MANHOOD WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN THE MANHOOD PENINSULA OR ELSEWHERE AS DETERMINED BY THE TRUSTEES2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECTS OF LANDSCAPE, BIODIVERSITY, HERITAGE AND HISTORY, WITH A VIEW TO PROTECTING THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE, BIODIVERSITY AND HERITAGE AND PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THEM.

Activities: Manhood Wildlife and Heritage care for various habitats across the Manhood Peninsula where wildlife can flourish. Some sites are home to rare species, others form a network of rich and diverse habitats, which are managed by local volunteers. Our activities include active environmental conservation projects, local history research, guided walks, publications, photography and newsletters.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£83,864	£51,210	-	-
2024-03-31	£51,399	£48,259	-	-
2023-03-31	£38,126	£44,472	-	-
2022-03-31	£67,610	£44,116	-	-
2021-03-31	£137,422	£118,028	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Lesley Bromley		2018-02-01
Paul Bedford		2024-10-19
Richard Pike		2024-10-19

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Annual Report 2025








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Our Mission

To preserve the unique character of the Manhood Peninsula and inspire local people to care for its wildlife and heritage. To see a place where nature flourishes, history is celebrated, and people thrive.

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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Chair's Report

The year 2024 to 2025 has seen us hard at work in all areas. Spurred on by our visit from the High Sherrif at the end of our last financial year we have been able, in the winter of 24/25, to complete 'Hedging Our Future 2'. Planting a further kilometre of hedging with native trees on a farm in South Mundham. Jane Reeve has continued to lead this work, and our wonderful volunteers have dug, planted and mulched the trees to give them a good start.

We were able to use the trees that had been kept over the summer in the Selsey Tree Nursery to very good effect as well as trees from the Tree Council and other sources. Working with the local farmers is a great experience here on the Manhood Peninsula and they are very enthusiastic about our efforts. This second project was also supported by a grant from Southern Water.

We have continued to monitor biodiversity and submit our findings to the national biodiversity records, including sites at Runcton (Vitacress) Sidlesham Bracklesham and East Wittering. We are also surveying our Pollinator Highway sites for both flower species and pollinators.

In the Summer we had a lovely social event for all of the MWHG volunteers from all aspects of our work in the form of afternoon tea, hosted by Bill and Sue Martin in their lovely garden. It was a splendid afternoon, the weather was fine and it was lovely to meet people who were working on different projects, wildlife and heritage all together and to explore Bill and Sue's beautiful garden. Many Thanks to them for hosting this event.

We were also delighted for Bill that his exhibition at the Novium Museum of the story of the Selsey Tram opened in July. This is still open and well worth a visit! The exhibit is multimedia with an excellent film telling the story, and lots of pictures and artifacts as well. Many Congratulations from everyone at MWHG for this achievement Bill.

Over the summer we continue to have information tables at the local summer fetes, galas and other social events. In the Autumn Jane Reeve spoke at the Transition Chichester meeting on climate change, and we continued to talk to local gardening clubs and Town and Parish meetings.

We had a very successful AGM in October, where I presented an overview of our structure and activities. We are looking forward to Dr Sam Kelly speaking at the next AGM.

Over the winter we started to work on a new Pollinator Highway bed at Sidlesham, with the partnership of the Parish Council, and we will continue to work on adopting more verges. Sidlesham County Primary School children have designed the sign for this bed directly on the B2145.

Our engagement with young people has continued to grow with the Woodger Trust supporting a role for Emma Horton to run the Wildlife Warriors clubs after school, and we held 2 Family engagement days at Birdham Church, and West Wittering Church over the summer.

Our Tree nurseries are thriving and providing trees for the hedging project as well as producing trees for filling in gaps in existing hedges. A team of volunteers have laid membrane to reduce weeds, and we have established a 'quarantine' bed for donated trees and generally attended to biosecurity.

The Selsey Photo Archive has continued to interview and record the memories of the older members of the community, and have supplied photos to a number of different organisations and media outlets.

The stalwarts of the East Beach Pond, and the sensory garden in Manor Green Park continue to maintain these areas as a nature oasis in an increasingly urban setting as Selsey continues to grow.

We have welcomed 2 new Trustees to the Charity this year, Richard Pike, from West Wittering, and Paul Bedford from Sidlesham have joined the team and bring with them a wealth of knowledge and expertise which is already helping up to move forwards. 3 is the minimum number of Trustees and we would be delighted if other volunteers came forward to become a trustee. Its interesting work with a very important contribution to MWHG that doesn't involve wellies or mud!

I would like to personally thank all the management team members for their continued unstinting work for MWHG, and especially to Jane Scotland who, as our Treasurer, keeps the whole show on the road!

2025-26, now underway as I write this, looks like we will move onwards and upwards, but for now a big Thank You to everyone who has volunteered, in any capacity, and supported in other ways, you are all fantastic!

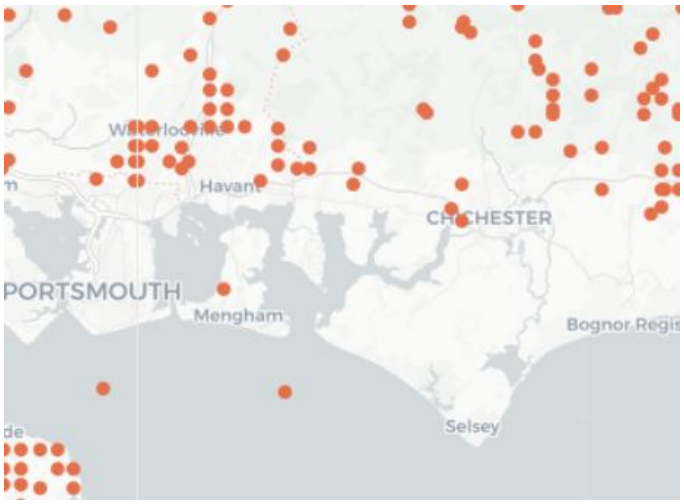
Dr Lesley Bromley

Chair Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group

New: Dormouse Conservation Group

A first record for Dormouse has been recorded on the Manhood Peninsula. A dormouse reintroduction programme was established by the PTES which started as part of the English Nature Species Recovery Programme. The first reintroduction took place in 1993, and a reintroduction now takes place approximately every year.

Dormice have become extinct in 17 counties within their historical range. They disperse slowly so even when woodland and hedgerow management improves, they're highly unlikely to naturally recolonise. One has been recorded on the Manhood Peninsula for the first time, and we wish to set up a reintroduction programme to help dormice locally. The MWHG is currently engaged in a hedging replanting programme which is a habitat much used by dormice.



NBN Records previously showing no dormouse sightings on the MP, NBN Dormouse Records Map

The aim of the programme is to restore dormice to counties and areas where they have gone extinct. The aim will be to carry out a survey in the South Mundham Parish, MP using a small volunteer group, to establish the whereabouts of the dormouse and to provide educational materials via the website. The best time to survey dormice is between April and November, during their active season. Hazelnuts opened by dormice can be looked for between September and December.



The Dormouse group will act as a subgroup of the MWHG and contains a suitably qualified a licensed member. Three volunteers have already offered to form a group and would start by carrying out a survey. If anyone would like to join us, please contact us.

Jill Sutcliffe, Project Coordinator

Wittering Area Community Conservation Project

The F Glenister Woodger Trust funded Wittering Area Community Conservation project has been running for three years, up until December 2024, and then received one year's additional funding. There have been four key areas of activity:

1. Education
2. Community engagement
3. Volunteer engagement and activity
4. Parish Council support

EDUCATION

Emma Horton our education officer has really stepped up the Wildlife Warriors after school club and has been very busy. We have delivered after-school 'wildlife warriors' club at the following schools:

- June 2024 - Birdham Primary School all day celebration of bugs
- November 2024 - Birdham Primary School all day celebration of trees
- February - March 2025 - West Wittering Primary School wildlife warriors club
- February - March 2025 - Birdham Primary School wildlife warriors club

This club has been well received and there is a demand for more sessions and places to join. The Wildlife Warriors club is free of charge, and we work with the schools to prioritise places for children that do not get access to other school activities and clubs as they require payment.

We also try to target children that may not have outdoor space at home or those that are in a care or looked after situation and therefore may have experienced a challenging time. Time outdoors has been linked to wellbeing with decreased stress and anxiety so these children could benefit from structured sessions in nature appreciating the world around them.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Presentations

1. June 2024, **West Wittering WI** - the work of the MWHG in West Wittering
2. October 2024, **Selsey WI** - the work of the MWHG on the MP
3. October 2024, **Transition Chichester** **and** **Chichester U3A** - MWHG projects tacking Climate Change resilience
4. November 2024, **West Wittering Horticultural Society** - biodiversity improvements in West Wittering
5. March 2025, **Earnley Parish Council** **AGM** - MWHG Biodiversity and Flood risk reductions projects in Earnley.
6. March 2025, **Earnley Parish Council AGM** - biodiversity improvements in Earnley Parish

Family Engagement events

Between May and July 2025, we carried out 2 Family Engagement events in churchyards across the area. These have been well attended and offer families and children an opportunity to understand more about the natural world around them. The churchyards are chosen as venues as they are open access sites that are normally quiet spaces for nature and haven't had any land use changes for hundreds of years. This means they are rich in biodiversity and have a range of micro-climates.

The children learn through a range of hands on and multi-sensory activities, including nature trails, bird feeder making, bug house hotel making, wildflower bomb making, sunflower seed planting, pond dipping, bug hunting, moth trapping, and bioblitz surveying of the churchyard. They also get to take home the items they make.

1. Saturday, 4th May 2024 - **St James Church, Birdham**
2. Saturday, 1st June 2024 - **St Paul and St Peter Church, West Wittering**





Corporate involvement and engagement

1. September 2024, **19 people** came from **SiteDefender** to help at Hilton Park pond cutting back vegetation.
2. October 2024, **4 people** came from **WSP** to help at Triangle pond with vegetation cutting and woodchip spreading.
3. November 2024, **3 people** from **Target** came to help with tree removal from West Wittering Tree Nursery.
4. January 2025, **6 people** from Waterhaven Place Care Home came to help plant trees to create a hedge in West Wittering.
5. February 2025, **5 people** from the **EA** **Worthing Office** came to help plant trees to create a hedge in West Wittering.





Duke Of Edinburgh Award students

Since January 2025 here have been 2 local young people, Archie and Orlando, taking up the opportunity to carry out voluntary work with us to work towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. We have given them a chance to learn new skills, find out more about their local environment and to get to know new areas of the peninsula.





VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT AND ACTIVITY

48 volunteer sessions, totalling **1264** hours, were held with between **2** and **24** volunteers attending across the parishes of West Wittering, East Wittering and Bracklesham, Birdham, West Itchenor and Earnley to carry out habitat improvement, flood risk reduction, invasive species removal, wildflower strip creation, litter picking, wildlife surveying, tree planting, education and engagement.



The sites worked on were: Kingfisher pond and Triangle pond (Birdham); Birdham Primary School; Haydons Pond (Earnley); West Itchenor Pond; Bus stop area, Cakeham Manor Estates, Webbs Estate and Snow Hill (West Wittering); Hilton Park Pond (East Wittering); West Wittering Village Green; and Birdham Village Pond.

PROVIDING LOCAL PARISH SUPPORT

The main drainage ditches and channels were reviewed in January 2025 and a report given to **West Wittering Parish Council** with recommendations for ongoing actions and maintenance to reduce flood risk in the parish.

Biodiversity and habitat management advice

We continue to offer advice to parish councils on biodiversity, habitat management and flood risk reduction. This includes:

- A management plan is currently being developed for Snowhill triangle.
- Cakeham Road cycle path verge is being reviewed with a plan to install a native hedgerow now that WSCC permission has been gained.
- The West Wittering Tree Nursery grows locally sourced trees from seed, with the aim of putting back the two-year-old trees into new local hedges.



Huge thanks to the **The F Glenister Woodger Trust** for all the funding that has helped us to deliver so many activities for local people, to make a difference locally to biodiversity and to continue to educate and engage children about the natural world around them.

Jane Reeve, Project Officer

Selsey Heritage Trail

A new plaque was added to the trail this year to commemorate Selsey's role in the Kindertransport – the rescue of Jewish children from Nazi Germany prior to the beginning of the 2nd World War.

Between 1938 and 1939 young Jewish refugees were housed at Broadreeds Holiday Camp in Selsey and the plaque is sited at the entrance to Lifeboat Way, which runs directly through the original site.



The plaque was unveiled on Holocaust Memorial Day in January 2025 to an audience including our MP, the High Sherrif of West Sussex, representatives from all the local Councils, members of the local Jewish community, MWHG members and other invited guests. It was an emotional occasion and certainly felt significant.

I would like to thank Lesley for organising the unveiling and hosting the refreshments that followed. It was a very successful event.

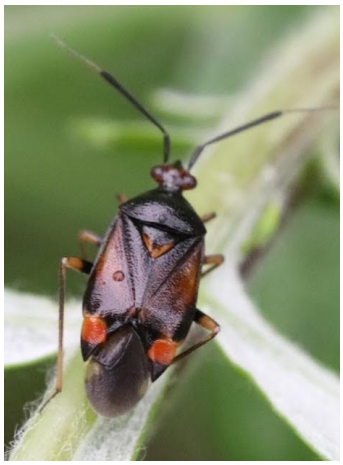
My thanks also to Selsey Town Council for their financial support and to the other private donors who contributed.

And finally, thanks to Keith and Pauline King for giving their permission to site the plaque on their property – it is an ideal location.

Joe Savill, Selsey Heritage Trail Coordinator

Vitacress Wildlife Survey Project

A dedicated volunteer team has continued to conduct surveys at the Vitacress Runcton site to help monitor the implementation of their Biodiversity Management Plan.



This year the surveys of birds, butterflies and pollinators were related to different habitats around the site, with the number of species within major groups recorded for each habitat. It was very interesting to be able to identify some of the different pollinators because of the excellent photos taken by our volunteers. Thanks to Jane Reeve and her expert volunteer team, a moth survey was also conducted.

The surveys were carried out from May through to September. Over this period, the most recorded birds were the Woodpigeon, Blackbird and Magpie. Linnet, Whitethroat and Willow Warbler were some of the less common birds recorded of the 24 bird species spotted. The most recorded butterflies were the Meadow Brown and Gatekeeper. Brown Argus was a highlight from the 17 butterfly species surveyed.

All the survey results were passed on to Leah Mathias-Collins, the Group Environment Manager at Vitacress, for analysis and entry into iRecord. In October she presented the results of all wildlife survey work for the year. It was very encouraging to see the wide range of wildlife that is using the site and the commitment that Vitacress has to increasing biodiversity across all sites. They are now also using Bioacoustics monitoring provided by Carbon Rewild to monitor the birds and bats using their sites and our bird surveys are proving useful confirmation for their findings – important ground-truthing.



I would like to thank our volunteers for their commitment to this long-term project. And my thanks also go to Leah, Shane Makin - Site Manager and the reception staff at Runcton for all their support and hospitality. We always feel very welcome. We are also very grateful for the donations they continue to provide in recognition of our work.

In November we said a fond farewell to Shane and gave a warm welcome to Simon Chant who will be looking after us when the 2025 survey season starts in the spring.

Joe Savill, Project Coordinator

Land Settlement Association Project

In the Autumn of 2017 this house was dismantled and transported to the Weald and Downland where it is now in storage. In December 2023 we were told it would be the next building to be re-erected. However, on-going changes of Director have inevitably delayed the planning process.



In the meantime, the Sidlesham Heritage Centre and Charlie Roe Photo Gallery at the Sidlesham Memorial Hall keep the project alive.

