

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST

England & Wales · Charity number 1125882

Details

Other names FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2008-09-15

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF DALBY FOREST AND THE SURROUNDING FORESTS AND LAND OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE FORESTRY COMMISSION, WITHIN THE NORTH YORK MOORS NATIONAL PARK, TO WHICH THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS ACCESS, IN PARTICULAR ITS NATURAL HISTORY, ECOLOGY AND WILDLIFE.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£13,002	£13,880	-	-
2024-04-30	£3,623	£3,198	-	-
2023-04-30	£20,303	£20,654	-	-
2022-04-30	£39,353	£49,747	-	-
2021-04-30	£3,923	£4,194	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JUDITH CLAIRE WINTERS	Chair	2015-05-01
Ed Watters		2024-01-10
Judith Finch		2024-03-10
Martin Philip Baxter		2022-03-13
Robert Howlett		2019-03-10
Ruth Phillips		2022-03-13

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Annual Report

for the period 1 May 2024 to 30th April 2025

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Report prepared for AGM October 2025

**Friends of Dalby Forest Annual Report
for the period 1 May 2024 to 30th April 2025**

1. Structure, Governance & Management

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2. Activities, Achievements and Public Benefit

During the reporting period, *Friends of Dalby Forest* has continued to see a strong and dedicated volunteer base, with an average of 11 volunteers attending each of our monthly work tasks. Across the year, we accumulated over 618 volunteer hours, demonstrating the deep commitment of our supporters to the forest. A total of 29 individuals actively volunteered throughout the year, with a record cohort of 15 volunteers contributing to a task at the Forest Eye where we were removing tree guards from the large landart feature. This level in volunteer numbers is sustained from last year, although it continues to present the challenge of identifying tasks and projects that can effectively engage the number of people who turn up for tasks. Nonetheless, it highlights the enthusiasm within our community and the support for our charitable objects.

Key Tasks and Highlights

The majority of our volunteer hours were spent at monthly work tasks across various forest locations as well as planning future tasks and projects. Our tasks are central to our objects and crucial to the ongoing conservation and maintenance of Dalby Forest. During the reporting period, several key projects were undertaken:

- **Bird Feeding Area Management:** Two dedicated volunteers continue to manage the bird feeding area at Staindale, ensuring it provides a reliable source of food for the

forest's bird varied population. A new sign, which we provided content for, was also designed and installed.

- **Dry Stone Wall Maze:** Our volunteers were critical to preparing the Dry Stone Wall Maze site for access and the opening up of the site to the public. We assisted in the Open Day which marked the end of the first phase of this long term project. We have also been critical in the planning, building and re-launching of the Buy A Stone scheme to crowdfund the maze build.
- **Turtle Dove Conservation:** We created more new drinking pools and habitats for turtle doves thanks to continued donations. We also maintained the pools we created in previous years by clearing away excess vegetation. We set up camera traps purchased with donations at two pool sites and gathered evidence of how these pools are already supporting the turtle dove population as well as other forest wildlife. The hard work put into quite a small feature has already paid massive dividends for wildlife (and people).
- **Archaeological Conservation:** Volunteers cleared pine regeneration from historic rabbit warren walls near Swair Dale, helping to protect these archaeological features. Habitat piles
- **SSSI Maintenance:** We carried out more sycamore regeneration removal at Eller's Wood SSSI - a wet woodland habitat. We also assisted the forest ecologist to cut and clear rushes at Rosekirkdale SSSI to help improve the habitat. removing grass and thatch (combing and raking by hand not cutting) to assist with the management of this sensitive and waterlogged area.
- **Play Park Maintenance:** We maintained the willow structures at the play park near the visitor centre, ensuring these features remain safe and attractive for children.
- **Path Maintenance:** Volunteers carried out essential path maintenance on trails around Adderstone.
- **Enchanted Wood:** We planted a hedge made from native UK species to replace a broken fence at the Enchanted Wood area for young visitors.
- **Tools:** We have been able to purchase more materials for creating the turtle dove pools, and have invested in new folding saws to support vegetation management tasks
- **Planters:** We commissioned and installed 4 new larch planters to enhance the outside seating area at the visitor centre park. The planters were planted with pollinator-friendly plants. Plaques of our logo were attached to them helping to raise our visibility around the forest.

Future Projects and Ongoing Partnerships

We remain committed to pushing forward the *Dry Stone Wall Maze* project in collaboration with Forestry England (FE). We have been involved in the relaunch of the *Buy A Stone* fundraiser. Our relationship with FE rangers and staff remains good, and we have benefitted from their support and cooperation throughout the year.

We were able to purchase 24 new Schwegler bat boxes which were installed by the Dalby Bat Group at Keldy which will give the Natterers colony there some permanency vs the wooden boxes which constantly require replacement.

Visiting artist to the forest, Louisa Chase was shown round some of the FoDF projects and in return Louisa offered her labour to help clear away some of the Storm Darragh damage at the Enchanted Wood, cutting away as many of the fallen branches as possible from the hedge we'd planted.

Communication and Public Engagement

Our communication channels have continued to play a key role in promoting our work and encouraging public participation. We regularly update our followers about ongoing projects and volunteer opportunities through our social media platforms and website.

