both wildlife and the residents of Surrey.

The first thing I would like to do is to play tribute to Neil Maltby, who stood down as our President in the Autumn of 2021. Neil was involved with the Society from its inception in 2008 and we cannot thank him enough for the massive contribution that he has made. In recognition of this the Trustees agreed to make Neil a Life Member and I know he will continue to support us at every opportunity. I'm delighted that Chris Howard, who was Chairman for so many years is now our new President and we welcome her to her new role.

Although 2021-2022 was not as challenging as the previous year, the Society still had to operate within the Covid-19 restrictions that prevailed for most of the financial year. Our first event at Caxton Garden in April 2021 was the first opportunity that many of our members had had to meet in a social situation for some months and there was palpable relief that we could at last be out again, albeit numbers were carefully controlled and social distancing observed. Fortunately, the Society was able to put on an extensive programme of events throughout the year, although the emphasis continued to be on outdoor events until restrictions eased.

In the current year, we have run 52 membership events, which is more than in any other year since our inception. When one considers that this was in a year when people's movements were seriously restricted, the number of high-quality events we have been able to provide is a truly fantastic achievement, and I would like to particularly thank Sall Baring and her Events Committee for all their hard work. The events would not go ahead without our extensive network of volunteers and just under 1000 volunteer hours have been recorded in supporting the programme.

A major development during the year has been the engagement in October 2021 of our first full time employee, Christa Emmett, as the Society's Project and Volunteer Co-ordinator. Initially this post is for a fixed term of two years and we are grateful to the Surrey Hills Trust Fund, the Community Foundation for Surrey and the AONB Board for the funding that they have provided. Christa has been invaluable in promoting the work of the Society and extending our engagement across a wide variety of activities. She has enabled us to make a major step forward by helping us to organise over

400 volunteers during the winter months to plant approximately 1.75 kilometres of hedgerow comprising about 12,500 hedgerow plants. These volunteers were drawn from a diverse range of organisations. Schools were represented by Guildford High and Reeds School, government organisations included DEFRA and National Highways, and both WPA and Environet held corporate volunteering days. We also advertised open days for the general community and were delighted to have volunteers joining us from as far away as Luton! The hedgerows were planted at farms in Shackleford, Shere, Clandon and Wotton. A key enabling factor was the Surrey Hills Making Space for Nature programme funded by the Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme ("FiPL") introduced by DEFRA. Through the programme, farmers and land managers can be supported to carry out projects that support nature recovery, mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide opportunities for people to discover, enjoy and understand the landscape and cultural heritage, or support nature-friendly, sustainable farm businesses.

We were delighted to receive two FiPL grants. One that helped with 250 metres of hedgerow planting and one that enabled us to work with the Surrey Choices Growth Team, which is dedicated to improving the independence, confidence and life skills of people with a range of disabilities in their local community. They helped with a number of our conservation projects including extensive scrub clearance at Newlands Corner, which made a huge difference to the landscape and the public's enjoyment of the fabulous views that can be enjoyed from this popular beauty spot.

During the year we also launched the Surrey Hills Champions Scheme, working with Surrey Hills Enterprises. Members of the scheme receive access to certain experiences and £10 of their membership fee goes to the Society to invest in conservation projects. The first year's subscription funded 50 metres of hedgerow planted by Surrey Hills Champions at Clandon Natural Burial Ground, which is maintained as a nature reserve. Surrey Hills Enterprises also worked with us to facilitate the planting of Allianz Copse, comprising 1000 native trees at Knowle Park, Cranleigh. Over 100 employees from Allianz joined us to plant the entire copse in one day!

In order to promote the Making Space for Nature programme, with funding provided by the Surrey Hills Trust Fund, the Society commissioned 30 illustrations of the identified indicator species, whose presence shows that the habitats of the Surrey Hills are in good health. These fabulous paintings were created by an 'Our Time' artist at HMP Send, taking part in a programme delivered by Watts Gallery Trust and funded by the Michael Varah Memorial Fund. The images are being used in many ways - illustrating interpretation boards, creating way markers and supporting general publicity material for example. The National Trust were so impressed with the images that the originals are on display in an exhibition at Leith Hill Place throughout the 2022 summer season and will be auctioned in due course to support our charitable activities.

During the winter of 2021 we worked closely to develop the concept of Surrey Hills Conservation Volunteers. Our vision is that we will recruit volunteers, whom we will train to help monitor footpaths and bridleways in the Surrey Hills and to help us deliver conservation activity by working with the many communities that operate in the area. We hope to launch the scheme in the autumn of 2022.

As I reported last year, we are now producing two e-newsletters a year and two copies of the traditional Surrey Hills Views in the Spring and Autumn. I'm delighted to say that our printed newsletters are now sponsored by Bury Hill Estate Management and the trustees are extremely grateful to their managing director, Kathryn May, for her support. Sadly, Ken Bare has decided to

retire as editor. He has made an enormous contribution over the years and we will miss his attention to detail and his excellent editing skills.