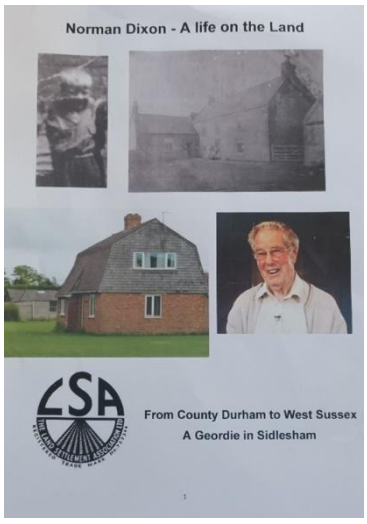
An in-depth exploration of the Land Settlement Association's (LSA) history is available at www.Sidleshamheritagetrail.co.uk.

The Gallery in Sidlesham Memorial Hall, part of Sidlesham Heritage Centre, displays a selection of Charlie Roe's photographs, Charlie was a former LSA tenant, a member of Chichester Camera Club and a keen local historian.

The photo below (left) shows Kathleen Faires, LSA Tenant at No 88 (Fletchers) in the 1950s.

Norman Dixon came to Sidlesham in 1939 as a 9-year-old. He is now 96 and lives in the same LSA house his father and then Norman himself lived in as LSA tenants.





Norman has written his life history which has now been published (left). Copies are available at £5.00 from Bill Martin:

bmartin@mwhg.org.uk

Bill Martin

Project Coordinator

Selsey Tramway Project

The Selsey Tramway Project has produced a guide, an interactive map, directional way markers on WSCC footpath posts and information boards at the sies of the 11 stations along the route. An anniversary walk takes place each August to celebrate the date of the first train in 1897.





The next phase of the project is the restoration of Chalder Station (pictured). A work party, with the help of MWHG volunteers, takes place each February to remove undergrowth from the platform. Trackwork and Govia Thameslink Railway have offered infrastructure and labour to re-instate the platform and a section of rail. Discussion is on-going with the landowners, the Church Commissioners, to obtain their permission to progress ahead of a planning application with Chichester District Council.

Bill Martin, Project Coordinator

Coming Soon: Discover Heritage Map

An audit of heritage assets, coordinated by Bill Martin, in all the Parishes of the Manhood Peninsula has taken place and will be used to populate the 'Discover Heritage' area of the MWHG website. This area is currently being updated and will be re-launched soon.

Beryl James Tree Nursery



We have still been finding our feet this year and gradually getting the site better organised. And we now have our beautiful sign, made by Selsey Men in Sheds, in place.

The main developments have been the use of weed suppressant to cover the site and the cutting out of planting beds for the young trees. Fortunately, we were finally able to get a large supply of compost delivered to the site, enabling us to improve the clay soil and make it more workable.

We have also been trialling different germination methods including the use of a fridge to break dormancy. Success rates vary and it is still a learning process. It has been surprising how long some seeds take as some Hawthorn seeds stratified in autumn 2023 germinated in spring 2025. The lesson is not to write them off too soon!



In January 2025, 72 trees / woody species we'd grown from seed, were collected for the Hedging Our Future project and 49 donated trees. It is this that makes all our hard work worthwhile.

In spring of this year, the beds we'd developed were filled with trees left over from the winter tree planting season and other donated trees. While those we'd collected and sown in autumn 2023 were still being grown on in my garden, ready for transferring to the nursery. As the site develops it will require more work so we're always looking for more volunteers so do get in touch if you'd like to join us.

Finally, I'd like to thank the following: David Langmead for providing the site for us to use; Mike Pierce, the Trees Outside Woodlands Project officer at CDC, for all his support and our volunteer team for their advice, commitment and enthusiasm for the project.

Joe Savill, Project Coordinator

Find Wildlife From Home Survey

Surveying is a key part of many of our projects, helping us to monitor the effects of climate change and human activity. The Find Wildlife From Home survey allows people to contribute valuable data for the Manhood Peninsula from their garden or local green space, with each record also added to the Biological Records Centre database.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, records of 910 individual flora and fauna were submitted, along with over 100 photographs. The top three most frequently recorded species in the following categories were:

Birds		Mammals	
Woodpigeon	67	Wood Mouse	2
Starling	47	Hedgehog	2
Blackbird	47	Bat	2
Butterflies		**Other Insects**	
Red Admiral	13	Mining bee	6
Holly Blue	10	Buff-tailed Bumblebee	3
Speckled Wood	8	7-spot Ladybird	3
Moths		**Plants**	
Inlaid Grass-veneer	33	White Clover	100
Garden Grass-veneer	18	Greater Stitchwort	100
Light Brown Apple Moth	8	Morning Glory	50

Nikki Timney, Survey Coordinator



Painted Lady, Felicity McStea 2024



Elephant Hawkmoth, Phill Absolon 2024

Selsey Photo Archive

There have been three main strands to the work this year: the continuing general activities, the Past/Present Photo Book and preparations for a ‘Selsey at War’ exhibition to commemorate the anniversary of VE & VJ day.

The general activities have included scanning the new collections that have been donated or loaned to us, continuing to catalogue these, replying to requests for information or photos, uploading photos to the website and recording more memories of local residents.

We are very fortunate to still be receiving collections. Some of these are absolute gems such as an album relating to the Marine Hotel in Selsey. A huge thank you goes to Tony Tomlinson for his efforts to achieve the best scans possible from worn photos.



SPP1-12-002 Once a much-loved corner shop

It is always rewarding to receive requests for help from people conducting their own research, often into their family history or history of their home, and the project team always try to help if they can. Equally, it is great when visitors to the site have their memories triggered by certain images and contribute personal recollections of their lives in Selsey.

We are also receiving a growing number of requests from organisations wanting to use our photos. This year this has included: Selsey Town Council, for their VE Day 80 Event; Coastal Partners, for their Selsey coastal defence community consultation events; Millstream Productions, for use in Bill Martin’s Selsey Tramway film and two TV production companies for use in a channel 5 programme about Sussex and BBC’s ‘Saving Lives at Sea’. All very gratifying.

Tom Creedy’s photographic record of Selsey High Street in the 1990s has now been uploaded to the website and has provoked a great deal of interest. It’s amazing how much has changed.

Eight more people’s memories have now been recorded and the list of people we would like to interview is growing longer. So, plenty of fascinating listening still to do.

Our focus for a large part of the year was on selecting photos for the Past/Present Photo Book of Selsey, which we are producing in partnership with The Selsey Pavilion Trust. An initial draft has been produced, and work is ongoing.

From the beginning of 2025 our focus turned to preparations for our own 'Selsey at War' VE/VJ anniversary exhibition, to be held in August.

As far as outreach goes, Keith Batchelor has continued to give talks based on the photo archive, to a range of community groups. He is much in demand. I would like to thank Keith and the rest of the Project Team for their continued dedication and enthusiasm.

As you can see there is plenty to do, so we'd welcome more volunteers. Do get in touch if you're interested.



SPP4-13-042 Broadreeds Holiday Camp in the 1930s [Ruth's collection]

Finally, it was with great sadness that Ruth Mariner passed away in December 2024. She was a key member of our team and a hugely valued, well-connected local historian. If she didn't know the answer, she almost always knew someone who did. She will be greatly missed by the whole community of Selsey, but she leaves a wonderful legacy through her much-loved articles in Selsey Life magazine and all her research.

Joe Savill, Project Coordinator

Funding and Finance

Funding is getting tighter for all charities and more of our time is spent securing grants. We are entirely reliant on grants, funding and donations to enable the work that we do. We run as lean as possible, however the costs of delivering projects has increased. The Management Team, Trustees and Treasurer are all volunteers.

Our main costs are contracted staff to enable us to run our projects. We are very lucky to have Nicola Timney supporting our IT and website and Jane Reeve and Emma Horton working tirelessly as Project Leader and Education Leader.

We would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to the following organisations who provided funding during the financial year to 31st March 2025:

- **The F Glenister Woodger Trust** - we are again extremely grateful to the Woodger Trust for funding the Wittering Area Community Conservation Project, After School Clubs and Summer holiday events.
- **Southern Water** - funding for the Hedging Our Future and Dormouse projects
- **The Postcode Lottery** - open funding to support our work
- **Nature's Way** - funding to support our conservation work
- **Chichester District Council** - funding towards Novium Tramway film and Selsey Tree Nursery
- **Portsmouth Water** - funding for Pond Power project
- **Vitacress** - funding for the mapping project
- **Selsey Town Council** - grant towards blue plaques, funding towards East Beach Pond and Selsey Photo Archive
- **Co-op** - funding towards Family Engagement Days and Sidlesham Pollinator Highway
- **Ernest Kleinwort Trust** - matched funding for Sidlesham Pollinator Highway
- **Ferry Farm** - funding towards Sidlesham Pollinator Highway
- **Tree Council** - purchase of trees

Accounts

A full set of accounts are available as a separate document. We are very grateful to Wendy Peters at Workspace Accounting Ltd for acting as the Independent Examiner of the accounts.

Jane Scotland, Treasurer

Learn More and Get Involved

Volunteer

www.mwhg.org.uk/volunteer

As a volunteer, you will receive details of upcoming activities you can get involved with. There is no time commitment required, so you can choose how much you do.

Corporate Volunteer Days

www.mwhg.org.uk/corporate-volunteering-days

Does your company offer opportunities for employees to volunteer? We can organise specific volunteering days for your organisation.

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Manhood Wildlife and Heritage

Accounts and Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31st March 2025

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Trustees

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Richard Pike
Paul Bedford

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Richard Pike
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Vacant

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Bill Martin
Jill Sutcliffe
Joe Savill
Paul Bedford
Lesley Bromley
Richard Pike
Jane Scotland

The Directors present the accounts for the charity for the year ended March 2025.

Results

The results for the year ended 31st March 2025 are set out in the annexed accounts.

Principal Activities of the Company

The charity is a registered company incorporated on the 10th May 2011
The company commenced operating from the 1st April 2012.
Manhood Wildlife and Heritage care for various habitats across the Manhood Peninsula where wildlife can flourish. Some sites are home to rare species, others form a network of rich and diverse habitats, which are managed by local volunteers. Our activities include active environmental conservation projects, local history research, guided walks, publications, photography, and newsletters.

Charitable Objects

1) To promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection, and improvement of the physical and natural environment but not exclusively by promoting biological diversity in the Manhood Peninsula or elsewhere as determined by the Trustees.
2) To advance the education of the public in the subjects of landscape, biodiversity, heritage, and history, with a view to protecting the local landscape, biodiversity and heritage and promoting understanding and appreciation of them.

Company Status

The company is a small company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2005, and is exempt from audit. Under Charity law the accounts must be independently examined.

Offices of the Company

The following have served as Directors during the year:

Lesley Bromley
Richard Pike
Paul Bedford

Company Secretary
Vacant
Treasurer
Jane Scotland

Political and Charitable Donations

The company made no political or charitable donations during the year.

1. Accounting Policies

1. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
2. Fund Accounting
   i. Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
   ii. Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.
3. Recognition of incoming resources
   Donations and grants are recognised when received.
4. Resources Expended
   These are included when the Charity has a legal obligation to pay.
5. Charitable Activities
   This is the expenditure applied by the Charity in undertaking work in meeting its charitable objectives.
6. Governance Costs
   These include IT, website, training, venue hire and insurance costs relating to the activities of the Charity.

2. Employees

No staff were employed during the year.

3. Trustees and related parties

No payments were made to Trustees or Related Parties.

4. Debtors

Agreed funding outstanding.

2025	2024
£	£
0	0

5. Creditors (due within one year)

2025	2024
£	£
0	0

Fixed Assets	
Equipment	£
Opening Balance	19793
Additions	0
At 31st March 2025	19793
Depreciation	
Opening Balance	2190
Depreciation for the year	548
At 31st March 2025	18151
Net Book Value	
At 31st March 2024	2190
At 31st March 2025	1642

Depreciation is provided to write off the historic cost of the fixed assets over their estimated useful life. The rate of depreciation used, and the method adopted are as follows – Equipment 25% - Reducing Balance.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
		2025	2025	**2024**	**2024**
Incoming Resources		£	£	£	£
	Donations	2615		2282	
	Postcode Lottery	10000			
Grant Funding	Woodger Trust Project		30000		26667
	Parish Councils	120			1300
	Selesy Town Council	836			
	Chichester District Council	4834			
	Co-op		5500		
	Portsmouth Water		8500		
	Tramway				75
	Selsey Tree Nursery				3553
	W Wittering Tree Nursery				250
	Pollinator Highway		2158		
	Ernest Kleinwort Trust		3000		
	Selsey Photo Archive		200		102
	East Beach Pond				1000
	Nature's Way		2000		2000
	Southern Water		10498		10000
	Eileen Savill Award				364
	Mapping Project		628		1000
	Tree Council Grant		2321		2452
Investment Income	Bank Interest	654		353	
	Total Incoming Resources	19059	64805	2635	48764
Resources Expended	Fundraising				
	Charitable Activities		46347		49200
	Governance Costs	4315		1580	
	Creditors brought forward			-3251	
	Depreciation	548		730	
	Total Resources Expended	4863	46347	-941	49200
	Net Income (Expenditure)	14197	18458	3576	-436
	Net Excess of Income (Expenditure)	32654		3140	
Total Funds Brought Forward		89182		86042	
Total Funds Carried Forward		121836		89182	

Balance Sheet at 31st March 2025

	2025	2024
Fixed Assets	£	£
Tangible Assets	1642	2190
Current Assets		
Debtors		
Cash in Bank	120194	86992
Less:		
Creditors		0
Amounts falling due within one year		0
Net Current Assets	121836	89182
Funds		
Unrestricted	57031	44099
Restricted	64805	45082
	121836	89182

In connection with the accounts for the year ended March 31st, 2025, we can confirm that:

a) For the year in question the company was entitled to the exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies
b) No notice from members requiring an audit has been deposited under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006
c) The Directors and Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:
    i. Ensuring the company keeps proper accounting records and the preparation of accounts which comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006
    ii. Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year.
d) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of relating to small companies in Part 15 Companies Act 2006 and with the Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities.
e) These accounts have been delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by

Trustee [signature] *Trustee* [signature]

Full Name ASLEY MURIEL BRUMLEY *Full Name* RICHARD GORDON PIKE

Date 30/9/25 *Date* 30/9/25

MANHOOD WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees and Members of Manhood Wildlife and Heritage

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Manhood Wildlife and Heritage for the Year Ending 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts for the Company are not required to be audited for this year 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. In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

(i) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or

(ii) the accounts do not accord with such records; or

(iii) the accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies House 2006 other that any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not considered as part of an independent examination ; or

(iv) 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 Republic of Ireland.

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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24 September 2025

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Chair's Report

It is a privilege and a pleasure to have time to look back over our achievements in 2023 to 2024. This moment of reflection helps us plan the year to come and allows me to share will all our volunteers, supporters and management team my thanks for all their hard work and efforts over the past year.

We have had a busy year both on the wildlife and environmental front, and with our work to preserve and promote our heritage here on the Manhood Peninsula.

The winter of 23 /24 was taken up with our new project 'Hedging our Future'. Supported by Southern Water we have been able to plant over 2500 trees and 800m of new hedgerow and a small woodland. The project came to an end in March 2024, and we were able to plant our unused trees in the Selsey Tree Nursery to grow on over the summer to be used in our second Hedging our Future project for next winter.

The Community Conservation Project work supported by the Woodger Trust in the Witterings area has continued for another year continuing habitat renewal, new gardens, and a good deal of work with schools and youth groups. Louise Bateson continued to work with us on this project, but towards the end of the year she found a new job further inland! Emma Horton has been able to step into her shoes for the remaining part of the project for which we are very grateful. Many congratulations and thanks to Louise, Emma and Jane Reeve for all they have achieved this year. Our wonderful group of volunteers continued to turn out in all weathers to man the working parties and the species surveys.