- **Facebook Group:** Our Facebook group remains our most active communication platform, growing from 472 members last year to 578 members this year, predominantly from nearby towns and cities, including Scarborough, Pickering, Malton, Easingwold and York.
- **Website:** Our website has seen a steady flow of traffic, particularly when work task reports are posted. Over the reporting period, the site recorded 35,146 views (up from 32,606 last year) and 16,531 visitors (compared to 15,202 last year), reflecting an increase in public interest and engagement with our activities.
- **Twitter/X:** The @DalbyFriends Twitter/X account also saw a slight decrease in followers, from 698 last year to 642 this year. This probably reflects our lessened usage of the platform while we focus on Facebook which enables communication with a more local and focused audience who may be able to come to future work tasks..

The reporting period has been a highly productive year for *Friends of Dalby Forest*, marked by increased volunteer engagement, successful conservation efforts, and continued public support. As we move forward, we are excited to build on these achievements, particularly through the expansion of our key projects (turtle dove drinking pools and dry stone wall maze), stronger partnerships, and ongoing public outreach. We remain deeply committed to the protection and enjoyment of Dalby Forest, ensuring it remains a cherished natural space for future generations.

The Roles & Contributions of Volunteers

Volunteers are at the heart of *Friends of Dalby Forest*, playing a critical role in the success of our charity. Their contributions ensure the smooth operation of our initiatives and help us achieve our mission of preserving and enhancing Dalby Forest for the enjoyment of all.

Volunteers are actively involved in hands-on conservation work, such as tree planting, trail maintenance, as well as heritage and habitat restoration. Their efforts help preserve the forest's natural beauty and biodiversity while ensuring that it remains accessible and safe for visitors.

The turtle dove drinking pool project continues to generate donations via our GoFundMe page, but supporter Richard Baines should be expressly thanked for the donations he has generated for this project through his talks and other activities.

The contributions of our volunteers are invaluable, not only in terms of the practical work they carry out but also in the sharing of information and commenting on posts about our work

on social media, which helps to raise awareness of our work. Without their continued support, the Friends of Dalby Forest would not be able to achieve the positive impact we make on the forest and its visitors. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent and without their valuable contribution and time on work tasks, we would not have been able to achieve our goals .

How the Public Have Benefitted

The *Friends of Dalby Forest's* work contributes to environmental protection, public health, education, and community building.

Conservation and Environmental Protection: We help preserve the natural beauty and biodiversity of Dalby Forest through conservation efforts, including wildlife habitat protection, tree planting initiatives, and the maintenance of trails and natural resources. These activities contribute to the long-term environmental health of the area, benefiting both the local ecosystem and the wider environment.

Access to Nature and Wellbeing: By maintaining and enhancing public access to the forest, we enable individuals and families to enjoy outdoor recreational activities such as walking, cycling, birdwatching, and picnicking. Access to green spaces like Dalby Forest supports physical and mental well-being, providing opportunities for exercise, relaxation, and connection with nature.

Education and Awareness: In promoting our work, we raise public awareness about the importance of forests, biodiversity, and sustainable environmental practices. By engaging the public in these efforts, we foster a greater appreciation of natural spaces and encourage responsible use of the forest.

Community Engagement: Our charity promotes community involvement through volunteering and initiatives that bring people together to work for the common good. This helps strengthen local community ties, provides opportunities for skills development, and encourages a shared sense of responsibility for preserving the forest.

3. Financial overview

The Turtle Dove donations have provided the Charity with its main income with PayPal receipts of £10,563 for the year; £407 was paid out for turtle dove pool materials.

The Maze has seen some financial activity this year after a quiet year in 2023/24. In April the balance of the funds in the restricted account (£6,561) plus £2,500 from the Charity's General Fund was paid out to cover work to create paths to open the Maze to the general public. Subsequently, the dedicated Maze fund has had income of £2,093 from members of the public paying for signed stones which will be included in the next phase of the Maze build.

There were two items of Special Expenditure in February. The Charity paid £1800 for Larch box planters at the Visitors Centre and £1,435 for Bat Boxes installed at the Beaver Enclosure in Cropton Forest.

In the accounting period 1st May 2024 to 30th April 2025 total funds were:

	2024/25	2023/24
Start of year balance	£17,149.91	£16,724.38
End of year balance	£16,271.59	£17,149.91
Income/Expenditure balance	-£878.32	£425.53

Closing Balances for each fund

	2024/25	2023/24
Restricted fund (Maze)	£2,093.45	£6,561.05
Unrestricted	£14,178.14	£10,588.86
Totals	£16,271.59	£17,149.91

Receipts

	2024/25	2023/24
Wishing well donations	£0.00	£0.00
Maze donations	£2,093.45	£2,056.00
Charity box donations	£346.00	£447.50
Turtle dove donations via paypal	£10,562.60	£1,118.54
Totals	£13,002.05	£3,622.04

Expenditure

	2024/25	2023/24
Maze expenditure	-£9,061.00	£0.00
Bird food expenditure	-£485.45	-£435.58
Miscellaneous expenditures	-£691.65	-£450.61
Special expenditures	-£3,235.06	
Charity overheads (Accountancy fees)	£0.00	-£608.00
Turtle Dove pool materials	-£407.21	-£1,702.32
Totals	(£13,880.37)	(£3,196.51)

The main financial risk to the charity is a reduction in public donations, but funds are held to cover costs specific to projects such as the long term dry stone wall maze project, and to cover larger installations and new projects that arise during the course of the year, and in the event of a reduction or loss of income.