We have continued to develop our already close relationship with the other members of the Surrey Hills Family – Surrey Hills Trust Fund, Surrey Hills Enterprises and Surrey Hills Arts – and the Chairs of these organisations meet regularly to ensure that our activities are co-ordinated. These meetings have been arranged by the current Chairman of the AONB Board, Heather Kerswell, who is due to retire at the end of 2022. Heather has proved an excellent Chairman and I would like to thank her for her untiring support of the Society.

The Surrey Hills Family now has a more co-ordinated approach to material sent by email, and you can elect to be a Friend of the Surrey Hills as well as a Society Member and receive regular communications from the AONB Board that bring together a summary of all the activities being undertaken by the whole Surrey Hills Family. This is in addition to our own e-newsletters that members receive as a matter of course.

The Society has also continued to be active on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and we have well over 2500 followers through these various media. We do find that our regular MailChimps are extremely popular, and they clearly result in increased booking for our events. I would particularly like to thank our administrator, Peter Salisbury, who works extremely hard behind the scenes.

This year we have been able to resume our representation at various shows ably co-ordinated by Jean Arnold. These have included Denbies Artisans' Festival, the Surrey Hills Wood Fair, Ripley Farmers Market and The Great Fair of Shalford. We are currently working on revised displays for our gazebo and hope that these will be launched in September 2022.

The theme of the 2021 Surrey Hills Symposium was Our Climate and Biodiversity Emergency – How can we inspire action? The Symposium was part physical and part virtual and had over 400 attendees. The keynote speaker was Tony Juniper, Chair of Natural England and an excellent debate was moderated by the University of Surrey's Professor Jim Al Khalili, the well-known BBC Broadcaster.

Another important part of our outreach are the talks that we give to interested organisations such as U3A and Probus. During the course of the year our Vice-President, Ken Bare, gave seven such talks. They are always well-received and we frequently attract new members as a result, although their principal purpose is to fulfil our twin purposes of educating and inspiring people about the Surrey Hills. Ken kindly donates the fees which he receives to the Society and we are very grateful for all he does in this respect.

It is important to emphasise that our member events are key to the health of the Society. As with the previous year there has been a heavy bias towards outdoor events and our extensive programme of walks have been hugely popular. Nearly 30 walks were organised during the year, but some included other activities. For example, we joined up with the Guildford Book Festival to walk with author Jake Tyler, who told us about his new book and his experiences walking around the coast of Britain. We had a number of nature walks – birdwatching at Bookham, butterflies at Netley Park and trees at Margery Woods. Our partnership with Guildford Walkfest continued with 11 walks being organised by the Society for the September festival. One of these included a sponsored walk

from Guildford to Farnham along the North Downs Way which raised a staggering £6300 for Guildford Street Angels. We also enjoyed a fabulous, guided visit to the Woodland Trust's Langley Vale.

However, our Society is not all about walking, other highlights included a private visit to Dunsborough Park's Tulip extravaganza, the Chairman's Day at Buckland, a visit to Waverley Abbey, and a day with Angus Stovold at Lydling Farm highlighting the regenerative approach that he is adopting to farming his world famous Aberdeen Angus herd. We visited Dorking Museum and the Spike in Guildford and had an enormously popular event that was repeated three days running at the historic Tollsworth Manor and Gardens, which is not generally open to the public. We also went behind the scenes at Polesden Lacey to hear about the work of the National Trust's conservators, visited the beautiful Kingswood Church and enjoyed a gin making evening with Wessex Gin!

We again ran a couple of Zoom events, which proved very popular - a talk about the Wey and Arun Canal and one from Dorking Museum about the history of Holmwood Common.

I have of course mentioned the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic throughout this report, but it is important to emphasise that the financial standing of the Society has been largely unaffected. Our membership has held up extremely well with a total of 540 active memberships at the 31st March, an increase of 35 compared to the prior year. Overall, our finances are in robust health. Again thanks are due to husband and wife team Martin and Stella Cantor, who respectively look after the Society finances and manage our membership.

This report started by referring to our many volunteers. The trustees would like to extend our thanks to all that our volunteers do for the Society. It has been yet another challenging year but there is no doubt that people are becoming more and more aware of the countryside and our beautiful Surrey Hills.

GORDON JACKSON

Chairman

Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESERVES POLICY

As in previous years, the Society's work is funded by membership subscriptions, donations and grants received for specific purposes. Our new Newsletter sponsor is Bury Hill Estate Management Limited whom we thank wholeheartedly for their support.