We were delighted to be nominated for the BBC Radio Sussex Making a Difference Green Award, and in September, myself, Jane Reeve and Jane Scotland, our Treasurer set off to the award ceremony at an hotel in the wilds of Ashdown Forest! We were very impressed with the other nominees in our category so were equally shocked and delighted to win the award! We would like to thank our anonymous nominator for this marvellous opportunity and acknowledgement of everybody's hard work!

At the Award Ceremony we were introduced to The High Sherrif of Sussex for last year Andy Bliss. He was most interested in our work, he has visited a large number of the Charities in Sussex during his year in office, and he came to see MWHG in March towards the end of his year. We took him out to see hedges, and ponds as well as our new Selsey Tramway walk and over lunch shared with his some of the Selsey Photo Archive pictures. He was very enthusiastic, and also shared useful contacts with other charities which we are following up.

The West Wittering Tree Nursery with Alex Ainge leading the group has continued to raise native species trees and now is in its fourth year. The Selsey tree nursery, to be named the Bery James Tree Nursery which is on land leased from Langmeads Ltd, provided some of the trees for the Hedging project from our first planting, and then gave a home to those unused by March. In addition more trees have been planted and raised for use in 24/25.

Once again we have worked with West Sussex County Council with the Pollinator Highway project. To increase the numbers of pollinating insects, a series of verges in Selsey and along the road to Chichester are not mown during the summer and allowed to grow, in addition they are seeded with wild flower seeds. This year we added new verges and were helped by WSCC having a 'no mow May' policy which increased the flowering plants across the town verges. At the end of the season the

verges are mown and raked and the material is composed. We are always looking for volunteers for this work.

The East Beach Pond and the Manor Park Gardens continue to be looked after by our volunteers. As we see the effects of Climate Change on the weather, with increasing numbers of heavy rainstorms, the East Beach Pond is an important part of the drainage and containment of surface water as well as being a haven for birds and animals, so the work of the group to keep it in good order becomes more and more important. This year we held a photographic exhibition showing the building and development of the East Beach Pond, and how its drainage system works. Mulberry Marine divers, who's premises are near the pond, were kind enough to host the exhibition.

Selsey Town Council have begun to work on Manor Green and have installed a new drainage system, we have met with them to discuss the biodiversity of this area and are working towards managing the area to increase biodiversity and enhance the area.

We continue to work to keep the Manhood Peninsula as a special place with a vibrant history and a unique ecology.

This year we have also seen a great deal of activity in the Heritage area. We follow with interest the re-development of the Pavilion Building (perhaps better known as the old cinema) in Selsey and hope eventually to have exhibitions in the space and other heritage events.

The Selsey Photo Archive has continue to upload photos from various collections to their website, and have given some talks to various community groups in Selsey based on the collection. Bill Martin continues to maintain the walk along the route of the Selsey Tramway, the route is now signposted and has information boards along the route telling the story of the individual stations. Sadly we have had two boards damaged so we are working to replace them.

My Life, and that of all the management team, has been made indescribably better and easier by the efforts of Rosemary Bradley, who has taken the most excellent minutes of our meetings over the year. Her ability to produce coherent and comprehensive minutes from our rambling conversations on Zoom is miraculous and we all thank her very much.

We are still looking for a Secretary and a Health and Safety Officer if anyone out there would like to join us in these roles.

I hope you can join us for the AGM in the Autumn, we will once again be having a speaker and some lunch in addition to the business parts of the meeting!

Dr Lesley Bromley
Chair of the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group
September 2024

Selsey Photo Archive

It has been another busy and productive year.

Although donations and loans of photos have started to decrease, we have been fortunate to receive a steady stream, including an extensive collection of Selsey postcards. Hence there are still numerous images to research, scan and catalogue, which is often fascinating and sometimes opens new avenues into Selsey's past.



We have continued to develop the website - the major update being the addition of a map showing the location of a selection of the photos. This is especially useful where buildings or places have significantly changed or no longer exist. New photos have also been added to the site and the majority have now been uploaded to the MWHG share point for safekeeping and access.

We have very much welcomed the interest in the site shown by researchers and people wanting to purchase images because of family connections with them, as well as by those with personal knowledge to contribute.

Keith Batchelor has continued to promote the project and open eyes to Selsey's past through talks to Selsey WI, Selsey U3A and many other groups. Huge thanks to him for this.



Alongside these ongoing activities we put on a display and started work on two new projects. The display focussed on how the East Beach Pond area has changed over time. It was held in July at Mulberry Marine Experiences, near to the pond. Much positive feedback was received, and it is a display that we will certainly repeat. Our thanks go to Anya Frampton for all her wonderful support with this.

The first new project is to record the memories of a selection of Selsey's older, long-term residents. We have interviewed three people so far and it's been captivating. Some of their stories have been truly eye-opening. We plan to carry out many more interviews and to use parts of these on the website and in exhibitions.

The second project is, in partnership with the Selsey Pavilion Trust, to produce a book to inform people about Selsey's rich heritage and to celebrate it. It will largely be made up of photos from the archive alongside modern views, which illustrate how Selsey has changed and tell the story of significant features and people. This project is being funded by grants that the Selsey Pavilion Trust has secured, including from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

As you can see there is plenty to do, so we'd welcome more volunteers. Do get in touch if you're interested.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Project Team for their continued dedication and enthusiasm. And special thanks to Wendy Page who has embarked on the mammoth task of collating all the newspaper articles about Selsey from the online archives. This is and will continue to be invaluable to us and many other groups.

Joe Savill
Project Coordinator

The Selsey/Beryl James Tree Nursery



This year the nursery is still in its establishment phase but there have been two significant milestones.

Firstly, in November 2023 the first trees were lifted from the nursery for planting out. Most of these were trees donated by local residents or left over from other projects. Ninety-eight young trees including Blackthorn, Holly, English Oak, Horse Chestnut, Copper Beech, Sycamore, Dogwood, Rowan and Silver Birch were collected and planted out in Sidlesham, as part of the Hedging Our Future Project.



Secondly, in early 2024 the young trees that had germinated from seed gathered in our first collection in autumn 2022 were transplanted into beds at the nursery. They are mainly Crab Apple and Wild Rose as they germinated most successfully. As these represent the first trees we've been totally responsible for growing from seed we are taking extra satisfaction in seeing them thrive.

Another highlight has been the use of the site for storing those trees unplanted during the autumn/winter tree planting season for 2023/24. On a very wet March day hundreds of saplings were planted at the site by a very committed team of volunteers from the Tree Nursery and the Hedging Our Future Project.

On a less positive note, much of the seed that we collected and sowed last autumn was taken by mice – a lesson learnt! Fortunately, I also sowed some, mainly acorns, at home in root trainers and they germinated well. However, they did require extensive protection.

Generally, we have continued to resource the site and have found that the use of large amounts of weed suppressant is the way forward to tackle weed growth.



As the site develops it will require more work so we're always looking for more volunteers so do get in touch if you'd like to join us.

Finally I'd like to thank the following: David Langmead for providing the site for us to use; Mike Pierce, the Trees Outside Woodlands Project officer at CDC, for all his support and our volunteer team for their advice, commitment and enthusiasm for the project.

Joe Savill

Project Coordinator

Vitacress Wildlife Survey Project

A dedicated volunteer team has continued to conduct surveys at the Vitacress Runcton site to help monitor the implementation of their Biodiversity Management Plan.



The 2023 survey season continued with pollinator surveys at specific locations around the perimeter of the site, covering different habitats. In addition, this year, we recorded our observations of other wildlife on our regular route with a particular focus on butterflies and birds.



In summary, 15 species of butterfly were recorded, including the Brown Argus and Essex Skipper and 14 bird species. Maximum counts of butterflies on individual survey days were as follows:
Gatekeeper – 78
Meadow Brown – 28
Large White – 43
Small White - 49
The surveys were carried out from May through to September.

All the survey results were passed on to Leah Mathias-Collins, the Group Environment Manager at Vitacress, for analysis and in October she presented the results to us of all wildlife survey work for the year. It was very encouraging to see the wide range of wildlife that is using the site and the commitment that Vitacress has to increasing biodiversity at this site and their others.



We also evaluated our survey strategy and decided to relate all surveys to the different habitats around the site in 2024. This we planned out during the winter so that we were all set to go in May 2024.



I would like to thank all the volunteer team for their commitment to this long term project. And my thanks also go to Leah, Shane Makin - Site Manager and the reception staff at Runcton for all their support and hospitality. We always feel very welcome.

Joe Savill
Project Coordinator

Wittering Area Community Conservation Project

Report for April 2023 – March 2024

The Wittering Area Community Conservation Project is a three-year project, which started in November 2021. The Project is funded by the F Glenister Woodger Trust to work across West Wittering, East Wittering, Bracklesham, Earnley, West Itchenor and Birdham with the aim of improving wildlife habitat, flood management, community engagement with the local environment, and promoting community and personal well-being. The funding allowed for the creation of a Community Conservation Officer role for a three-year period. The role was shared by Jane Reeve and Louise Barnetson until February 2024, who are leading the project.

Habitat Management

We have had regular weekly volunteer sessions, carrying out habitat management during the autumn/winter months and surveying of flora and fauna during the spring/summer months. There were 56 volunteer sessions from 01 April 2023 - 31 March 2024, involving 322 volunteers, and amounting to 1106 volunteer hours.



Above: Volunteers managing vegetation on Birdham Village Pond, on a warm September day, which provides habitat for endangered water voles and attracts many bird species.

The work we have done to maintain, improve, and create habitat for wildlife at various sites has included cutting and clearing vegetation, sowing wildflower seeds, hedge laying, planting trees, creating dead hedge' and log piles, removing invasive plants, tool cleaning, seed processing and working in the tree nursery in West Wittering.



Above: MWHG volunteers, hedgelaying a young 5-year hawthorn hedge in Earnley.

Corporate Team Building

We have involved several corporate groups in our habitat management work, some of whom have travelled huge distances to join us. This continues to be a growing area with many more requests coming in from a variety of different organisations wishing to offer their staff 'volunteer days' - we already have several already booked in for autumn/winter 2024/25.



Above: Team from Carpenter Box, Chartered Accountants who came from East Sussex and the south coast area to manage vegetation at Triangle Pond, Birdham.



Above: Team from Abvie, Medical Equipment specialists who came from across the UK to manage vegetation at Cakeham Manor Estates. Some had travelled for 5-6 hours to join us and viewed it as a great opportunity to meet their colleagues, who they seldom saw, and to be outdoors doing something useful.



Above: Team from Nationwide Building Society from offices across the south, came to manage vegetation on a relic pond in Earnley to reduce flood risk and improve habitat.



Above: A team from WSP, a Civil Engineering company, from across Sussex and Surry, working alongside regular MWHG volunteers, preparing the newly created earth bund at Birdham recreation Ground with wildflower seeds.



Above: A team from WSCC's Sustainability Team who helped us with vegetation management at Cakeham Manor Estate wetland, an important site for water voles. They were thrilled to instantly see the results of their work and to get the positive feedback this brings.

Species surveying

During the months of April and May we carried out weekly floral surveys, recording anything else that we also saw, at our sites across the area. This information was all put into iRecord. We also carried out 3 bat survey sessions and were fortunate enough to get a good showing of a pipistrelle bat species at those locations.





Above: Louise and volunteers bat surveying at Haydons pond, Almodington, June 2023, and a male Ghost moth seen

In the summer months we recruited volunteers to adopt a site and to observe and record wildlife independently by making regular visits over the summer and recording their sightings on iRecord. Training and guidance was provided with a focus on encouraging more people to use iRecord, making the data available to the National Biodiversity Network (NBN).



During the summer months we also had 7 moth trapping sessions in gardens as close to the sites that we manage as possible. This summer activity is popular and we are always excited to see what we catch; we often get surprises.





Above: Moth ID session with volunteers in Birdham. Right: A Dark Arches moth

Engagement & Education

Our popular 'Wildlife Warriors' after school club has continued at the local primary schools in Birdham, West Wittering and East Wittering. We invite 8 to 12 young children to each session, usually Reception and year 1 children. We offer them hands-on (messy!) activities which we use to enthuse and educate them about wildlife. This includes making bird feeders, pond dipping, minibeast hunts, owl pellet dissection, and bug house making.



Above: Pond dipping at West Wittering Primary School with water sourced from a local rife.

We have also continued with several sessions with the 1st Birdham and Witterings Scout Group. The activities depend on the time of year and in the lighter evening we do pond dipping and bug hunting at Triangle Pond, and in the winter months we do seed processing and bird feeder making.

This year the Scout Group helped us to remove hundreds of plastic spiral tree guards from underneath a 10-year-old hedge on the Birdham Recreation Field.




Above: Beaver group arriving at Triangle pond to for pond dipping and bug hunting. Right: Scouts hauling back bags of plastic spiral tree guards.

In May 2023 we carried out a family wildlife engagement day at St James Churchyard, Birdham. We were helped by lots of volunteers that helped to make this event a success and we had approximately 100 visitors come along and get involved with the activities.




Above: Churchyard engagement event offering lots of activities to encourage children to learn more about the word around them.

Supporting Parish Councils & Landowners to Improve Biodiversity

We have continued to work with local Parish Councils, particularly West Wittering Parish Council, supporting initiatives to improve biodiversity. The main drainage ditches and channels were walked and reviewed in January 2024 and a report given to West Wittering Parish Council with recommendations for ongoing actions and maintenance to reduce flood risk in the parish. We have worked with both West Wittering and Birdham Parish Councils to turn newly created earth bunds into opportunities to plant wildflowers and create a new microclimate for different species.

We have continued our good relationship with Harbour Churches (the churches in Birdham, West Itchenor and West Wittering), with more engagement opportunities. We continue to be a resource for landowners, farmers and residents offering habitat management advice.

Staff changes

Louise Barnetson, part time Community Conservation Project Officer from November 2021 to February 2024, moved on to a new opportunity with Horndean Parish Council and is much missed.

Emma Horton, previously a long-term volunteer, with a teaching background and a professional gardener, stepped up to help Jane deliver more engagement events and the volunteer work parties to the end of the project.



Above: Louise and Emma at a moth trapping session Birdham June 2023

Volunteers Survey 2024

In May 2024 we sent a survey to our volunteer mailing list asking for feedback on our volunteers' experiences of volunteering with MWHG with a view to finding out more about people's motivations, what they get from volunteering, and things we could do better.

We received responses from 42 volunteers.

This year the majority of people mentioned wellbeing as a huge benefit of their volunteering - giving something back, learning more about the environment around them, getting exercise outdoors and doing something rewarding:

- "Meeting new people, feeling connected to my local area both emotionally (the people) and physically (the peninsula) and feeling I am benefiting the wildlife in some small way."
- "Working outside with a group of like-minded people. I enjoy cutting back and the wildflower surveys".
- "I really enjoy participating in such valuable conservation work across the lovely variety of sites we manage. It gives me a sense of purpose and gets me outdoors enjoying the company of like-minded people that care about the environment".
- "I find it's always uplifting to get outside, into nature, experiencing the sights and sounds such as the birds singing and the thrill of occasionally seeing a rare wildflower or glimpsing the flash of blue from a kingfisher. Whatever the weather I find it therapeutic to be close to nature and makes everyday worries seem less important. It puts things into perspective. When you hear so much on the news about habitat destruction and climate change, it helps

my mental health to know that I'm doing something positive by helping the planet on a local scale in my community. It also helps to keep me physically fit and costs nothing".

Things we could do better were:

- More weekend sessions
- Afternoon sessions
- More social events
- More information about overall project objectives, long-term plans, etc
- More information about what different parts of the Group is doing
- Publicise other roles so that those less physically active can contribute.

We received some lovely comments from our volunteers, and we share some of these below.