Principal Sources of Funding

The Friends of Dalby Forest rely on generous donations to support our work in preserving and enhancing the forest for public enjoyment. Our income is primarily generated through the following channels:

- **Donation Boxes:** Visitors to Dalby Forest contribute directly to our efforts by giving donations through collection boxes placed in the visitor centre. These donations play a vital role in funding our conservation activities and community events.
- **Online Fundraising:** We also receive significant support through online platforms such as GoFundMe and PayPal. These digital contributions allow supporters from near and far to easily donate, helping to sustain our ongoing projects like the Drinking Pools for Turtle Doves project.

In addition to these core sources, we occasionally receive income via grants or other fundraising activities. Every contribution, whether large or small, makes a meaningful difference and enables us to continue our mission of protecting Dalby Forest for future generations.

Trustee Remuneration

All Trustees of the Friends of Dalby Forest serve in a voluntary capacity. Trustees benefit from free access to Dalby Forest in line with the general Forestry England practice (Forestry

England facilitates free access to Dalby for all volunteers) but otherwise trustees receive no other remuneration or material benefits for their contributions to the charity. Trustees are reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses that are necessarily and reasonably incurred while carrying out their duties in support of the charity's purposes. These expenses are reimbursed at cost and are strictly limited to those directly related to the promotion and delivery of the charity's objectives.

4. Reference and Administration Details

Name of the Charity: Friends of Dalby Forest. Charity No: 1125882.

The charity is not registered with HM Revenue & Customs

Principal Address (correspondence): c/ Judith Winters, 80 Main St, Ebberston, YO13 9NH

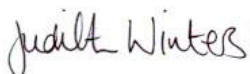
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Website: <https://friendsofdalbyforest.wordpress.com/>

Names of the Trustees who manage the Charity

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date appointed trustee</i>
Judith Winters (Chairperson)	1st October 2017
Martin Philip Baxter (Treasurer)	13th March 2022
Judith Finch	10th March 2024
Robert Howlett	1st October 2017
Ruth Phillips	13th March 2022
Edward Watters	10th March 2024

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 12th October 2025.



Judith Winters (Chairperson)



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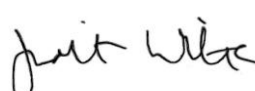

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/05/2024	To	Period end date 30/04/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
MAZE (VIA PAYPAL)	-	2,093	-	2,093	2,056
CHARITY DONATIONS (VIA PAYPAL)	10,563	-	-	10,563	1,119
CHARITY BOX DONATIONS	346	-	-	346	447
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,909	2,093	-	13,002	3,622
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,909	2,093	-	13,002	3,622
A3 Payments					
BIRD FEED	485	-	-	485	436
ACTIVITY EXPENDITURE	692	-	-	692	451
ACCOUNTANTS FEE	-	-	-	-	608
TURTLE DOVE PROJECT COSTS	407	-	-	407	1,702
MAZE	2,500	6,561	-	9,061	-
LARCH BOX PLANTERS FOR V/C	1,800	-	-	1,800	-
BAT BOXES	1,435	-	-	1,435	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,319	6,561	-	13,880	3,197
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,319	6,561	-	13,880	3,197
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,590	- 4,468	-	- 878	425
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,589	6,561	-	17,150	16,724
Cash funds this year end	14,179	2,093	-	16,272	17,149

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	14,179	2,093	-
	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	-	-	-
	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	-	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	14,179	2,093	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		-	-
	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Judith Winters		
		Martin Baxter		

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/05/2023	To	Period end date 30/04/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
MAZE		2,056	-	2,056	1,750
PAYPAL DONATIONS	1,119	-	-	1,119	679
CHARITY BOX DONATIONS	448	-	-	448	512
WISHING WELL DONATIONS	-	-	-	-	92
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,567	2,056	-	3,623	3,033
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,567	2,056	-	3,623	3,033
A3 Payments					
BIRD FEED	436	-	-	436	195
ACTIVITY EXPENDITURE	429	-	-	429	108
ACCOUNTANTS FEE (PREVIOUS YEAR)	608	-	-	608	598
TURTLE DOVE PROJECT COSTS	1,702	-	-	1,702	607
MAZE	-	-	-	-	19,020
FOREST GARDEN	-	23	-	23	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,175	23	-	3,198	20,528
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,175	23	-	3,198	20,528
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,608	2,033	-	425	- 17,495
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,197	4,528	-	16,725	34,219
Cash funds this year end	10,589	6,561	-	17,150	16,724

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

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,589	6,561	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Judith Winters	26 September 2024