Overall the Society's financial position is strong with net reserves of £64,095 at 31 March 2022. Unrestricted Reserves now stand at £41,785 and The Trustees are therefore confident that the Charity has appropriate reserves to finance the increasingly diverse range of activities that are now being undertaken without necessarily relying on grant funding to do so. The Society's reserves provide the Trustees with confidence that The Society can continue to operate as a going concern over the next twelve month period.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

The Trustees have received great support and encouragement from the Surrey Hills Board. They have also been fortunate to have help from a number of hardworking volunteers that have formed the various committees that do so much to run the day to day affairs of the Society. The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles. Trustees are initially appointed to the trustee board and proposed for election at the AGM following their appointment. One third of the trustees retire by rotation at the AGM each year. If the charity is unable to fill the vacancy of a retiring trustee, the trustee may be re-appointed.

Management Structure

The trustees have delegated day to day management of the Society to various committees which meet regularly.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees have the responsibility for identifying and assessing the Society's key risks and formally prepares a risk register which is presented to the Board of Trustees annually, along with recommended mitigating actions.

Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2022

Covid – 19

As noted in the Chairman's report Covid 19 continued to have an influence on the Society's activities this year, although less marked than at the height of the pandemic.

The Trustees have continue to follow official guidance as to how best to mitigate the risk posed by the pandemic to the health of all who come into contact with us, and to the affairs of the Society more generally.

We have, therefore, been able to resume our traditional programme of events whilst being mindful, at all times, of the national and local picture with regard to the level of reported Covid infections.

As in the previous year the financial impact has been mild; our membership income has remained broadly stable and we have been able to increase the scope of our events programme to more normal levels.

Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Company no: 6555157 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity no: 1125532

Registered Office: Warren Farm Barns, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Surrey RH5 6DG

Trustees

Trustees and Directors

The following Trustees served throughout the current and preceding periods unless noted otherwise below:

S Cantor
S Chimbwandira
M Cantor
A Povey
P Salisbury
G Jackson

Independent Examiner

Moore Kingston Smith LLP
Betchworth House
57 - 65 Station Road
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on.....*16 September 22*.....and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee



Surrey Hills Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Surrey Hills Society

I report on the accounts of the Surrey Hills Society for the year ended 31 March 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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 your charity's accounts as 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.

Basis for Independent Examiner's Report

Your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

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.

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DAVID MONTGOMERY

For and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP
Chartered Accountants

22 September 2022

Surrey Hills Society

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
Including Income and Expenditure Account

		31.3.22	31.3.21		
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and Legacies		12,343	-	12,343	13,772
Charitable Activities		-	40,867	40,867	5,367
Events		9,934	-	9,934	2,068
Promotional		1,190	-	1,190	292
Investment Income	2	40	-	40	35
Total		<u><u>23,507</u></u>	<u><u>40,867</u></u>	<u><u>64,374</u></u>	<u><u>21,534</u></u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable Activities					
Events & Operations	3	18,841	25,374	44,215	15,676
Promotional	3	91	-	91	56
Total		<u><u>18,932</u></u>	<u><u>25,374</u></u>	<u><u>44,306</u></u>	<u><u>15,732</u></u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u><u>4,575</u></u>	<u><u>15,493</u></u>	<u><u>20,068</u></u>	<u><u>5,802</u></u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u><u>37,210</u></u>	<u><u>6,817</u></u>	<u><u>44,027</u></u>	<u><u>38,225</u></u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>41,785</u></u>	<u><u>22,310</u></u>	<u><u>64,095</u></u>	<u><u>44,027</u></u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities

These notes form part of these financial statements

Surrey Hills Society

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31.3.22 Total Funds £	31.3.21 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Equipment	8	1,172	-	1,172	880
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	63	-	63	63
Cash at Bank and in hand		41,385	22,310	63,695	43,134
CURRENT ASSETS		<u>41,448</u>	<u>22,310</u>	<u>63,758</u>	<u>43,197</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	835	-	835	50
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>40,613</u>	<u>22,310</u>	<u>62,923</u>	<u>43,147</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>41,785</u>	<u>22,310</u>	<u>64,095</u>	<u>44,027</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>41,785</u>	<u>22,310</u>	<u>64,095</u>	<u>44,027</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds		41,785	-	41,785	37,210
Restricted Funds		-	22,310	22,310	6,817
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>41,785</u>	<u>22,310</u>	<u>64,095</u>	<u>44,027</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company

Surrey Hills Society

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2022 (cont'd)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on ^{16/9/22}.....and were signed on its behalf by:

TRUSTEE



DATE

16/9/22

1.ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the U.K. and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The charitable company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and a registered charity established as a company under guarantee and therefore has also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities who prepare their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards in the U.K and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102, Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102.