- "The cakes 😉 Actually getting out into the countryside and feeling like I am doing something worthwhile. Also meeting and chatting with the other volunteers - they're always really friendly and welcoming".
- "Well run, with good notice of upcoming sessions. No requirements other than turning up when it is convenient in the right sort of clothing. Sessions well planned and organised and great to end with a cup of tea and a chat".
- "Thank you for all your hard work in making this possible".
- "As mentioned, volunteering has many strands and it is challenging to get a balance. Overall, the MWHG provides amazing work, value and enhancement to all communities that they support. Thank you".
- "I get a great deal of satisfaction from volunteering with such lovely people on so many wildlife sites. I just which there was funding to increase the range of sites we have and create new havens and wildlife corridors across more of the Manhood Peninsula".



Above: MWHG volunteers tool cleaning at the Almodington container.



Above: Christmas refreshments 😊

By Jane Reeve, Project Officer

Southern Water Funded Hedging Our Future Project



Above: volunteers planting hedges on Mapsons Farm

We were awarded a Biodiversity Improvement Grant by Southern Water in March 2023 to improve hedges, an important habitat and wildlife corridor across the landscape, joining up the protected areas on the Manhood Peninsula (MP).

First steps were to look at the hedgerow data available from the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre and to reach out to landowners and farmers to decide where to plants the trees. We chose Sidlesham as our target parish as it sits in the centre of the peninsula and connects with six of the other parishes on the MP so improving connectivity here would have the biggest impact.

We then went to the WSCC Records Office to look at estate maps of the area to see where there had been historic field boundaries and hedges in the past. Trees are more likely to thrive in locations where there have been trees planted before due to the microscopic fungi in the soil and so putting back and hedgerow where one had previously existed would be the best gain.

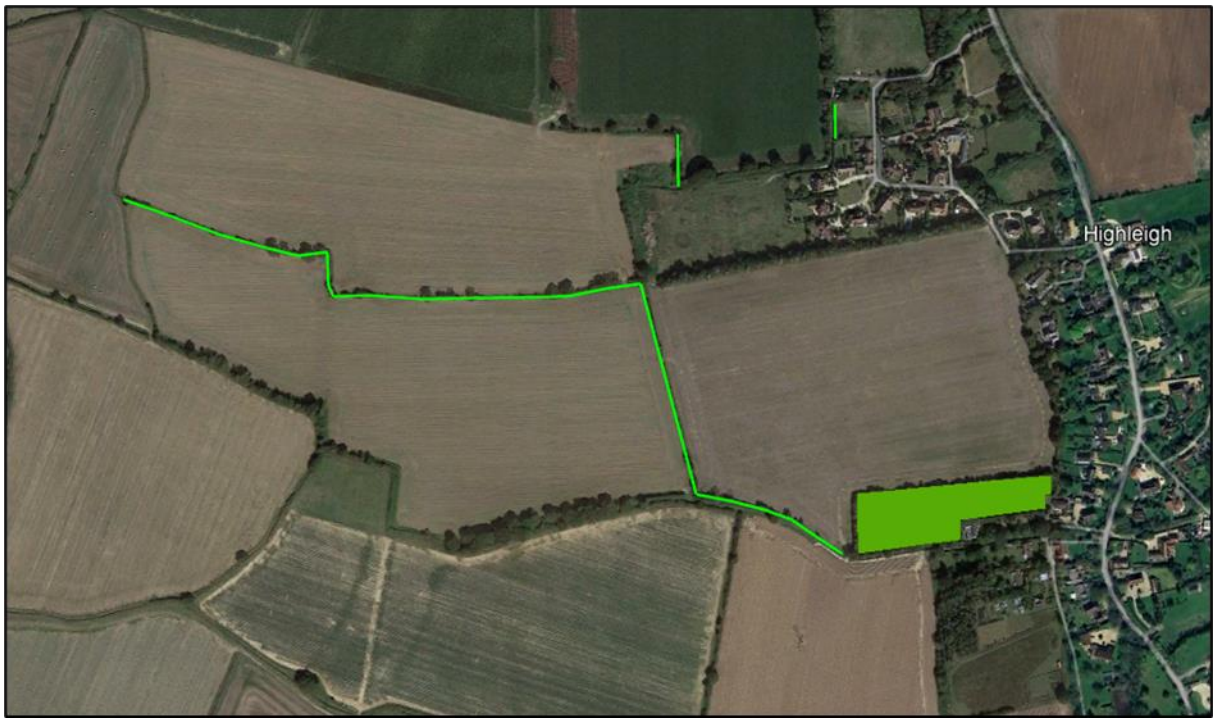
We then had a very willing farmer at Mapsons Farm who wanted a hedge planted on his land so we had a great location. When planning a good site, you also have to consider the volunteers who will be planting the trees so this means access, parking, toilets and tool provision….and the cake choice!

The trees were sourced from our two tree nurseries, some of which had been grown from seed at those sites and some which held free and purchased trees by the group. This gives the trees a chance to bed in and get used to the local conditions before planting them out into their final destination as part of a hedge.

We successfully applied to the Tree Council for a Branching Out grant which allowed us to buy 1750 more native trees plus stakes and guards. These were popped into the tree nurseries for acclimatisation.

We had a good range of native trees available to us and this included the two classic tree species that make up the bulk of our hedgerows across the area – hawthorn and blackthorn. Added to this was hazel, rowan, crab apple, guelder rose, dogwood, wild rose, spindle, field maple, oak, and wild cherry.

We started planting trees in Sidlesham in November 2023 and it began as it continued with lots and lots of rain. We had a great turn out by volunteers, despite the weather, and planted 2500 trees in 14 sessions totalling 720 metres of new hedge. When looking at the position of this new hedge, the gaps it fills and the joining up of existing hedges, we have actually made improvements across approximately 1500 metres of hedgerow. We also planted a small area 2 - acre of mixed woodland at the eastern end of the hedgerow.



The enthusiasm and energy of our volunteers has been amazing, and we have been fortunate to have a committed group of 6 hardcore volunteers that have joined us most weeks and then others that have come along when they can. The weather hasn't been kind, so it really was staggering how much was achieved.



We are also hugely grateful to Jen Pollitt, Southern Water's Nature-based Solutions Senior Officer, Catchment Delivery Team who had overseen the work as well as others on the Steering Group who helped to guide the work, come up with helpful suggestions and ideas and these included: Tom

Monnington (Sidlesham farmer), Pete Hughes (Chichester Harbour Conservancy), Sarah Hughes (CDC Strategic Wildlife Corridor Project Officer), Dr Alison Barker (Consultant Entomologist), Dr Jill Sutcliffe (MWHG management team), David Gilby (MWHG Trustee) and Paul Bedford (MWHG management team).





We have also created a hedge leaflet on planting, maintenance and long-term care for landowners, farmers and anyone wanting a hedge.

By Jane Reeve, Project Officer

Sidlesham Land Settlement Association (LSA)



In December 2023 we were informed that the LSA house, which was dismantled in 2017, has now been allocated a site and will be the next property to be built at the Weald and Downland Living Museum.

The LSA website continues to attract responses, including Roger Hart from New York. whose father, Andrew, had been an LSA manager. In July 2023 Roger visited Batchmere House where he had been born in 1948.

www.Sidleshamheritagetrail.co.uk

Walk The Selsey Tram Way

The Selsey Tramway Project has produced a guide, an interactive map, directional way markers on WSCC footpath posts and information boards at the sies of the 11 stations along the route.

www.mwhg.org.uk/tramway



Another anniversary walk was held in August 2023 to commemorate the first journey of the Selsey Tram. 26 walkers met at East Beach car park and walked to Sidlesham passing the locations of 8 of the stations en route.



The restoration of Chalder Station continues with the help of MWHG volunteers to remove undergrowth from the platform. Discussion with Trackwork and Govia Thameslink has resulted in the offer of infrastructure and labour to re-instate the platform and a section of rail. Progress is now dependent on permission being granted by the landowners, the Church Commissioners.

Photo Gallery in Sidlesham Memorial Hall



The Gallery in Sidlesham Memorial Hall displays a selection of Charlie Roe's photographs, regularly updated. Charlie was a former LSA tenant, a member of Chichester Camera Club and a keen local historian.
G'napps Stores used to be in Mill Lane, Sidlesham.

Bill Martin
(Heritage)

Funds and Finance

We are entirely reliant on grants, funding and donations to fund the work that we do. We would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to the following organisations who provided funding during the financial year to 31st March 2024.

- **The F Glenister Woodger Trust** - for the third year we are extremely grateful to the Woodger Trust for funding the Wittering Area Community Conservation Project including two part-time Project Co-ordinators. The leadership and organisational work that Jane Reeve and Emma Horton undertake are invaluable. These paid roles enable us to effectively leverage the contributions made by our volunteers.
- **Southern Water** – funding for the Hedging our Future project.
- **Vitacress** – funding for the Eileen Savill Award
- **Chichester District Council** – funding towards the Selsey Tree Nursery
- **Itchenor Parish Council –** funding towards our work in the Parish
- **In Memory of Peter Driscoll –** donations from family and friends
- **Wagner Renewables –** funding towards West Wittering and Selsey Tree Nursery
- **South Mundham Parish Council –** funding towards our work in the Parish
- **Ferry Farm Community Solar –** funding for the Mapping Project
- **Tree Council –** grant for trees and hedging plants
- **Lewis Brownlee** – funding for tree planting as part of their 'Go Paperless' initiative

Accounts

A full set of accounts are available as a separate document. We are very grateful to Wendy Peters at Workspace Accounting Ltd for acting as the Independent Examiner and providing the report on the accounts.

Jane Scotland, Treasurer

Manhood Wildlife and Heritage

Accounts and Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31st March 2024

Company Registration Number 07629112

Charity Registration Number 1147335

Manhood Wildlife and Heritage

Accounts and Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31st March 2024

The Directors present the accounts for the charity for the year ended March 2024.

Results

The results for the year ended 31st March 2024 are set out in the annexed accounts.

Principal Activities of the Company

The charity is a registered company incorporated on the 10th May 2011
The company commenced operating from the 1st April 2012.
Manhood Wildlife and Heritage care for various habitats across the Manhood Peninsula where wildlife can flourish. Some sites are home to rare species, others form a network of rich and diverse habitats, which are managed by local volunteers. Our activities include active environmental conservation projects, local history research, guided walks, publications, photography, and newsletters.

Charitable Objects

1) To promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection, and improvement of the physical and natural environment but not exclusively by promoting biological diversity in the Manhood Peninsula or elsewhere as determined by the Trustees.
2) To advance the education of the public in the subjects of landscape, biodiversity, heritage, and history, with a view to protecting the local landscape, biodiversity and heritage and promoting understanding and appreciation of them.

Company Status

The company is a small company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2005, and is exempt from audit. Under Charity law the accounts must be independently examined.

Offices of the Company

The following have served as Directors during the year:

Lesley Bromley
David Gilbey

Company Secretary
Vacant

Treasurer
Jane Scotland

Political and Charitable Donations

The company made no political or charitable donations during the year.

Trustees
Dr Lesley Bromley
David Gilbey

Directors
Dr Lesley Bromley
David Gilbey

Company Secretary
Vacant

Treasurer
Jane Scotland

Bankers
Barclays Bank plc

Registered Office
c/o Town Hall, 55 High Street, Selsey, West Sussex PO20 0RB

Management Committee
Bill Martin
Jill Sutcliffe
Joe Savill
Paul Bedford
Lesley Bromley
Jane Scotland
David Gilbey

1. Accounting Policies

1. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
2. Fund Accounting
   i. Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
   ii. Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.
3. Recognition of incoming resources
   Donations and grants are recognised when received.
4. Resources Expended
   These are included when the Charity has a legal obligation to pay.
5. Charitable Activities
   This is the expenditure applied by the Charity in undertaking work in meeting its charitable objectives.
6. Governance Costs
   These include IT, website, training, venue hire and insurance costs relating to the activities of the Charity.

2. Employees

No staff were employed during the year.

3. Trustees and related parties

No payments were made to Trustees or Related Parties.

4. Debtors

Agreed funding outstanding.

2024	2023
£	£
0	0

5. Creditors (due within one year)

2024	2023
£	£
0	3251

Fixed Assets	
Equipment	£
Opening Balance	19793
Additions	0
At 31st March 2024	19793

Depreciation	
Opening Balance	16873
Depreciation for the year	730
At 31st March 2023	17603

Net Book Value	
At 31st March 2023	2920
At 31st March 2024	2190

Depreciation is provided to write off the historic cost of the fixed assets over their estimated useful life. The rate of depreciation used, and the method adopted are as follows – Equipment 25% - Reducing Balance.

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023
Incoming Resources		£	£	£	£
Donations		2282		556	
Grant Funding					
Woodger Trust Project			26667		26667
Parish Councils			1300		550
Chichester District Council			0		706
Portsmouth Water					1500
Tramway			75		335
Selsey Tree Nursery			3553		1637
W Wittering Tree Nursery			250		
Tree Warden Fund					263
Vitacress (Mink Monitoring)					812
Pollinator Highway					2800
Selsey Photo Archive			102		16
East Beach Pond			1000		250
Nature's Way			2000		2000
Southern Water			10000		
Eileen Savill Award			364		
Mapping Project			1000		
Tree Council Grant			2452		
Investment Income					
Bank Interest		353			34
Total Incoming Resources		2635	48764	556	37570
Resources Expended					
Fundraising				0	0
Charitable Activities			49200	0	40422
Governance Costs		1580		3077	
Creditors brought forward		-3251			
Depreciation		730		973	
Total Resources Expended		-941	49200	4050	40422
Net Income (Expenditure)		3576	-436	-3494	-2852
Net Excess of Income (Expenditure)		3140		-6346	
Total Funds Brought Forward		86042		92388	
Total Funds Carried Forward		89182		86042	

Balance Sheet at 31st March 2024

	2024	2023
Fixed Assets	£	£
Tangible Assets	2190	2920
Current Assets		
Debtors		
Cash in Bank	86992	86373
Less:		
Creditors	0	3251
Amounts falling due within one year	0	0
Net Current Assets	89182	86042
Funds		
Unrestricted	44099	48472
Restricted	45082	37570
	89182	86042

In connection with the accounts for the year ended March 31st, 2024, we can confirm that:

a) For the year in question the company was entitled to the exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies
b) No notice from members requiring an audit has been deposited under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006
c) The Directors and Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:
    i. Ensuring the company keeps proper accounting records and the preparation of accounts which comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006
    ii. Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year.
d) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of relating to small companies in Part 15 Companies Act 2006 and with the Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities.
e) These accounts have been delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by

Trustee [signature]

Full Name Dr L.M.BROMLEY

Date 28/9/2024

Trustee David Gilbey

Full Name DGilby

Date 07/10/24

MANHOOD WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees and Members of Manhood Wildlife and Heritage

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Manhood Wildlife and Heritage for the Year Ending 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts for the Company are not required to be audited for this year 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. In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

(i) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
(ii) the accounts do not accord with such records; or
(iii) the accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies House 2006 other that any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not considered as part of an independent examination ; or
(iv) 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 Republic of Ireland.

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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WENDY PETERS
Workspace Accounting Limited
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25 September 2024

MANHOOD WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1147335

Accounts

Manhood Wildlife & Heritage Annual Report 2023



Chair's Report

Looking back over this year we have been able to push forward on several projects as well as continuing the work started before the pandemic. This is thanks to great efforts by everyone involved, the management team and all our wonderful volunteers.

This year we were able, with the support from Portsmouth Water to complete the update of the water vole action plan and even managed to record some video of a water vole swimming in one of the rifes on the peninsula. The Community Conservation Project work supported by the Woodger Trust in the Witterings area has been very successful. Including habitat renewal, new gardens, and a good deal of work with schools and youth groups. Louise Barnetson has given us a detailed description of the work with lots of excellent photographs in her report in this document. Many congratulations and thanks to her and Jane Reeve for all they have achieved this year. Our wonderful group of volunteers continued to turn out in all weathers to man the working parties and the species surveys.