	Martin Baxter	26 September 2024
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- **Dry Stone Wall Maze:** Volunteers cleared the paths around the dry stone wall maze, maintaining access for the wall builders and to push on this long term project.
- **Turtle Dove Conservation:** We created two new drinking pools and habitats for turtle doves at Givendale and Swair Dale, while also maintaining pools created in previous years by clearing away excess vegetation.
- **Archaeological Conservation:** Volunteers cleared pine regeneration from the archaeological earthworks near Adderstone Field, protecting these historical features.
- **SSSI Maintenance:** Sycamore regeneration was removed from a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) wet woodland habitat in Eller's Wood
- **Play Park Maintenance:** We continued to maintain willow structures at the play park near the visitor centre, ensuring these features remain safe and attractive for children.
- **Village Springheads Clearance:** Rotting vegetation was removed and drainage improved around the village springheads area
- **Path Maintenance:** Volunteers carried out essential path maintenance, including woodchip laying on trails around Adderstone.
- **Enchanted Wood:** We maintained the popular Enchanted Wood area for young visitors, installing a magnifying post to enhance the educational experience
- **Jerry Noddle Viewpoint:** we cleared birch regeneration to restore views from Jerry Noddle viewpoint.
- **Bird Ringing:** Our volunteers assisted the forest bird ringing group by managing vegetation around the netting area, contributing to ongoing research and bird conservation efforts.
- **Wildlife Cameras and Tools:** We have purchased a series of wildlife camera traps to monitor activity at the turtle dove drinking pools and have invested in new folding saws and other tools to support vegetation management tasks.

Future Projects and Ongoing Partnerships

We remain committed to pushing forward the *Dry Stone Wall Maze* project in collaboration with Forestry England (FE). Discussions are underway to reinstate the *Buy A Stone* fundraiser, which will allow the community to contribute directly to this unique feature. Our relationship with FE rangers and staff remains strong, and we have benefitted from their support and cooperation throughout the year.

A particular highlight of our collaborative efforts came during the *Doodle a Dove* competition awards ceremony, where two of our volunteers had the opportunity to meet wildlife presenter Iolo Williams. This encounter allowed us to discuss our turtle dove drinking pool project, further raising awareness of this important conservation initiative.

We have also continued to support a younger volunteer in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

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- **Website:** Our website has seen a steady flow of traffic, particularly when work task reports are posted. Over the reporting period, the site recorded 32,606 views (up from 31,006 last year) and 15,202 visitors (compared to 14,355 last year), reflecting an increase in public interest and engagement with our activities.
- **Twitter/X:** The @DalbyFriends Twitter/X account also saw a slight increase in followers, rising from 673 last year to 698 this year, allowing us to reach a broader audience and continue to spread the word about our conservation efforts.

The reporting period has been a highly productive year for *Friends of Dalby Forest*, marked by increased volunteer engagement, successful conservation efforts, and continued public support. As we move forward, we are excited to build on these achievements, particularly through the expansion of our key projects (turtle dove drinking pools and dry stone wall maze), stronger partnerships, and ongoing public outreach. The coming year will also see us support younger volunteers in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme. We remain deeply committed to the protection and enjoyment of Dalby Forest, ensuring it remains a cherished natural space for future generations.

The Roles & Contributions of Volunteers

Volunteers are at the heart of *Friends of Dalby Forest*, playing a critical role in the success of our charity. Their contributions ensure the smooth operation of our initiatives and help us achieve our mission of preserving and enhancing Dalby Forest for the enjoyment of all.

Volunteers are actively involved in hands-on conservation work, such as tree planting, trail maintenance, as well as heritage and habitat restoration. Their efforts help preserve the forest's natural beauty and biodiversity while ensuring that it remains accessible and safe for visitors.

The turtle dove drinking pool project continues to generate donations via our GoFundMe page, but supporter Richard Baines should be expressly thanked for the donations he has generated for this project through his talks and other activities.

The contributions of our volunteers are invaluable, not only in terms of the practical work they carry out but also in the sharing information and commenting on posts about our work on social media, which helps to raise awareness of our work. Without their continued support, the Friends of Dalby Forest would not be able to achieve the positive impact we make on the forest and its visitors. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent and without their valuable contribution and time on work tasks, we would not have been able to achieve our goals .

How the Public Have Benefitted

The *Friends of Dalby Forest's* work contributes to environmental protection, public health, education, and community building.

Conservation and Environmental Protection: We help preserve the natural beauty and biodiversity of Dalby Forest through conservation efforts, including wildlife habitat protection, tree planting initiatives, and the maintenance of trails and natural resources. These activities contribute to the long-term environmental health of the area, benefiting both the local ecosystem and the wider environment.

Access to Nature and Wellbeing: By maintaining and enhancing public access to the forest, we enable individuals and families to enjoy outdoor recreational activities such as walking, cycling, birdwatching, and picnicking. Access to green spaces like Dalby Forest supports physical and mental well-being, providing opportunities for exercise, relaxation, and connection with nature.

Education and Awareness: In promoting our work, we raise public awareness about the importance of forests, biodiversity, and sustainable environmental practices. By engaging the public in these efforts, we foster a greater appreciation of natural spaces and encourage responsible use of the forest.

