



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	Day 06	Month 04	Year 2024	To	Day 05	Month 04	Year 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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
South Devon Nature Trust

No (if any)
1141850

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
6/4/2024

To

Period end date
5/4/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
J R Davenport	35,000	-	-	35,000	20,000
HMRC	-	-	-	-	5,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	35,000	-	-	35,000	25,000
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,000	-	-	35,000	25,000
A3 Payments					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,486	-	-	28,486	24,294
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	28,486	-	-	28,486	24,294
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,514	-	-	6,514	706
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,205	-	-	9,205	8,499
Cash funds this year end	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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	15,719	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,719	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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: 7th July 2025