The West Wittering Tree Nursery with Alex Ainge leading the group has continued to raise native species trees and now is in its third year. The Selsey tree nursery, to be named the Beryl James Tree Nursery which is on land leased from Langmeads Ltd, has been set up and now has two beds of young trees growing on, with space to make more beds, and donations of trees waiting for planting in the autumn.

For the second year we have worked with with West Sussex County Council with the Pollinator Highway project. To increase the numbers of pollinating insects, a series of verges in Selsey and along the road to Chichester are not mown during the summer and allowed to grow, in addition they are seeded with wild flower seeds. This year we added new verges and were helped by WSCC having a 'no mow May' policy which increased the flowering plants across the town verges. At the end of the season the verges are mown and raked and the material is composed. A lovely group of volunteers from Target came and helped us.

The East Beach Pond and the Manor Park Gardens continue to be looked after by our volunteers. As we see the effects of Climate Change on the weather, with increasing numbers of heavy rain storms, the East Beach Pond is an important part of the drainage and containment of surface water as well as being a haven for birds and animals, so the work of the group to keep it in good order becomes more and more important. Manor Park Gardens continues to be a quite space of great beauty in Selsey. The Town Council is hoping to develop the Selsey Centre for the community, the Garden will be a key part of any improvements.

We continue to work to keep the Manhood Peninsula as a special place with a vibrant history and a unique ecology. Our 25th year, which we celebrate at the AGM has seen us still here and still working towards this end. With the changes we are seeing in the world, Climate Change has come to the front of our thoughts and we work to mitigate these effects in all our projects.

I would like to take this opportunity in our 25th year to give a special thanks to the project leaders and management team for all their time and energy given to MWHG, they are also volunteers, and they put in an enormous number of hours to 'keep us on the road'. Jill Sutcliffe who does an amazing job applying for grant money, Jane Scotland our Treasurer, Joe Saville who, as well as running the Selsey Photo Archive and the Beryl James Tree Nursery, is involved in other projects, and along with

Jill is a fount of knowledge and history of the group. Bill Martin, who works tirelessly on the Heritage agenda, and Paul Bedford, who's specialist knowledge of the wetlands and waterways, and his invaluable contribution to planning issues on the Manhood has been so valuable to the group and to the environment.

Running a charity requires a great deal of unseen work. I would like to thank Nikki Timney for all her work collating the quarterly newsletters, updating and maintaining the website and uploading wildlife records to the iRecords database.

This year we have also seen a great deal of activity in the Heritage area. The Selsey Photo Archive, have continue to upload photos from various collections to their website, and have given some talks to various community groups in Selsey based on the collection. Bill Martin has finalised the walk along the route of the Selsey Tramway, the route is now signposted and has information boards along the route telling the story of the individual stations.

As we go forward we are always keen to have contributions from those who may not feel their talents are out in the field, but could provide support in a different way. We have been 'managing' with out a Secretary, and would be enormously grateful for some one to step forward and take on some of this task. We also need a Health and Safety officer if any recently retired person from that industry would like to join us!

We plan to finish off our 25th year with our AGM in October, with a review of the last 25 years and a speculative look forward to the next 25. This will be followed by some socialising with food! I hope many of you will be able to join us.

Dr Lesley Bromley
Chair of the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group
September 2023

Gina Scott

A very early volunteer who joined the initial group, then called the Selsey Parish Mapping Group in its infancy before spreading out and acting across the entire Manhood Peninsula [MP] from 2002, was GINA CARRINGTON.

Gina lived in Sidlesham and was a member of the Manhood Friends of the Earth Group, FOE. With her love of flowers and her artistic skills she made a great knowledgeable contribution from the start. The initial meeting drew together those interested in mapping the habitats of the Parish of Selsey in order to establish a baseline of knowledge about the Parish and its wildlife. This work led to an exhibition in the local library in Selsey, a drive for more volunteers and culminated in a Phase 1 Habitat Survey for Selsey and the publication of the Selsey Parish Map. Gina was one of a group of four volunteers who conducted that initial Habitat survey.

She went on to work with a group to do similar work for the Parish of Sidlesham. In addition, the work done in these parishes later prompted the District Council to draw up a map of the entire MP illustrating the important areas for Water Voles, Bats and Barn Owls. There is always a mix of people in any group. Gina has a quiet non-confrontational manner and a marked persistence. Don't be misled by the quiet understated personality! She gets any job she tackles done and done to the highest standards. So, as a member of the group's management team, she played a pivotal role in steering the group forward. It was during this time David Scott who was also a member of the MP FOE group joined the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group, MWHG. They married. Ideally matched, David was an architect and committed to the group, helping it by becoming Hon Treasurer and enabling the group to produce professional accounts. Together, they provided the group with a range of skills, enthusiasm and friendly contributions. When David died a path and pond was constructed in his name on the Manhood Peninsula and Gina wishes to add to the MP's shortage of trees with a grove of trees in his name. The location and implementation of this aspiration has yet to be agreed and implemented.

Not only did Gina provide much encouragement to others then running subgroups across the MP, including Health and Safety and activities with moth traps etc., she also, alongside David, was a key member of the Fixing and Linking Our Wetlands [FLOW] Steering Group and was a Trustee for the group as a whole. She has played a vital and invaluable role throughout the group's existence and now aged 80 – doesn't look it – has decided to step back but will still be available for celebrations. WELL, we celebrate Gina and her remarkable contributions which have helped make the organisation the way it is today and made possible the massive amount of work done and ground covered.

Joe Savill and Jill Sutcliffe, MWHG Co-founders, 1997

Selsey Photo Archive

All of the original aims of the project have now been achieved but there is still much exciting work to do. Here are some of the highlights from this year:

- Descriptions for all the different categories of photos on the website have been completed and added to the site;
- Users of the site can now increase the number of photos shown on each page of their search list;
- Every photo on the site has been placed within a specific decade to aid searching the gallery by date;
- In June 2022 we put on a display in the High Street of Selsey's Royal Celebrations, as part of the Selsey Jubilee Jamboree. Thanks to Jeff Alan for allowing us to use his empty shop;
- In January 2023 Keith Batchelor gave a presentation to Selsey WI about the history of the High Street. Keith also gave talks, using photos from the archive, to other groups throughout the year. Huge thanks to Keith for this;
- In March 2023 we had a display, promoting the project, at the Selsey Town Meeting. Thanks very much to Felicia Hughes-Freeland for stewarding this for us.



As well as all this, we have continued to scan and catalogue the new collections that have been loaned or donated to the archive. We have also been preparing to gather memories of life in Selsey by interviewing some of the older residents. We intend to pilot this later this year. None of the above would have been possible without the brilliant project team. Their enduring commitment and enthusiasm is inspiring.

Please visit www.selseyphotoarchive.co.uk

Joe Savill

The Selsey/Beryl James Tree Nursery



The licence agreement with David Langmead for the site in Selsey was finally signed at the end of March 2022 and this year has mainly been spent planning, resourcing and setting up the site. After delays because of ground conditions, caused by the very dry, hot weather, the rabbit fencing enclosing the nursery site was eventually erected in October. The first tree – an oak sapling – was planted in a newly prepared bed at the end of that month. Further donated trees were added to this bed in November.

During the autumn volunteers collected local tree seed and this was sown towards the end of November at the Hidden Garden in Selsey, where they are being looked after.

The nursery site is now protected and well provisioned with essential tools, equipment and materials. This has only been possible because of grants from the Sussex Community Foundation and Chichester District Council [CDC], through their Government funded tree project. So huge thanks to both these organisations and, of course, David Langmead for providing the land.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Sophie Hamnett – the CDC Tree Project Officer – for her continual support with the grant funding, advice and enthusiasm for the project and to Paul Sadler, who runs the Grow Selsey Project, for offering us use of the Hidden Garden as well as all his expert guidance.

We are fortunate to have recruited a team of seven very hard working volunteers who are sharing the work so far. But more people will be required as the site develops, so do get in touch if it interests you.

Joe Savill

Vitacress Wildlife Survey Project



Our relationship with Vitacress Herbs, Runcton was rekindled this year when they reached out for support with monitoring their Biodiversity Management Plan [BMP] for the site. MWHG helped with the development of this plan when we produced a Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report for the site in 2016.

A group of enthusiastic, committed volunteers has been assembled and in June 2022 we carried out baseline surveys of some of the more important hedgerows around the site. This was followed by regular pollinator surveys throughout the summer, based on training provided by the Hampshire &IOW Wildlife Trust, organised by Vitacress.

In October, Shane Makin [Site Manager] and Leah Mathias-Collins [Vitacress Group Environment Manager] hosted a meeting, for the volunteer group, to outline the company's overall environmental plan and to discuss our contribution. It was a very uplifting meeting as the company has very ambitious plans for sustainability and environmental improvement, and they provided a great selection of refreshments!

This is a long-term monitoring project, as the BMP covers a 10 year period to 2031, so more volunteers would be very welcome. I would like to thank all the volunteers for their dedication and support as well as Leah and Shane, who have always warmly welcomed us and shown appreciation for our work. I'm also very grateful for the funding we have received from Vitacress this year.

Joe Savill

Wittering Area Community Conservation Project

Report for April 2022 – March 2023

The Wittering Area Community Conservation Project is a three-year project, which started in November 2021. The Project is funded by the F Glenister Woodger Trust to work across West Wittering, East Wittering, Bracklesham, Earnley, West Itchenor and Birdham with the aim of improving wildlife habitat, flood management, community engagement with the local environment, and promoting community and personal well-being. The funding allowed for the creation of a Community Conservation Officer role for a three-year period. The role is shared by Jane Reeve and Louise Barnetson, who are leading the project.

Habitat Management & Surveying

Our regular weekly volunteer sessions continued, carrying out habitat management during the autumn/winter months and surveying of flora and fauna during the spring/summer months. There were 44 volunteer sessions from 01 April 2022-31 March 2023, involving 266 volunteers, and amounting to 1,015 volunteer hours. From April 2023 up to the end of June 2023 there were a further 17 sessions, involving 87 volunteers, amounting to another 221 volunteer hours.

The work we have done to maintain, improve, and create habitat for wildlife at various sites has included cutting and clearing vegetation, sowing wildflower seeds, planting trees, creating 'dead hedges' and log piles, removing invasive plants, installing bird and bat boxes, and expanding and improving the tree nursery in West Wittering. We have involved several corporate groups in our habitat management work, and this continues to be a growing area with many more requests coming in from a variety of different organisations wishing to offer their staff 'volunteer days' - we already have several booked in for autumn/winter 2023/24.



Above: Team from publishing company, Wiley, creating a wildflower area in West Wittering. This land, by the Bus Stop on Rookwood Road, was previously closely mown. We achieved an agreement

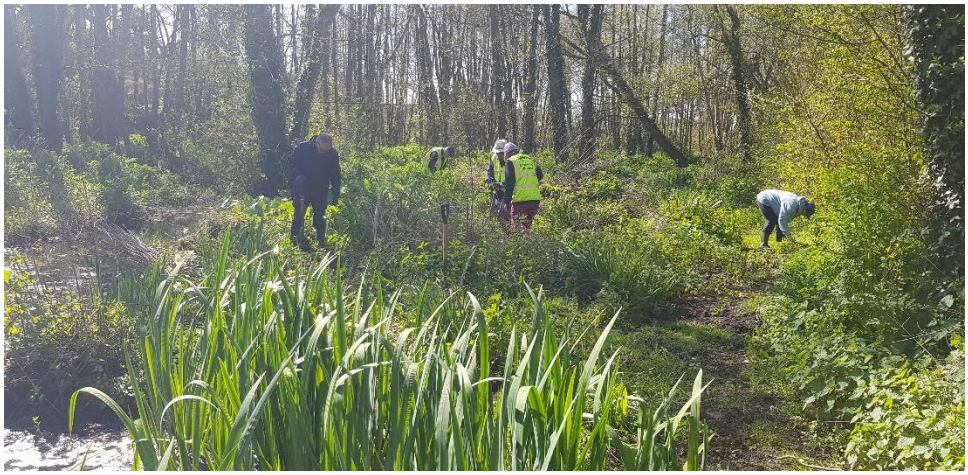
with local authorities to make it 'wilder' and it now provides important habitat for pollinators and other wildlife.



Above: Team from WSP improving wetland habitat on Cakeham Manor Estate land. After a hiatus (for reasons out of our control), we re-established our relationship with Cakeham Manor and will continue to manage this important wildlife site.



Above: Environment Agency team, working alongside regular MWHG volunteers, planting trees at Birdham Recreation Ground. We worked with Birdham Parish Council to develop a plan to improve the biodiversity value of their recreational ground with more trees and less mowing. We have also installed bird and bat boxes at this site.



Above: Volunteers removing invasive plants and sowing wildflower seeds at West Itchenor Pond.



Above: Volunteers managing Birdham Village Pond, which provides habitat for endangered water voles and attracts many bird species.

Our floral surveying of sites took place in April, May and June, our regular weekly moth trapping and ID sessions took place in June and July, and bat survey sessions also in June and July. Bats were recorded at all the sites we visited. Further to this, volunteers have been recruited to observe and record wildlife independently by making regular visits to our sites over the summer and recording their sightings on iRecord. Training and guidance have been provided with a focus on encouraging more people to use iRecord, making the data available to the National Biodiversity Network (NBN).



Above: Moth ID session with volunteers in Earnley.



Above: Floral surveying at Triangle Pond, Birdham.

Engagement & Education

We have continued to work with local children through our popular 'Wildlife Warriors' after-school clubs, held at local primary schools in Birdham, West Wittering and East Wittering. These sessions typically involve 8 to 12 young children at each session where we aim to enthuse and educate them about wildlife through hands-on (messy!) activities such as making bird feeders, pond dipping, minibeast hunts, and owl pellet dissection. We have also run several sessions with the 1st Birdham and Witterings Scout Group and with the 1st East Wittering Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. These sessions often involve tree planting days, species surveys outdoors, and hands-on practical activities.

We also delivered a day of teaching in every class, to 140 children, at Birdham Primary School about water voles, habitat and looking after our local environment. We hosted a Community Action Day for Seaford College pupils and staff at Bracklesham when they picked litter across the site, made and painted bird and bat boxes and seeded a new wildflower area for Bracklesham Barn.



Above: Cub group processing tree seeds. Working with children to process and pot up the seeds we grew approximately 500 trees which have all been planted out at the West Wittering Tree Nursery.



Above: Bird feeders made by Brownies in East Wittering.



Above: Pond-dipping with children at Birdham Primary School.

We have been involved in public events, including West Itchenor Village Fete in June 2022, the Birdham Craft Fayre in April 2023, and a family wildlife engagement day at St James Church in May 2023. This day was a huge success with over 150 people attending, lots of children's activities set up and plenty for people to take away.

Supporting Parish Councils & Landowners to Improve Biodiversity

We have continued to work with local Parish Councils, particularly West Wittering Parish Council, supporting initiatives to improve biodiversity. The main drainage ditches and channels were walked and reviewed in January 2023 and a report given to West Wittering Parish Council with recommendations for ongoing actions and maintenance to reduce flood risk in the parish. The Parish Council have also recently agreed to expand wildflower areas within the parish. The pollinator-friendly flowerbed we created at Marine Drive Triangle has been particularly successful and well received with positive feedback from local residents.



Right: Volunteers carrying our maintenance of the Marine Drive Triangle pollinator-friendly flowerbed.

We have also developed a good relationship with Harbour Churches (the churches in Birdham, West Itchenor and West Wittering), providing advice and support on how to improve the churchyards for biodiversity. Habitat management advice has also been provided to landowners in Birdham, Bracklesham, West Wittering and East Wittering.



Above: Volunteers enjoying refreshments and conversation after species surveying at St James Churchyard in Birdham.