Community Engagement: Our charity promotes community involvement through volunteering and initiatives that bring people together to work for the common good. This helps strengthen local community ties, provides opportunities for skills development, and encourages a shared sense of responsibility for preserving the forest.

3. Financial overview

Cash at bank at 30/04/2024 was £6,561 Restricted use Maze Fund and £10,589 general use funds. The main financial risk to the charity is a reduction in public donations, but funds are held to cover costs specific to projects such as the long term dry stone wall maze project, and to cover larger installations and new projects that arise during the course of the year, and in the event of a reduction or loss of income.

Principal Sources of Funding

The Friends of Dalby Forest rely on generous donations to support our work in preserving and enhancing the forest for public enjoyment. Our income is primarily generated through the following channels:

- **Donation Boxes**: Visitors to Dalby Forest contribute directly to our efforts by giving donations through collection boxes placed in the visitor centre. These donations play a vital role in funding our conservation activities and community events.
- **Online Fundraising**: We also receive significant support through online platforms such as GoFundMe and PayPal. These digital contributions allow supporters from near and far to easily donate, helping to sustain our ongoing projects like the Drinking Pools for Turtle Doves project.

In addition to these core sources, we occasionally receive income via grants or other fundraising activities. Every contribution, whether large or small, makes a meaningful

difference and enables us to continue our mission of protecting Dalby Forest for future generations.

Trustee Remuneration

All Trustees of the Friends of Dalby Forest serve in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or material benefits for their contributions to the charity. Trustees are reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses that are necessarily and reasonably incurred while carrying out their duties in support of the charity's purposes. These expenses are reimbursed at cost and are strictly limited to those directly related to the promotion and delivery of the charity's objectives.

4. Reference and Administration Details

Name of the Charity: Friends of Dalby Forest. Charity No: 1125882.

The charity is not registered with HM Revenue & Customs

Principal Address (correspondence): c/ Judith Winters, 80 Main St, Ebberston, YO13 9NH

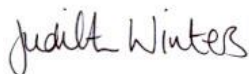
Email: friendsofdalbyforest@gmail.com

Website: <https://friendsofdalbyforest.wordpress.com/>

Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date appointed trustee</i>
Judith Winters (Chairperson)	1st October 2017
Martin Philip Baxter (Treasurer)	13th March 2022
Judith Finch	10th March 2024
Robert Howlett	1st October 2017
Ruth Phillips	13th March 2022
Edward Watters	10th March 2024

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 13th October 2024.



Judith Winters (Chairperson)

Friends of Dalby Forest 1125882

Annual Treasurer's Report for the period of 1st May 2023 to the 30th April 2024

The main financial event of the year was the change in structure of the charity with the conversion from a Company Limited by Guarantee to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This took some effort on the part of the Trustees with the process starting with a Trustee Board agreement to convert in September 2023 and the completion on 29th April this year, 2 days before the end of the financial year. This change in structure means that the charity no longer has to report to Companies House or HMRC so we no longer have to use an accountant to prepare our end of year report, starting with the 2023-2024 accounts. Accountancy fees have cost the charity £600 each year for at least the past 3 years so will be a big saving. Charity Commission guidance requires that the Charity only needs to file a summary of our payments and receipts along with a copy of the Annual Report.

This has been a very 'quiet' accounting year with only 17 payments and 14 receipts. We started the year with 2 restricted funds; the Maze and the Forest Garden. The latter only had £22.80 so we spent that money on some garden tools and closed the account.

We also need to say a very big thank you to Richard Baines for his Turtle Dove talks that continue to bring in some significant donations via PayPal. We have had 8 donations through the year totalling £1,119. This is compared to 3 donations worth £680 last year and 2 very large donations totalling £3,695 in the previous year.

There was no activity regarding the Stone Maze save for a couple of donations from the North York Moors Association and the Maze box in the visitors centre.

The tables below summarise the accounts for the year 2023/2024 and compare them with the year 2022/2023.

In the accounting period 1st May 2023 to 30th April 2024 total funds were:

	2023/2024	2022/2023
Opening balance	£16,724	£34,219
Closing balance	£17,142	£16,724
Net of receipts/(payments)	£425	(£17,495)

The closing balance comprises £6,561 Restricted use Maze Fund and £10,589 FoDF general use funds.

Receipts

	2023/2024	2022/2023	
Wishing well donations	£0.00	£92.23	Restricted
Maze Income	£2,056.00	£1,750.00	Restricted
Shop Charity Box donations	£447.50	£732.86	Unrestricted
Paypal donations turtle dove project	£1,118.54	£679.49	Unrestricted
	£3,622.04	£3,254.58	

Payments

	2023/24	2022/23	
Maze	£0.00	£19,020.29	Restricted
Forest garden	£22.80	£0.00	Restricted
Bird Feed and feeders	£435.58	£195.33	Unrestricted
Miscellaneous activities	£427.81	£107.92	Unrestricted
Accountancy fees	£608.00	£598.00	Unrestricted
Turtle Dove project costs	£1,702.32	£606.73	Unrestricted
	£3,196.51	£20,528.27	

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST

England & Wales - Charity number 1125882

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FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER

06565171

(England & Wales)

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1125882

(England & Wales)



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FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
COMPANY INFORMATION AS AT 30TH APRIL 2022

Trustees

Judith Winters
Margaret Scorer
Simon Butcher
Robert Howlett
Martin Baxter
Ruth Phillips

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FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

The trustees present the report and accounts for the company for the year ended 30th April 2022, which also comprises the Director's Report as required by the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity Name, Registration and Area of Operation

The legal name of the charity is Friends of Dalby Forest Limited. The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1125882.