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows

Going Concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of the financial statements. In particular, the Trustees have considered the charitable company's forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on donation income. After making enquiries the Trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charitable company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs by category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Plant and Machinery	25% on cost
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Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow - moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Areas of Judgement

In the view of the trustees, in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

Financial Instruments**(i) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and Cash Equivalents include cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits with a maturity date of three months or less

(ii) Debtors and Creditors

Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price. Debtors and creditors that are receivable in more than one year and not subject to a market rate of interest are measured at the present value of the expected future receipts or payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>40</u>	<u>35</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Events	5,501	38,714	44,215
Promotional	91	-	91
	<u>5,592</u>	<u>38,714</u>	<u>44,306</u>

£25,374 (2021: £1,913) of expenditure was in respect of restricted funds.

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Totals
	£
Management	10,325
Other	16,651
Salary costs	<u>11,738</u>
	<u>38,714</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

After charging:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	<u>440</u>	<u>440</u>

6. EMPLOYEES

One member of staff commenced employment in October 2021 (2021: none).

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Wages and salaries	11,738	-
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>11,738</u>	<u>-</u>

7. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Key Management personnel include the Trustees of the charitable company.
There was no trustee remuneration of any kind or reimbursement of expenditure for the years ended 31.3.22 and 31.3.21

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Machinery £
COST	
At 1.4.21	1,760
Additions:	732
Disposals:	-
At 31.3.22	<u>2,492</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1.4.21	880
Charge for the year:	440
At 31.3.22	<u>1,320</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31.3.22	<u>1,172</u>
At 31.3.21	<u>880</u>

9. DEBTORS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Rent Deposit	<u>63</u>	<u>63</u>

10. CREDITORS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade Creditor	-	50
Tax and Social Security	835	-
Total	<u>835</u>	<u>50</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	<u>37,210</u>	<u>4,575</u>	<u>41,785</u>
Restricted Funds			
Surrey Hills Champions	-	349	349
Inspiring Views	1,440	480	1,920
Surrey Hills Trust Fund	10	-	10
Waverley Borough Council	500	(250)	250
Tandridge Together	900	(900)	-
Volunteer Co-Ordinator	3,967	11,998	15,965
Send Prison Artwork	-	600	600
Farming in a Protected Landscape	-	3,216	3,216
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>44,027</u>	<u>20,068</u>	<u>64,095</u>

The restricted funds listed above are held by the Society to be spent in due course on specific activities:

Inspiring Views – The Radius installation at Denbies Hillside, arranged by Surrey Hills Arts

Waverley Borough Council – A future Surrey Hills Arts Project at Waverley Abbey

Volunteer Co-Ordinator – Funds retained to support the employment of a Volunteer Co-Ordinator
(appointment to commence in October 2022)

Surrey Hills Trust Fund – small surplus retained.

Surrey Hills Champions – surplus retained to be spent for purposes agreed with Surrey Hills Enterprises.

Send Prison – Artwork created for Surrey Hills Society in conjunction with the Michael Varah Fund

Farming in a Protected Landscape – Funds for allocation towards hedge and tree planting projects in the Surrey Hills.

Tandridge Together – A future Surrey Hills Arts project supported by Tandridge Borough Council.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022 or 31 March 2021

Surrey Hills Society
Detailed statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and Legacies		
Donations	421	418
Gift Aid	64	1,665
Subscriptions	10,298	10,480
Other Income	1,560	1,209
Restricted Activities	40,867	5,367
<i>Total – Income and Endowments</i>	<u>53,210</u>	<u>19,139</u>
Investment Income		
Bank Interest	40	35
Charitable Activities		
Event Income	9,934	2,068
Promotional sales	681	227
Gift Packs	509	65
<i>Total – Charitable Activities</i>	<u>11,124</u>	<u>2,360</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u><u>64,374</u></u>	<u><u>21,534</u></u>
EXPENDITURE		
<i>Charitable Activities</i>		
Attendance at Shows	91	-
Direct Clothing Costs	129	56
Direct Event Costs	5,463	1,810
Other merchandising costs	200	-
Restricted Activities	25,374	2,413
<i>Total Expenditure – Charitable Activities</i>	<u>31,257</u>	<u>4,279</u>
Support Costs		
<i>Management</i>		
Insurance	586	544
Printing	-	625
Postage and Stationery	652	605
Sundries	299	326
Consultancy Fees	6,407	5,389
Technology and IT	1,097	2,104
Archive Rent	1,236	1,236
Bank & Card charges	378	184
Depreciation	440	440
<i>Total Expenditure - Support Costs</i>	<u>11,095</u>	<u>11,453</u>
Other		
Donations	1,954	-
Total Resources Expended	<u><u>44,306</u></u>	<u><u>15,732</u></u>
Net income/ (Expenditure)	<u><u>20,068</u></u>	<u><u>5,802</u></u>