Volunteers Survey

In March 2023 we sent a survey to our volunteer mailing list asking for feedback on our volunteers' experiences of volunteering with MWHG with a view to finding out more about people's motivations and what was – or was not – working well. We received responses from 35 volunteers.

"Meeting like-minded people" was the most commonly stated reason that people enjoy volunteering. We were struck by how much the 'well-being' aspect to volunteering was so important to people. Other frequent answers were:

- Helping to look after wildlife/nature/environment
- Giving something back/doing something useful
- Fresh air/being outdoors
- Friendly group
- Learning new skills/learning about wildlife & environment
- Physical exercise
- Good leadership, organisation, and communication

Improvements that could be made:

- More weekend sessions
- More social events
- More information about overall project objectives, long-term plans, etc
- More information about what different parts of the Group is doing
- More non-physical volunteering opportunities

The primary reasons for not volunteering, or not doing it more often, were:

- Not enough time/work commitments/family commitments
- Personal injury/health problems

We received some lovely comments from our volunteers, and we share some of these below.

- "It is well organised, plenty of timely communication, friendly, well equipped, lovely people. There is something to do regardless of your skill level or physical capabilities. It's a great opportunity to learn new skills and find out about wildlife in the area."

- "I love working outside and volunteering with MWHG it is a great way to help protect our area. Cutting back brambles, dead hedging, clearing ditches and checking for signs of water voles makes you feel energised and useful. I have gained lots of knowledge from the wild flower and species surveys we carry out. The other volunteers and staff are very friendly and like minded people. No one minds if you only come for part or all of the session which makes it accessible for everyone."
- "I love the community spirit. I love learning from the professionals to develop my own skills and knowledge. I love how everyone is like-minded and I always feel so proud, accomplished and satisfied after sessions."
- "Great for mental health and physical well-being. Opportunity to learn about wildlife and habitat management and to meet like-minded local people."
- "My efforts are always appreciated, there is suitable kit, the "staff" (Jane & Louise) are knowledgeable and the whole atmosphere is supportive and friendly - not to mention the cake!

The cake was mentioned quite a few times!

Louise Barnetson

Sidlesham Land Settlement Association (LSA)

The Sidlesham LSA website (www.sidleshamheritagetrail.co.uk) continues to produce more contacts – most recently from the USA where Roger Hart, whose father, Andrew, was one of the early assistant mangers. Roger then revisited Batchmere House to see the house where he was born in 1940!



The LSA house dismantled in 2017 remains in storage at the Weald and Downland Living Museum. Once rebuilt the LSA Story, not just Sidlesham, but all 20 LSAs across England will have a permanent home.
In the meantime, activities continue to raise the profile of the LSA – 40 presentations which had been held with local groups ceased with Covid but started again in September with the Chichester History Society. The Sidlesham Heritage Centre promotes the LSA and other local heritage items.

In May the Charlie Row Gallery opened in the Sidlesham Memorial Hall. Charlie had been a former LSA tenant and a prominent member of Chichester Camera Club with a large collection of LSA related photographs which we are now able to share with a larger audience.

Bill Martin

Walk the Selsey Tramway

MWHG volunteers have helped to clear undergrowth from the platform at Chalder Station. Plans are being discussed to restore the -platform, put back the station' name, reinstate a section of track and possibly rebuild the waiting room.



In February David Pearce and Bill Martin gave a presentation on the Selsey Tramway to the Donnington Gardening Club. A second anniversary walk was held in August 2003 with 25 participants. Copies of the walking guide and an interactive map for use on mobile phones are both available on the MWHG website

We are now working with staff at the Novium Museum to stage an exhibition on The Selsey Tramway, starting in June 2024. We are currently fund raising to finance a film as part of the exhibition.

Bill Martin



West Wittering Tree Nursery

As I write this piece, I am experimenting with rowan seeds. The process of extracting seeds from berries is usually a lot of trial and error!



Here at the West Wittering Tree Nursery, we have seen the fruits of our labour and are now in our second year of planting. We now have three raised beds, two of which have seedlings under one year old and the third bed has seedlings between 1-2 years old. There is a mix of oak, hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, rowan and briar rose. Local people have also generously donated tree seedlings that have sprouted in their gardens.

With the addition of a polytunnel this year, we are now able to introduce tree seeds to pots under cover, without worrying about storm damage.



With thanks to Jane Reeve, Louise Barnetson and Cathy Turner for their continuing hard graft and to David Thompson, chairman of the allotment and chief supporter of our nursery.

Alex Ainge

Funds and Finance

We are entirely reliant on grants, funding and donations to fund the work that we do. We would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to the following organisations who provided funding during the financial year to 31st March 2023.

- **The F Glenister Woodger Trust** - for the second year we are extremely grateful to the Woodger Trust for funding the Wittering Area Community Conservation Project including two part-time Project Co-ordinators. The leadership and organisational work that Jane Reeve and Louise Barnetson undertake are invaluable. These paid roles enable us to effectively leverage the contributions made by our volunteers.
- **Ferry Farm Community Solar** - funding towards the Pollinator Highway project.
- **VHB (Vitacress)** – funding towards the Pollinator Highway project.
- **Target Professional** - funding towards the Pollinator Highway project.
- **Wagner Renewables** - funding towards the Pollinator Highway project.
- **VHB (Vitacress**) – funding for Mink Monitoring.
- **Portsmouth Water** – Watervole grant.
- **Nature's Way** – funding for website, IT support and conservation work.
- **Sidlesham PC** – contribution towards volunteer sessions at Florence Pond and Willow Glen.
- **Earnley PC** – contribution towards volunteer sessions in the Earnley Parish.
- **Selsey Town Council** – tools for the East Beach Pond project.
- **Selsey Walking Group** – donation to the Selsey Tramway project.
- **North Mundham PC** – contribution towards volunteer sessions in the North Mundham parish.

Accounts

A full set of accounts are available as a separate document. We are very grateful to Wendy Peters at Workspace Accounting Ltd for acting as the Independent Examiner and providing the report on the accounts.

Jane Scotland, Treasurer



Manhood Wildlife and Heritage

Accounts and Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31st March 2023

Company Registration Number 07629112

Charity Registration Number 1147335

Trustees

Dr Lesley Bromley
David Gilbey
Alex Ainge (resigned 16th November 2022)

Directors

Dr Lesley Bromley
David Gilbey
Alex Ainge (resigned 16th November 2022)

Company Secretary

Vacant

Treasurer

Jane Scotland

Bankers

Barclays Bank plc

Registered Office

c/o Town Hall, 55 High Street, Selsey, West Sussex PO20 0RB

Management Committee

Bill Martin
Jill Sutcliffe
Joe Savill
Paul Bedford
Lesley Bromley
Jane Scotland
David Gilbey

Manhood Wildlife and Heritage

Accounts and Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31st March 2023

The Directors present the accounts for the charity for the year ended March 2023.

Results

The results for the year ended 31st March 2023 are set out in the annexed accounts.

Principal Activities of the Company

The charity is a registered company incorporated on the 10th May 2011
The company commenced operating from the 1st April 2012.
Manhood Wildlife and Heritage care for various habitats across the Manhood Peninsula where wildlife can flourish. Some sites are home to rare species, others form a network of rich and diverse habitats, which are managed by local volunteers. Our activities include active environmental conservation projects, local history research, guided walks, publications, photography, and newsletters.

Charitable Objects

1) To promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection, and improvement of the physical and natural environment in particular but not exclusively by promoting biological diversity in the Manhood Peninsula or elsewhere as determined by the Trustees.
2) To advance the education of the public in the subjects of landscape, biodiversity, heritage and history, with a view to protecting the local landscape, biodiversity and heritage and promoting understanding and appreciation of them.

Company Status

The company is a small company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2005, and is exempt from audit. Under Charity law the accounts must be independently examined.

Offices of the Company

The following have served as Directors during the year:

Lesley Bromley
David Gilbey
Alex Ainge (resigned 16th November 2022)

Company Secretary

Vacant

Treasurer

Jane Scotland

Political and Charitable Donations

The company made no political or charitable donations during the year.

1. Accounting Policies

1. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
2. Fund Accounting
   i. Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
   ii. Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.
3. Recognition of incoming resources
   Donations and grants are recognised when received.
4. Resources Expended
   These are included when the Charity has a legal obligation to pay.
5. Charitable Activities
   This is the expenditure applied by the Charity in undertaking work in meeting its charitable objectives.
6. Governance Costs
   These include IT, website, training, venue hire and insurance costs relating to the activities of the Charity.

2. Employees

No staff were employed during the year.

3. Trustees and related parties

No payments were made to Trustees or Related Parties.

4. Debtors

Agreed funding outstanding.

2023	2022
£	£
0	0

5. Creditors (due within one year)

2023	2022
£	£
3251	0

Fixed Assets	
Equipment	£
Opening Balance	19793
Additions	0
At 31st March 2023	19793
Depreciation	
Opening Balance	15900
Depreciation for the year	973
At 31st March 2023	16873
Net Book Value	
At 31st March 2022	3893
At 31st March 2023	2920

Depreciation is provided to write off the historic cost of the fixed assets over their estimated useful life. The rate of depreciation used, and the method adopted are as follows – Equipment 25% - Reducing Balance.

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022
Incoming Resources		£	£	£	£
Donations		556		1199	
Grant Funding					4467
Woodger Trust Project			26667		26667
Parish Councils			550		300
Chichester District Council			706		
Portsmouth Water			1500		
Tramway			335		
Selsey Tree Nursery			1637		
Tree Warden Fund			263		
Vitacress (Mink Monitoring)			812		
Pollinator Highway			2800		
Selsey Photo Archive			16		
East Beach Pond			250		
Nature's Way			2000		2000
FLOW					32977
Investment Income					
Bank Interest			34	0	
Total Incoming Resources		556	37570	1199	66411
Resources Expended					
Fundraising		0	0	0	0
Charitable Activities		0	40422		15770
Governance Costs		3077			
Depreciation		973		1298	
Project Costs (FLOW)					27048
Total Resources Expended		4050	40422	1298	42818
Net Income (Expenditure)		-3494	-2852	-99	23593
Net Excess of Income (Expenditure)		-6346		23494	
Total Funds Brought Forward		92388		68894	
Total Funds Carried Forward		86042		92388	

Balance Sheet at 31st March 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets	£	£
Tangible Assets	2920	3893
Current Assets		
Debtors		0
Cash in Bank	86373	88495
Less:		
Creditors	3251	0
Amounts falling due within one year	0	0
Net Current Assets	86042	92388
Funds		
Unrestricted	48472	25977
Restricted	37570	66411
	86042	92388

In connection with the accounts for the year ended March 31st, 2023, we can confirm that:

a) For the year in question the company was entitled to the exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies
b) No notice from members requiring an audit has been deposited under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006
c) The Directors and Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:
    i. Ensuring the company keeps proper accounting records and the preparation of accounts which comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006
    ii. Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year.
d) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of relating to small companies in Part 15 Companies Act 2006 and with the Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities.
e) These accounts have been delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by

Trustee

DGilbey

Full Name

David Gilbey

Date

21/08/23

Trustee

LMBromley

Full Name

Dr Lesley M Bromley

Date

28/08/2023

MANHOOD WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees and Members of Manhood Wildlife and Heritage

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Manhood Wildlife and Heritage for the Year Ending 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts for the Company are not required to be audited for this year 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. In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

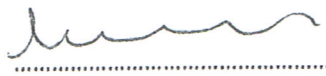
(i) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or

(ii) the accounts do not accord with such records; or

(iii) the accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies House 2006 other that any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not considered as part of an independent examination ; or

(iv) 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 Republic of Ireland.

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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WENDY PETERS
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PO19 1UU

15 August 2023

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Chair's Report

I have been looking back on this second year since the global pandemic, and am pleased to say that we have managed to resume much of our previous activity. This is thanks to great efforts by everyone involved to maintain our existing projects and to enthusiastically develop new ones.

With the end of the Fixing and Linking Our Wetlands, the FLOW project, still much work is needed to maintain the achievements. We were fortunate to receive support from Portsmouth Water to continue the work of water vole conservation, and, from the Woodger Trust, to continue the work of FLOW. We are delighted that Jane Reeve has continued this work with Louise Barnetson joining her in the task. Our wonderful group of volunteers continue to turn out in all weathers to staff the working parties and the species surveys.

We have seen the continued development of the West Wittering Tree Nursery with Alex Ainge leading the group with financial support being provided by the Hendy and Chapman Trusts. A second tree nursery is under development in Selsey thanks to financial support from the Sussex Community Foundation on land provided by David Langmead. The work is being led by Joe Savill and so far, lLand has been identified, fenced and preparations are going ahead the collecting of seeds.

MWHG has been involved with West Sussex County Council on the Pollinator Highway project. In order to increase the numbers of pollinating insects, a series of verges in Selsey and along the road to Chichester are to be treated differently. They will not be mown during the summer and thus allowed to grow and, in addition, they are seeded with wild flower seeds. At the end of the season the verges are mown and raked and the material composted. We have run a trial site in Selsey this summer which has, despite the dry summer, yielded an enormous range of wildflowers! Next year further verges will be developed.

The East Beach Pond and Manor Park Gardens continue to be looked after by our Volunteers. I am sad to report that Dave Haldane, who has been the great strength of the East Beach Pond group died in March 2022. He will be greatly missed. His contribution to MWHG has been enormous, and he and Anne have developed the group and the wonderful resource that is the East Beach Pond over many years, all our sympathy goes to Anne, and to the other volunteers who miss him greatly.

The Sensory Garden in Manor Green Park continues to be a quiet space of great beauty in Selsey. The group took part in the Selsey Open Gardens in 2022, and continue to work with Selsey Town Council to keep up their high standard.

Front page: postcard illustration
Peter White

We also saw the passing this year of our President Richard Williamson on the 21st of May at the age of 87. Richard was Warden of Kingley Vale nature reserve for many years. It was Richard who ensured that the wonderful wildlife sites on the Manhood Peninsula were seen to be important places designated and thus received extra protection.

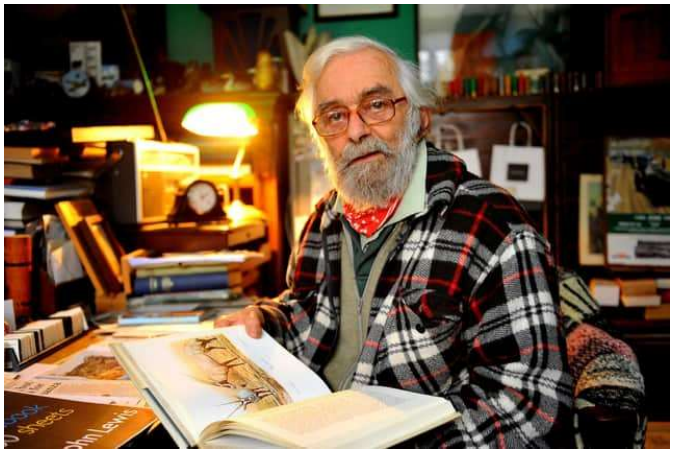
I would also like to take this opportunity in our 25th year to give a special thanks to some of our long term volunteers who have provided the backbone of MWHG Anne Haldane, Sheila Wilkinson, Gerry Williams, Barbara Bond and Sheila Knight in particular. The work is only possible because of our dedicated volunteers and their loyalty and hard work. Thank you for all your efforts from all of us.

This year we have also seen a great deal of activity in the Heritage area. The Selsey Photo Archive, which goes from strength to strength produced an exhibition of Royal related photos for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations which was very interesting. They continue to upload photos from various collections to their website. Bill Martin, who has been very involved in the Land Settlement Association and the Railway Carriage stories has this year succeeded in opening up a walk along the route of the Selsey Tramway. Volunteers have cleared one of the old stations and an inaugural walk was held at the end of the summer. There is still work to do in putting up the signs for the walk.