Legal Structure of the Charity

The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association establishing the company under company legislation dated 14th April 2008.

By operation of law, all trustees and directors have responsibilities under both company (Companies Act 2006) and charity legislation. The trustees and all individuals who are also directors of the Company.

Trustees

The following persons served as Trustees during the year ended 30th April 2022:

Judith Winters
Margaret Scorer
Simon Butcher
Robert Howlett
Martin Baxter - Appointed 13th March 2022
Ruth Phillips - Appointed 13th March 2022

The Articles of Association govern the appointment and election of directors and trustees. The minimum number of trustees and directors is three. The directors and trustees may appoint a person willing to be trustee provided they retire at the next AGM. A new trustee can be appointed by ordinary resolution of the member.

Members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 13 to the accounts.

Objects and Activities of the Charity

The purposes of the Charity as set out in its governing document are to:

- Promote volunteer membership and management of voluntary activities within the Forest.
- Increase knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of the Forest and the surrounding forests, as well as to encourage the involvement of the local community.
- Promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and management of the Forest and the surrounding forests and lands owned or managed by the Commission within the North York Moors National Park to which the public has access, in particular to focus on its natural history, ecology and wildlife.
- Remain independent of the Commission, serving the needs of our members and acting as the eyes and ears of the Forest.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes were to:

- Offer opportunities for a broad range of people to get involved in volunteer work.
- Explore how we can work with the Commission to improve facilities in the Forest for the benefit of the public.
- Focus on improving the education and interpretation facilities for the public in the Forest.
- Work with Forestry England to complete one-off projects and on-going maintenance within the Forest.
- Work with Forestry England to maintain access to areas within the Forest.

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit

The impact of the pandemic and lockdowns on our work was considerable in 2021, and it was a second year of no Christmas craft activities or summer Duck Dash fundraising. It also meant once again we could not carry out as many work tasks as we would usually do. Tasks did not resume until May 2021, and for several months we were limited to a max of 6 volunteers in line with FE volunteer guidance which meant some logistical issues. However, guidance was further relaxed in September and we've been able to carry out tasks in much larger parties since then and looking the list below, it feels like we made up for some lost time.

The majority of tasks have been at Forest Garden (x3) plus some additional hours by Hedy, Judith F, Barry and myself. Other tasks included the re-establishing of views around Jerry Noddle in June. We also carried out two tasks at the Dry Stone Wall Maze in August and December, and two further tasks at the Enchanted Wood where we have installed a new sensory walk, a forest bathing platform, and erected some metal bird art in the trees. We averaged 4.5 people per task.

In Spring of 2021, Simon arranged for a long lasting surface to be added to the bird feeder area, which was welcomed as the area gets very overgrown in high Summer. Simon provided a lining plus wood chippings and the Friends spent time putting this down and trimming back the foliage. We continued to maintain the Staindale bird area with a task in July, having installed our new feeder frame made by Nigel Watson to carry the large feeders we bought last year. It was also decided that a wooden barrier be added as a way of letting in visitors on foot or in cars, now that the area is special and is maintained by us. This is part of a focus to provide ongoing improvement of the bird feeding area, as well as the consistent maintenance of the area.

As always, we have continued to monitor and record the species that visit the bird feeding area, noting any particular trends or changes in numbers or diversity of species. We focused on improving the aesthetic value of the area for visitors to enjoy. I have communicated year round with Judith and Simon, and any ideas they or myself have had, we have implemented whenever possible. I also donated a bird bath to the feeding area.

The charity has discussed continuing to improve the bird feeding area in the coming year with the addition of a sign detailing safe and appropriate foods to feed the birds. Also discussed were the potential for signs to improve public awareness of bins and tables.

We completed planning for a new project which we will be very much involved in this coming year, which will see us work on supporting the population of the Turtle Doves in the forest, which are under serious threat of extinction.

To summarise, between January and December 2021, the Friends of Dalby Forest have contributed just shy of 300 volunteer hours in 2021 (was 199 in 2020 although not yet returning to 2019 levels of 678). We have 22 active volunteers i.e. those who receive our task information every month or have come to a task in the last 12 months. We average around 8 volunteers per task, so in reality quite a small band of active members continue our work, but this throws into even more sharp relief on the huge amount of things we manage to achieve in a second pandemic year.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year

The Charity successfully conducted maintenance in the Forest Garden, and ongoing maintenance and improvement works throughout the Forest have been undertaken during the year. In the Forest Garden, views were re-established around Jerry Noddle in June. A new sensory walk, forest bathing platform and bird art were installed at the Enchanted Wood.

