

# SOUTH DEVON NATURE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1141850

## Details

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**Other names** SDNT

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2011-05-11

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE TRUSTEES MUST APPLY THE INCOME OF THE CHARITY IN FURTHERING THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS")1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

**Activities:** SDNT is focused on three major areas of activity.1. We fund a specialist environmental contractor to work with landowners committed to restoring wildlife habitats. 2. We fund the same contractor to promote outdoor education in South Devon schools

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Devon

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£35,000	£28,486	-	-
2024-04-05	£25,000	£24,294	-	-
2023-04-05	£25,000	£16,750	-	-
2022-04-05	£22,500	£23,899	-	-
2021-04-05	£500	£5,965	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Emma Parr Ferris		2018-12-28
JANE DAVENPORT		2011-05-11
NICOLA RICHARDS		2013-02-28
ROGER DAVENPORT		2011-05-11

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	Day	Month	Year	<b>To</b>	Day	Month	Year
	06	04	2024		05	04	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

South Devon Nature Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1141850

Charity's principal address

Ash House Farm  
 Ash  
 Dartmouth  
 Postcode TQ6 0LR

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr J R Davenport	Chair		
2	Mrs J Davenport			
3	Mrs E Parr Ferris			
4	Mrs N Richards			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and to educate the public in these matters.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The major activity during the year continued to be habitat restoration and conservation. This took the form of advice to landowners, with some practical assistance where required, and was conducted in association with Devon Wildlife Trust and their long running Avon Valley Project. Most of this work was undertaken by a consultant conservation officer with assistance from other contractors.

Our work with primary schools increased during the year in both range and complexity. We continued to work with schools to develop the infrastructure to support outdoor learning. In addition, we began laying the foundations for a project to deliver nature themed and curriculum-based lessons outdoors. This project has been entitled WILD (Wildlife In Learning and Development).

In all of these activities the trustees have been mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Blackawton Primary School wildlife pond  
Christow Primary School Forest School building  
Hedgehog house building school sessions  
Invasive species control programme  
Brimridge 12 month species baseline survey completed  
Bat surveys now included in scope of advice to landowners  
Siting of wild honey bee hives  
Initial stages of Native Black Bee reintroduction programme  
Over 2000 trees planted by and under the supervision of SDNT  
25 landowners given advice, including some practical help, to improve their land for biodiversity  
50 dormouse boxes supplied and installed to continue monitoring work in Avon Woods  
Research and exploratory meetings with contractor and educationalists to design the WILD project

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees aim to retain reserves equal to approximately six months' expenditure. Although the charity has a low level of committed outgoings, in the event of a ceasing or delay in receipts it is regarded as prudent to provide for a continuation of activities for six months.  
At the end of the period the charity held £15,719 with a current expenditure of approximately £30,000

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity does not actively seek funding from outside the trustees.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J R Davenport	
Full name(s)	James Roger Davenport	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	10/07/2025	



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Charity Name South Devon Nature Trust	No (if any) 1141850
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 6/4/2024	To	Period end date 5/4/2025
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
J R Davenport	35,000	-	-	35,000	20,000
HMRC	-	-	-	-	5,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	35,000	-	-	35,000	25,000
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	35,000	-	-	35,000	25,000
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Devon Wildlife Trust	-	-	-	-	5,000
T Wilkins	25,336	-	-	25,336	19,242
Education South West	-	-	-	-	52
A Ingram	2,388	-	-	2,388	-
Machinery hire	175	-	-	175	-
Website	258	-	-	258	-
Expenses	329	-	-	329	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	28,486	-	-	28,486	24,294
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	28,486	-	-	28,486	24,294
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	6,514	-	-	6,514	706
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	9,205	-	-	9,205	8,499
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	15,719	-	-	15,719	9,205

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank current account	15,719	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>15,719</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	J R Davenport	James Roger Davenport		10/7/2025

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of South Devon Nature Trust.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Devon Nature Trust for the year ended 6 April 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of the report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: 

Name: Richard Boyd

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies: Chartered Financial Planner CII

Address: Roundwood, Bradford Road, Hawthorn, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 0NY

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025