This year we have been most fortunate to recruit a new Trustee. David Gilbey will be joining us as a Trustee at the AGM. David brings many skills to the team, he has been involved in other charities and has in his 'day job' been involved in digital marketing which will be invaluable to our group. So a big welcome to David, but at the same time our long standing Trustee Gina Carrington is going to stand down from the Trustee role. Gina has given so many thousands of hours to MWHG that **Thank You** is hardly an adequate response to her efforts. She will still be a member of the group, but relieved of some of the responsibly!

Once again I would like to end by thanking everyone, volunteers, management team, sponsors, supporters, all who have contributed over 25 years to MWHG, for their sterling efforts and we look forward to the next 25 years with anticipation of even greater achievements!

Dr Lesley Bromley



Richard Williamson

Water Vole Biodiversity Action Plan update 2020 – 2030

Introduction

This project to update the Biodiversity Action Plan to protect Water Voles on the Manhood Peninsula 2011-2020 began in Sept 2021. It will broaden its scope looking at the Manhood Peninsula in its wider context.

Water vole numbers continue to decline with around 132,000 believed to now populate Great Britain (PTES 2022) and the mammal is included on the IUCN GB Red List as endangered but in the UK mammals evaluation as Critically Endangered, ie the most threatened status.

Connectivity to the wider area is the key to long term survival of this charismatic small mammal to allow them to respond to local environmental change by moving to more suitable habitat, and to disperse during the breeding season and the need for careful associated management. This new action plan focuses on the different priority habitats water voles use and provide suitable management and improvement guidance.

What have we been doing?

Many organisations have been contacted to gain as much data about water vole presence, and absence as possible. We have received information from the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre, the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre, the People's Trust for Endangered Species, the Environment Agency, Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Arun and Rother Rivers Trust, Mammals Society, the Mid Arun Valley Environmental Survey, and Chichester District Council. Despite making request we have not received data from the South Downs National Park, which is a shame as solidifying important wildlife corridors to their water vole populations is a priority.

We have also carried out water vole surveying training sessions and presentations to get the word out that water voles are still endangered and hugely vulnerable to disappearing from our landscape. We have focused our training on surveying and included the RSPB and CHC staff to ensure that they have water voles on their radar.









Chichester Ship Canal Trust volunteers, management and trustees were given a guided walk and talk including a section on sensitive management, net biodiversity gain and water vole habitat.

Water voles are under huge habitat pressure with continued development, lack of or over management of water ways plus climate change. The dry winter, spring and summer of this year meant that many water vole sites dried up early and this will have had an impact on the colonies that make up the meta population of the Manhood Peninsula. We cannot take our foot off the pedal and must keep our focus on continued good wetland management and recovery across the MP and the wider area linking with other water vole colonies.



A water vole surveyor's dream scenario – a burrow, a feeding station, AND a latrine 😊.

The Water Vole BAP on the MP

This document will be available to download on MWHG's website in spring 2023. The BAP will be invited for review by a steering group made up of key partners and then hopefully used to reinforce policy in the future to ensure the conservation of this important species.

Jane Reeve

The Black Poplar in Sussex

The Black Poplar (*Populus nigra* ssp. *betulifolia*) is the rarest native timber tree in Britain. There are thought to be around 7000 mature trees, of which only 600 are females. Many have been lopped but at its best this is a magnificent tree, rugged and heavily burred. Old trees frequently show a marked lean, and the branches typically curve downwards, with twigs sweeping upwards at the tips. The leaves vary but are often triangular or diamond-shaped and have hairy stalks when young. They flutter in a breeze and are said to be especially audible in the downdraught preceding a shower. Male trees have brilliant scarlet catkins in spring. Female catkins are yellowish green, producing copious white fluff when in fruit.

The species has long lost its native habitat of floodplain woodland but it was formerly often planted and, as it will have been cloned from native stock, is regarded by botanists as an honorary native in most sites. The wood was valued for its reluctance to burn (good for the upper floors of houses), its curved branches (cruck houses and ships) and its ability to absorb shock (rifle butts, clogs and wagons).

Planting largely ceased when faster-growing hybrid poplars were imported from North America in the mid-nineteenth century and, as Black Poplars live for only 150-200 years, the British population of mature specimens is nearing its end. In the 1970s, botanists realised that there was little data on the UK distribution and surveys were instigated. Until 1975 no Black Poplars were known in Sussex but new specimens were discovered, and the Sussex Black Poplar Group was formed in 1994. Originally adopted by the Sussex Wildlife Trust, we have recently crept under the wing of the Arun and Rother Rivers Trust. We have recorded 50 mature trees, although several have died and others are just hanging on. We work in partnership with Kew at Wakehurst Place. They maintain a stoolbed containing specimens of most of the Sussex trees. Cuttings are harvested from the stoolbed and supplied to landowners who request them – so far around 9000 have been planted across Sussex. Our trees are also in demand farther afield – some were even used in landscaping around the Millennium Dome.

Most of the Sussex trees are privately owned but there is a fine specimen at Arundel which can be seen beside the public footpath which runs across the Brooks east of the Castle. Another is on open access land on the Cowdray Estate near Benbow Pond at Easebourne.

Two populations of mature Black Poplar are known on the Manhood Peninsula. There are two trees in a scruffy little wood close to the shore at Church Norton. One was damaged about 40 years ago and was barely alive in 2018. And there is, or was, a row of four Black Poplars with a couple of hybrids along the remains of an old hedge at Birdham. The hedgeline is now beset by new estates and squeezed between Walwyn Close and Old Common Close. Only one tree is still accessible, one other can be seen above fencing – and goodness knows what has happened to the others. Black Poplars are resilient and can sprout from stumps so they just may be there in some form…



Frances Abraham
Black Poplar Working Group



Tree Nursery No 1 West Wittering

This year marked a big step in the life of our West Wittering ree nursery. We received some much needed help from the Woodger Project, as Jane Reeve and Louise Barnetson acted as care takers, helping to grow on seedlings that had developed over the last winter. With a donation of a cold frame, we were able to watch the first leaves develop on some Blackthorn and Hawthorn seeds. These seedlings were transplanted into our raised beds and now wait for a year or two until they will be strong enough to be transplanted into their final place on the peninsula.





As the seedlings grow, so does the help from enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers. Cathy, Joanna and Phil have come forward to keep the seedlings watered over the hot summer months and look forward to continuing to give their time to help the tree nursery flourish.

As the summer comes to an end, our thoughts switch to collecting more tree seeds to germinate and grow on. As the nursery develops, we hope to expand the raised seedling beds area, as demand for sustainably grown trees increases. Thanks to David Thompson (chairman of the allotment where our nursery is located) whose support has been Hinvaluable; and to the funders, the hendy and Chapman Trusts.

As West Wittering is about to enjoy the fruits of our labour, Joe Savill has had talks with Langmeads in Selsey and we now have a new piece of land to develop into our second tree nursery. I will let Joe explain…..see page 11.

Alex Ainge

Wittering Area Community Conservation Project

The Wittering Area Community Conservation Project kicked off in November 2021 after the group secured generous funding from the F. Glenister Woodger Trust to work across the Parishes of West Wittering, East Wittering, Bracklesham, Earnley, West Itchenor and Birdham. The aim is to improve wildlife habitat, control flood management, encourage community involvement with the local environment, and promote community and personal well-being. The funding allowed for the creation of a Community Conservation Officer role for a three-year period, a role is shared by Jane Reeve and Louise Barnetson.

The project continues the important work of the Fixing and Linking Our Wetlands, the **FLOW** project – which ended in June 2021 – as well as work with children and young people in the parishes. The project includes continuing habitat management and wildlife surveying of FLOW sites, as well as working with the Parish Councils and other land-owners to enhance the wildlife value of the land they manage. This includes reducing or eliminating mowing of some areas, wildflower seeding and planting, and tree and hedge planting.



Volunteers planting trees at Cakeham Manor in West Wittering.



Volunteers carrying out a plant survey at Snow Hill, W. Wittering, where we secured agreement with WWPC and WWE to reduce mowing. 50+ plant species were recorded.



Volunteers bedding in young trees at the West Wittering Tree Nursery Open Day organised in December 2021.

At the start of the project, we met with West Wittering PC's Environment and Green Spaces Working Party and discussed some potential biodiversity improvements that could be made across the parish. This led to the development of a Biodiversity Improvement Plan incorporating all of the PC's green space assets.

The plan has seen the council embrace different mowing regimes –retaining long grass and wildflowers where possible – as well as planting and sowing wildflowers and pollinator-friendly plants, planting native trees and gap filling hedgerows.

We have provided WWPC with an updated review of the condition of their main drainage ditches and recommendations for ongoing actions and maintenance to reduce flood risk in the parish.

Similarly, with Birdham PC, we have developed a plan to improve the biodiversity value of their recreational ground and reduce mowing to allow wildflowers to develop for pollinators.



Pollinator-friendly, beach-themed, flower bed created in Marine Drive, W. Wittering, in conjunction with WWPC



New wildflower area created on West Wittering Village Green by WWPC.

During the 2021/2022 winter season, regular weekly sessions with volunteers carried out habitat management, wildlife surveying, and tree planting activities. Up to the end of March 2022, 21 volunteer work party sessions took place with between 2 and 46 volunteers attending across the parishes. Further work parties, focussing on floral surveys and moth surveys took place during Spring and early-Summer 2022. A number of volunteers have also committed to carrying out wildlife surveys of five sites over the summer.

Additional funding for tree planting activities was secured from John Wiley & Sons Ltd and Lewis Brownlee Financial Services to pay for canes and biodegradable tree guards. A team from Lewis Brownlee Financial Services also enjoyed a corporate volunteering day in March 2022 where they planted 145 trees in West Wittering. Very good feedback was received from the Lewis Brownlee team and we hope to expand on this and offer more corporate volunteering days to local companies.

Also in March 2022, two large-scale tree planting initiatives took place. The first saw 40+ volunteers plant 350+ trees at the Birdham recreation area. The event was organised in conjunction with 1st Birdham & Witterings Scout Group, and we were also joined with members of Birdham Parish Council and some hardy local people. The event kicked off our engagement and education activities with this local Scout group, which have involved all ages groups and included pond dipping, bug hunting, building bat and bird boxes, and learning about the importance of trees. The second event saw 500+ trees planted at Downview Recreation area in East Wittering by children and young people - and their grown-ups - from the 1st East Wittering Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. The tree planting day was organised in association with East Wittering & Bracklesham Parish Council who own the Downview site, and Jacqui Manuels, leader of the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

Team from Lewis Brownlee Financial Services enjoying a rewarding day planting trees in West Wittering.





We go to local schools – discussions have taken place with West Wittering Parochial Church of England Primary School about improving their grounds for biodiversity. We also plan to improve the site opposite the school, which is owned by West Wittering Estate, and make it into a useful outdoor education area for the school.

Discussions with Birdham Primary School led to the development of a successful day for the whole school on the subject of Water Voles, and the delivery of a number of after-school 'eco club' sessions (subsequently re-named ***'Wildlife Warriors'*** by the children!) which was delivered in the Spring term. This involved children with weekly after-school sessions involving pond dipping, bug hunting, tree identification, and owl pellet dissection. This was so successful that we have more demands from children and parents to continue this and potentially make the club a 'paid for' activity. We also created an opportunity for a Seaford College Community Action Day involvement at East Wittering. Further engagement with schools will take place over the rest of the project.

Making bats boxes with the Cubs and Scouts in Birdham.



Delivering an education day about Water Voles in Birdham primary school.





Louise Barnetson

Part time Community Conservation officer

Tree Nursery No 2, Selsey

We are very grateful to David Langmead for providing the group with a piece of land in Selsey for the tree nursery. A licence agreement has been signed and water has been connected to the site. Plans are being developed for the nursery and fencing to enclose the growing area is to be erected in due course, with an official opening, hopefully, in the autumn.

The nursery will be dedicated to, and named after, the late Beryl James. Beryl, a long-term member of MWHG, made a huge contribution to the conservation of the local area especially through her volunteering at Pagham Harbour Reserve and as a bird recorder.

Thanks also to the Sussex Community Foundation for providing funding which enabled us to establish our tree nursery.

Selsey Photo Archive Project

In 2018 Selsey Town Council received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a project to preserve and make accessible a significant collection of photographs from Selsey Society's archive. This year, through the leadership of MWHG and an extremely dedicated group of volunteers, a significant milestone has been reached. All of Selsey Society's collection has now been passed to the West Sussex Record office for safe storage, having been carefully scanned and catalogued so that selected photos can be made available to the public via the website and through exhibitions. To date, more than 5,500 have been catalogued.

Another major piece of work that has been undertaken is the researching and writing of descriptions for all the different categories of photos that appear on the website e.g Railway Carriage Houses, Selsey Tram, 2nd World War etc.

As well as this, the project has been receiving donations and loans of photos from people's personal collections and these are also being scanned and catalogued. The focus of the work is now to continue to with this, to further develop the website and to promote the project through the media and a variety of events.

Joe Savill
Co-founder MWHG

Heritage

Walk The Selsey Tram Way

Funding has been secured to reprint an updated version of the walking guide, provide signage to be attached to WSCC footpath posts, create an interactive map for use of mobile phones and provide information boards at points of interest, including the sites of the 11 stations, along the route. The project will be launched on 27th August 2022, the 125th anniversary of the first train to run from Chichester to Selsey.

Sidlesham Heritage Centre (PO20 9QQ)

The Heritage Centre was established in January 2021 in the windows of a former LSA glasshouse to maintain interest in the Land Settlement Association display. Displays are regularly updated and also include information about other local history/heritage items, including the Selsey Tram Way Project.



Land Settlement Association

An LSA house was dismantled in September 2017 and is in storage at The Weald and downland Living Museum, awaiting funding to be re-erected – then the LSA Story will have a permanent home. The website remains active and still attracts additional stories. A film about the origins of the LSA (1937) and our version with interviews with former tenants and staff (2015) can be found on the timeline of the website www.sidleshamheritagetrail.co.uk



25 years . . . . Heritage Publications and Events

2007/08 Publications - *A Sense of Place* (5 local Selsey walks) & Walk *The Selsey Tram Way*

2011 Publication - *Selsey Blue Plaques*

2011 SWALKs, Sidlesham Walk and Lunch Klub, (Sidlesham Walk & Lunch Klub) started – now completed 146 monthly walks.

2013 Publication – *Walks around Sidlesham*

2015 Exhibition at Novium *on Land Settlement Association* & launch of MWHG film

Publication – Land Settlement Association Heritage Trail

All Aboard (*Selsey Railway Carriages*)

2017 LSA house dismantled & in storage at Weald & Downland Living Museum

2018 *Exhibition* in Selsey Town Hall (Fishing & Tourism in Selsey)

2019 *Exhibition* at LSA Weald & Downland Living Museum (LSA)

Exhibition (Chaplins) on History of Selsey High Street

2021 Publication – Sidlesham *2 Heritage Trail*

2022 Publication – *Walk The Selsey Tram Way* and guided walk from Chichester Railway station

Dr Bill Martin

Left: Site for new Beryl James Tree Nursery is about to be fenced …
and (on right) is fenced!.



Photos: *Joe Savill*



Planning issues

Pressure for development, mainly focused on housing, has continued to grow across the MP. The absence of a current District Local Plan for some months and a defendable five year housing supply enabled developers for a short time to continue a speculative regime of expanding the margins of existing settlements and infilling important green gaps and open spaces. Chichester District Council announced a 5 year housing supply in July and prior to that a decision in the High Court protected the policies already in place.

However. Many areas providing important 'corridors' for wildlife across the peninsula are being squeezed or completely fractured.