The work on the bird feeding area has created a neater and better maintained area for the public that still left enough plant life to benefit the birds too. The birdbath and feeding stations have added to the opportunity for public photography as the birds visit the area and the water supply. The Charity has continued to compile a record of the species that visit the bird feeding area, including trends in changes in numbers or diversity of species utilising the area.

The Charity has enhanced recreation, enjoyment and understanding of Dalby Forest, in particular with reference to its natural history, ecology and wildlife. In doing this, it has encouraged members of the public to become actively involved as volunteers in achieving these aims, in particular the active participation of young people.

In planning activities, the directors have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging.

Fundraising activities during the year

The pandemic heralded an increase in the number of visitors to the forest which in turn meant that despite not being able to run any fundraising events, donations in our collection tin at the desk did see a modest increase. With two volunteers helping to marshal the Dalby Dash in November, we received in exchange a donation of £100 from the proceeds and this may become a regular fixture in our schedule.

A GoFundme account for the Turtle Dove Project was set and started to take donations, which will be reported on in more detail next year.

The Charity is now receiving help to fund the bird feeding from the Forestry Commission. It has also been discussed about installing signs and providing information to visitors that they can use the lakeside toilet bins and tables. If they are passing by this would thus ensure the birds get plenty to eat across the week, cutting the food funding required from the charity.

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The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity

The Enchanted Wood is an area of woodland designed for families to play in safety and to learn about and explore the forest and its wildlife. The continued maintenance improves the experience for families and benefits forest wildlife by promoting awareness from a young age.

The Forest Garden is a layered structure of productive plants under a woodland canopy. The maintenance of the Forest Garden adds to the attractiveness of the Forest, increasing visitor's enjoyment and also has an educational value to visitors.

The bird feeding area now appears much more inviting to visitors, and is better defined and protected. The new wooden post and more robust and heavy feeders look great, especially with the added Friends logo. The new feeders are much appreciated by visitors. Our agenda with the newer larger feeders was twofold. Firstly, they were to prevent damage occurring to the feeders as they are too strong to chew, which had been happening to smaller sized ones from rodents. Secondly, to help ensure the food supply lasted longer to feed the hungry birds.

There are vastly increased numbers of birds using the feeding areas, as proven by our constant recording of the species and numbers. This is helping the forest birds to survive the winter and the breeding season, therefore protecting species numbers in the forest.

Photography opportunities for the public have been improved with the addition of the bird bath. The maintenance of the bird feeders and signage has also been of value to visitors to the Forest, allowing visitors to connect with the Forest and its wildlife.

The degree to which the achievements and performance during the year have benefited wider society

The protection of Forests is an important component of global sustainability, and indicators show a strong correlation between the presence of Forests and public wellbeing. The Friends have worked to increase public awareness and promote the needs of the Forest to the public.

The charity has a social impact, and community involvement is an important part of the charity. Work tasks have involved a broad range of volunteers comprising family groups, individuals and couples with an age range of under ten to over seventy and includes volunteers with special needs. Our regularly updated website friendsofdalbyforest.wordpress.com sees regular traffic, peaking when there is a work task. We have an active Facebook group with 318 members (was 260 at last AGM) www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofdalbyforest/ and a Twitter account @DalbyFriends with 651 followers (was 625).

The charity is available for young people undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh awards, and receives enquiries from young people who wish to carry out voluntary work for the Duke of Edinburgh award by working with the Friends. Four volunteers undertook or updated their first aid training qualifications, and we have continued to support volunteers from the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and welcomed several new volunteers to our ranks. The D of E award is recognised for its positive contributions to wider society.

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

Financial Review

The financial position of the charity as at 30th April 2022 as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income	4,320	3,923
Expenditure	1,596	4,194
Net Surplus/(Defecit)	<u>2,724</u>	<u>(271)</u>
Unrestricted Funds	12,530	9,675
Restricted Funds	1,705	1,836
Total Funds	<u>14,235</u>	<u>11,511</u>

The trustees consider the financial performance to have been broadly in line with expectations. Total funds are largely unchanged due to work tasks and fundraising being suspended for much of the year, during the Covid pandemic.

The Maze funds have been discussed at the AGM. We are no longer running the carving workshops, so the Maze expenditure will stop after the next financial year.

The emptying of the Forest Garden restricted funds was also discussed at the AGM with a view to closing it, with future spending on the Forest Garden to come from general funds.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim for the Charity to retain enough reserves to cover outstanding liabilities at all times. The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

In view of the level of reserve funds, it was agreed that a contribution to replacement mobility scooters should be investigated.

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

Statement of the Trustees Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Act 2022 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

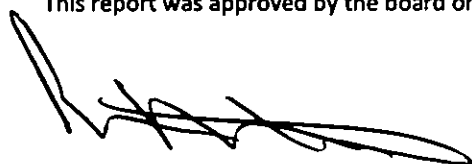
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

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

Small Company Provisions

The report of the directors has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies' exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 12th January 2023 and signed on its behalf.