Concerns over the lack of capacity for sewage treatment that already existed are now further exacerbated as new housing is connected to treatment works such as that at Sidlesham and can mean that overflow discharges into the highly sensitive Pagham Harbour report being drawn up by Natural England/Chichester harbour (report done by NE). Flows of untreated sewage that occur particularly during wet weather are highly damaging to the local environment and ecosystems but the combination of nitrates in the discharges combined with nitrate run off from fertiliser use on agricultural land presents a growing environmental hazard to aquatic life and sensitive wetland areas. The need for '*nitrate neutrality*' for new development is now a planning requirement and the increasing costs of carbon based fertilisers will hopefully slow its application on farm land.

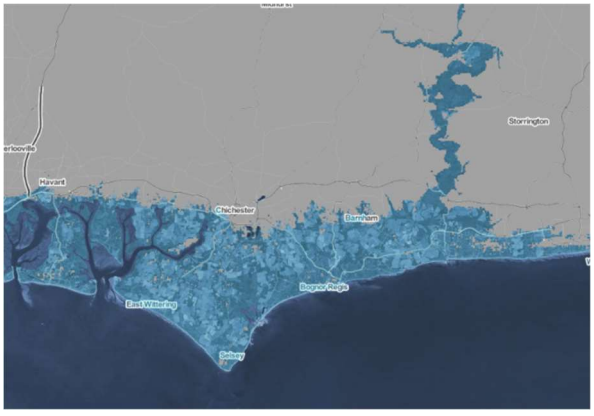
Experience of damage to important wetland areas caused water extraction and changing weather patterns such as Amberley Wildbrooks in the Arun Valley have focused attention on '*water neutrality*' for development and has created a current embargo on new development in areas including parishes in the north of the county of West Sussex and Horsham. It is supported by evidence gathered by Natural England which found that populations of the rare snail had decline.

Given the demands from intensive horticulture along with now large numbers of tourist accommodation problem for the Manhood. Failure to keep to targets for reaching a carbon neutral position to try and combat the impacts of climate change do however continue to represent the Manhood's biggest problem for its future. Sea level rise, increasing severity of extreme weather especially rainfall leading to surface water flooding call for an integrated planning led approach to sustainability and informed environmental management.

MWHG has continued to represent the environment and the heritage of the Manhood Peninsula responding to over forty planning applications / issues in the last year and appearing at appeals presenting expert evidence in support of the peninsula's unique but threatened environment.

Paul Bedford

Sea level rise postcard 1.5 °C. See Surging Seas and NASA websites.



Funds and Finances

This is the funding the MWHG received during 2021-22 to facilitate the work of the group and we are extremely grateful for the financial support received from Trust Funds, Parish Councils, local businesses and individual supporters to carry out a range of activities described in this Annual Report.

The Woodger Trust is supporting 3 years of **habitat restoration** work in the Witterings Parishes and surrounding areas; and North Mundham Parish Council also made a donation. And the Water Vole Action Plan for the MP is being updated courtesy of funds from Portsmouth Water Biodiversity Grant.

The Tramway has received support from the Lady Nevill Skinner Trust, Ferry Farm solar site and the Selsey Walking Group.
Mink Monitoring has been paid for by local businesses with grants made by both Barfoots and Vitacress.
Tree nurseries have been set up with kind assistance from West Wittering Parish Council on their allotment funded by the Hendy Trust, Chapman Trust and the Woodger Trust; and in Selsey, the ***Beryl James tree nursery*** is being established funded by Target Professional, Selsey Town Council and the Sussex Community Fund.
The Pollinator Highway is being supported by Vitacress.

Jane Scotland
Hon Treasurer

POLLINATOR HIGHWAY:
Pollinator Highway, one of 3, planted out in Selsey using different techniques to see which provides the most effective approach.



MWHG Staffing:
Jane Reeve+Louise Barnetson, Joint PT Community Conservation Officers; Nikki Timney.
MWHG Volunteers: Chair Dr Lesley Bromley; Secretary Alex Ainge, Hon Treasurer, Jane Scotland; Management Team: Paul Bedford, Gina Scott, Dr Bill Martin (Heritage), Joe Savill, Jill Sutcliffe; and new Trustee Dave Gilbey with professional assistance from Wendy Peters accountant. FLOW volunteers; Christine and Felicity McStea.

MANHOOD WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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This is the expenditure applied by the charity in undertaking work in meeting its charitable objectives.

f **Governance costs**
These include office, telephone, training, venue hire and insurance costs relating to the activities of the Charity.

g **Projects**
FLOW Project (Fixing and Linking our Wetlands)
The FLOW Project Development Phase, funded by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £36,100, was completed satisfactorily in September 2016, preparing the way for application for the Delivery Phase grant.
The HLF have provided a grant of £545,300 for delivery of the FLOW project until June 2021.
Work started in October 2016.

LSA Heritage Trail Project
Funded initialy by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £6400 , the Project is now complete but continues with talks and exhibitions.

2 EMPLOYEES
Four staff were employed to manage the FLOW Project, fully funded by the HLF grant. Their employment ended on 30 June 2021.

3 TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES
No payments were made to Trustees or Related Parties.

4 DEBTORS:

Agreed funding outstanding	2021	£0	2022	£0

5 CREDITORS (due within one year)

Payments issued	2021	£0	2022	£0

MANHOOD WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE
NOTES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

6 FIXED ASSETS

Equipment	£
Cost/Valuation	
Opening Balance	19,793
Additions	-
As at 31st March 2022	19,793
Depreciation	
Opening Balance	14,602
Depreciation for the year	1,298
As at 31st March 2022	15,900
Net Book Value	
As at 31st March 2022	3,893
As at 31st March 2021	5,191

Depreciation is provided so as to write off the historic cost of the fixed assets over their estimated useful life.
The rate of depreciation used and the method adopted are as follows: Equipment 25% - Reducing Balance.

7 MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

		Balance 01/04/2021 £	Incoming Funds £	Outgoing Payments £	Depreciation £	Balance 31/03/2022 £
Unrestricted Funds:						
Designated						
Selsey Heritage		1,132	-	-	-	1,132
ASHE Group		58	-	-	-	58
Eileen Savill Award		449	-	95	-	354
Manor Green Park		1,247	5	350	-	902
East Beach Pond		142	-	86	-	56
Selsey Soc. Photo Proj.		2,630	32	100	-	2,562
Community Partnership	Prc	1,376	-	-	-	1,376
FLOW Project Del. Ph.	-	43,655	32,977	27,048	-	- 37,726
Ferry Farm Grant		1,000	-	349		651
Portsmouth Water		8,500	-	2,258		6,242
Hendy Foundation		309	-	-		309
Sussex Community Trust		3,500	-			3,500
Woodger Trust		-	26,667	8,785		17,881
	-	23,312				- 2,704
Undesignated						
General Fund	xx	68,216	7,930	3,746	1,298	71,102
Chichester D C	xx	23,990	-		-	23,990
		92,206				95,092
Restricted Funds						
Designated						
FLOW Project Del.Phase		-	-		-	-
		68,894	67,610	42,818	1,298	92,388

68,894

MANHOOD WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31st MARCH 2022

2021				
£			£	£
5,191	Tangible Assets	Note 6		3,893
	CURRENT ASSETS			
-	Debtors	Note 4	-	-
63,703	Cash at Bank and in hand		88,495	
63,703			88,495	
	Less:			
	Creditors:	Note 5		
-	Amounts falling due within one year		-	
63,703	**NET CURRENT ASSETS**			88,495
68,894				92,388
	FUNDS:			
	Unrestricted	Note 7		
- 23,312	Designated Funds			- 2,704
92,206	Undesignated Funds			95,092
68,894				92,388
	Restricted			
-	Designated			-
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				- 0

In Connection with the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022, we confirm that:

a) for the year in question the company was entitled to the exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

b) no notice from members requiring an audit has been deposited under section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

c) the directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records, and the preparation of accounts which comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

2) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year.

d) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions relating to small companies in Part 15 Companies Act 2006 and with Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities.

e) These accounts have been delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to smaller companies.

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by

TRUSTEEE

TRUSTEE

ALEX RINGE

FULL NAME

LESLEY BRADLEY

FULL NAME

3/11/2022

DATE

3/11/2022

DATE

MANHOOD WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

2021 £		Note 1b	Unrestricted Undesignated Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL £
	INCOMING RESOURCES	Note 1c				
	Voluntary Income					
12,832	Donations and Membership		1,199		0	1,199
	Activities for Generating funds					
-	LSA Project:Walks, Talks, Events and sales		0			0
-	Maps, Books and Leaflet sales					0
-	Preparation of Green maps for CDC					0
-	Insurance settlement					0
	Grant Funding					
3,839	CDC SLA Funding	Note 1g	0			0
-	HLF FLOW Development Funding					0
98,074	HLF FLOW Delivery Funding				32,977	32,977
3,500	Sussex Community Trust			0		0
1,120	Grant Income		4,467	0		4,467
9,891	Corporate funding		2,000	0		2,000
4,430	Parish Councils		301			301
-	Woodger Trust (time)			20,000		20,000
-	Woodger Trust (expenses)			6,667		6,667
-	RSPB					0
-	Sussex Wildlife Trust					0
3,721	Project readjustments			0		0
	Investment Income					
14	Bank Interest		0			0
137,422	**TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES**		**7,967**	**26,667**	**32,977**	**67,610**
						67,610
	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Note 1d				
	Costs of generating Funds					
-	Fundraising			0		0
2,419	**Charitable Activities**	Note 1e		15,770		15,770
-	**Governance Costs**	Note 1f				0
1,730	**Depreciation**				1,298	1,298
	Transfer of Funds					
113,879	**Projects**	Note 1g			27,048	27,048
118,028	**TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**		**0**	**15,770**	**28,346**	**44,116**
19,394	**NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR**		**7,967**	**10,897**	**4,631**	**23,494**
-	**PROVISION FOR CORPORATION TAX**					0
19,394	**NET EXCESS OF INCOME (EXPENDITURE) AFTER TAX**					23,494
49,500	**FUNDING BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD**					68,894
68,894	**FUNDING BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD**					**92,388**

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These are included when the charity has a legal obligation to pay.

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This is the expenditure applied by the charity in undertaking work in meeting its charitable objectives.

f **Governance costs**
These include office, telephone, training, venue hire and insurance costs relating to the activities of the Charity.

g **Projects**
Recreational Distburance Mitigation Project (SLA)
The Recreational Disturbance Mitigation Project (SLA) ended on 31st March 2020.

FLOW Project (Fixing and Linking our Wetlands)
The FLOW Project Development Phase, funded by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £36,100, was completed satisfactorily in September 2016, preparing the way for application for the Delivery Phase grant.
The HLF have provided a grant of £545,300 for delivery of the FLOW project until June 2021.
Work started in October 2016.

LSA Heritage Trail Project
Funded initialy by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £6400 , the Project is now complete but continues with talks and exhibitions.

2 **EMPLOYEES**
Four staff are employed to manage the FLOW Project, fully funded by the HLF grant.

3 **TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES**
No payments were made to Trustees or Related Parties.

4 **DEBTORS:**

Agreed funding outstanding	2020	£0	2021	£0

5 **CREDITORS (due within one year)**

Payments issued	2020	£0	2021	£0

6 FIXED ASSETS

Equipment	£
Cost/Valuation	
Opening Balance	19,793
Additions	-
As at 31st March 2021	19,793
Depreciation	
Opening Balance	12,872
Depreciation for the year	1,730
As at 31st March 2021	14,602
Net Book Value	
As at 31st March 2021	5,191
As at 31st March 2020	6,921

Depreciation is provided so as to write off the historic cost of the fixed assets over their estimated useful life. The rate of depreciation used and the method adopted are as follows: Equipment 25% - Reducing Balance.

7 MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

		Balance 01/04/2020 £	Incoming Funds £	Outgoing Payments £	Depreciation £	Balance 31/03/2021 £
Unrestricted Funds:						
Designated						
Selsey Heritage		701	1,000	569	-	1,132
ASHE Group		58	-	-	-	58
Eileen Savill Award		149	300	-	-	449
Manor Green Park		1,345	-	98	-	1,247
East Beach Pond		142	-	-	-	142
Tanner Trust		500	-	500	-	-
Selsey Soc. Photo Proj.		2,535	515	420	-	2,630
Community Partnership	Prc	-	1,906	530	-	1,376
FLOW Project Del. Ph.	-	32,176	98,679	110,158	-	- 43,655
Ferry Farm Grant		-	1,120	120		1,000
Portsmouth Water		-	8,500			8,500
Hendy Foundation		-	499	191		309
Sussex Community Trust		-	3,500			3,500
Postcode Lottery		1,906	-	1,906		-
	-	24,840				- 23,312
Undesignated						
General Fund	xx	54,189	17,564	1,807	1,730	68,216
Chichester D C	xx	20,151	3,839		-	23,990
		74,340				92,206
Restricted Funds						
Designated						
FLOW Project Del.Phase		-	-		-	-
		49,500	137,422	116,298	1,730	68,894
		49,500				

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BALANCE SHEET
AT 31st MARCH 2021

2020				
£			£	£
6,921	**FIXED ASSETS** Tangible Assets	Note 6		5,191
	CURRENT ASSETS			
-	Debtors	Note 4	-	-
42,579	Cash at Bank and in hand		63,703	
42,579			63,703	
	Less:			
	Creditors:	Note 5		
-	Amounts falling due within one year		-	
42,579	**NET CURRENT ASSETS**			63,703
49,500				68,894
	FUNDS:			
	Unrestricted	Note 7		
- 24,840	Designated Funds			- 23,312
74,340	Undesignated Funds			92,206
49,500				68,894
	Restricted			
-	Designated			-
49,500				68,894
				0

In Connection with the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021, we confirm that:

a) for the year in question the company was entitled to the exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

b) no notice from members requiring an audit has been deposited under section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

c) the directors and trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records, and the preparation of accounts which comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

2) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year.

d) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions relating to small companies in Part 15 Companies Act 2006 and with Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities.

e) These accounts have been delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to smaller companies.

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by

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TRUSTEE

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FULL NAME

LESLEY MARIE BRADLEY

FULL NAME

3/11/21

DATE

3/11/21

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

2020 £		Note 1b	Unrestricted Undesignated Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL £
	INCOMING RESOURCES	Note 1c				
	Voluntary Income					
3,561	Donations and Membership		12,228		605	12,832
	Activities for Generating funds					
-	LSA Project:Walks, Talks, Events and sales		0			0
30	Maps, Books and Leaflet sales					0
-	Preparation of Green maps for CDC					0
-	Insurance settlement					0
	Grant Funding					
8,143	CDC SLA Funding	Note 1g	3,839			3,839
-	HLF FLOW Development Funding					0
145,444	HLF FLOW Delivery Funding				98,074	98,074
-	Sussex Community Trust			3,500		3,500
-	Grant Income			1,120		1,120
4,560	Corporate funding		892	8,999		9,891
6,980	Parish Councils		4,430			4,430
1,000	Selsey Community Forum					0
2,717	Charities Aid Foundation					0
1,710	RSPB					0
1,500	Sussex Wildlife Trust					0
-	Project readjustments			3,721		3,721
	Investment Income					
38	Bank Interest		14			14
175,683	**TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES**		21,403	17,340	98,679	137,422
						137,422
	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Note 1d				
	Costs of generating Funds					
-	Fundraising			0		0
8,060	**Charitable Activities**	Note 1e		2,419		2,419
497	**Governance Costs**	Note 1f				0
2,307	**Depreciation**				1,730	1,730
	Transfer of Funds					
151,599	**Projects**	Note 1g			113,879	113,879
162,463	**TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**		0	2,419	115,609	118,028
13,221	**NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR**		21,403	14,921	-16,930	19,394
-	**PROVISION FOR CORPORATION TAX**					0
13,221	**NET EXCESS OF INCOME (EXPENDITURE) AFTER TAX**					19,394
36,279	**FUNDING BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD**					49,500
49,500	**FUNDING BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD**					68,894