Mr Robert Howlett
Director and Trustee

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://rulebook.accaglobal.com/>

I report on the accounts of Friends of Dalby Forest Limited for the year ended 30th April 2022, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records; or
 - concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Michael Richmond FCCA
on behalf of
Champleys Chartered Certified Accountants
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12th January 2023

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

		2022			2021
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Income					
Donations and Legacies	1	571	54	625	257
Grants from Government and Public Bodies	2	-	-	-	-
Events and Trading Activities	3	3,695	-	3,695	3,666
Total Income		4,266	54	4,320	3,923
Expenditure					
Charitable Activities	4	661	55	716	795
Fundraising	5	-	130	130	2,589
Governance and Support Costs	6	593	-	593	613
Equipment Depreciation	7	157	-	157	197
Other Charges	8	-	-	-	-
Net Income/(Expenditure)		1,411	185	1,596	4,194
Net Movement in Funds					
		2,855	(131)	2,724	(271)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward		9,675	1,836	11,511	11,782
Total Funds Carried Forward		12,530	1,705	14,235	11,511

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 2022

		2022			2021
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Fixed assets	9	629	-	629	786
Current assets	10	12,514	21,705	34,219	11,338
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>13,143</u>	21,705	34,848	<u>12,124</u>
Accruals and deferred income	11	613	20,000	20,613	613
Net assets		<u>12,530</u>	<u>1,705</u>	<u>14,235</u>	<u>11,511</u>
Charity Funds	12	<u>12,530</u>	<u>1,705</u>	<u>14,235</u>	<u>11,511</u>

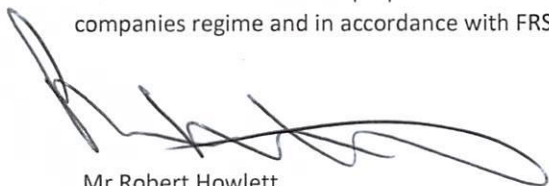
	2022	2021
Average number of employees during the year	-	-

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.



Mr Robert Howlett
 Director and Trustee

Approved by the board on 12th January 2023

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

Basis of Preparation

Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- the Charities Act 2011

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Going Concern

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis.

Change of Accounting Policy and Accounting Estimates

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies adopted in note 1. No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS102 SORP).

Material Prior Year Errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS102 SORP).

Accounting Policies - Income

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Accounting Policies - Income (ctd.)

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.

Donated Goods, Services and Facilities

Donated goods, services and facilities are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Accounting Policies - Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Grants

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Redundancy Cost

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Provisions for Liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Basic Financial Instruments

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

Accounting Policies - Assets

Fixed Assets for use by Charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £250. They are valued at cost and depreciated on a 20% reducing balance basis.

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments.

Stocks and Work In Progress

Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock. Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 2022

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
1 Donations and Legacies				
Wishing Well Donations for Stone Maze	-	54	54	-
Small donations individually less than £1,000	571	-	571	257
	<u>571</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>257</u>
3 Events and Trading Activities				
Stone Maze Carvings	-	-	-	3,666
New Year's Day Bird Race	3,695	-	3,695	-
	<u>3,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,695</u>	<u>3,666</u>
4 Charitable Activities				
Turtle Dove Project Expenses	341	-	341	-
Bird Feeding and Support	300	-	300	442
Provision of Information	20	-	20	144
Provision of Equipment and Facilities	-	-	-	209
Forestry Improvement and Maintenance Work	-	55	55	-
	<u>661</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>795</u>
5 Fundraising				
Stone Maze Carvings	-	130	130	2,589
	<u>-</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>2,589</u>
6 Governance and Support Costs				
Accountancy and Independent Audit	580	-	580	600
Statutory Fees	13	-	13	13
	<u>593</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>593</u>	<u>613</u>

- 7 Depreciation is charged at 20% reducing balance basis on all equipment. No depreciation is charged on land, buildings or other non depreciable tangible assets. These assets are retained at cost value in accordance with accounting historical cost convention. A breakdown of the charges is shown in note 9.

FRIENDS OF DALBY FOREST LIMITED
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 30TH APRIL 2022

9 Fixed assets

Plant and Equipment	B/Fwd	Added	Sold	Depreciation	C/Fwd
	£	£	£	£	£
Motor Scooters	720			144	576
POD Exhibitions	37			7	30
High Visibility Vests	29			6	23
	786	-	-	157	629

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	2022			2021
	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
10 Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	12,514	21,705	34,219	11,338
11 Accruals and deferred income				
Stone Maze Funding In Advance	-	20,000	20,000	-
Accruals	613	-	613	613
	613	20,000	20,613	613

12 Charity Funds

Current Year 2022	B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/Fwd
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted	9,675	4,266	1,411	-	12,530
Maze	1,759	54	130	-	1,683
Forest Garden	77	-	55	-	22
	11,511	4,320	1,596	-	14,235
Prior Year 2021	B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	C/Fwd
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted	11,023	257	1,605	-	9,675
Maze	682	3,666	2,589	-	1,759
Forest Garden	77	-	-	-	77
	11,782	3,923	4,194	-	11,511

13 Trustees' Expenses and Related Party Transactions

Trustees have been reimbursed for the following expenses incurred during the period:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Equipment and Materials for Turtle Dove Project	82	-
Forestry Improvement and Maintenance	-	209
Bird Food and Related Expenses	262	378
	344	587

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.