

WINCHESTER ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1150754

Details

Other names WINACC

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN SUBJECTS RELATED TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THE EFFECTIVE REDUCTION OF GREEN HOUSE GASES AND LOW CARBON LIVING.SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEANS "DEVELOPMENT THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS".2) TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE PRUDENT USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Activities: Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd (WinACC) works to cut the carbon footprint of Winchester district, creating lower energy bills, healthier lifestyles and stronger communities. We are local residents, businesses and policy-makers, working together to tread more lightly on the planet.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£161,050	£140,279	-	-
2024-03-31	£143,516	£136,943	-	-
2023-03-31	£107,212	£149,193	-	-
2022-03-31	£123,453	£92,545	-	-
2021-03-31	£68,903	£67,138	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Micklefield		2025-12-15
Anthony Hugh McNaughtan		2021-10-30
Benjamin Paul Yarnall		2023-10-28
Christine Holloway		2020-10-17
Daniel John Lee		2021-10-30
Emily Ruth Jones		2025-03-20
Gareth Jones		2025-11-15
Meredith Odgers		2024-11-16
Shruthi Govindan-Srinivasan		2025-12-15
Timothy Drysdale Jackson		2022-11-29

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity number 1150754 **Company number** 08013043

Directors and Trustees

Current: Sarah Gooding (Vice Chair)
Christine Holloway (Secretary to the trustees)
Tim Jackson
Emily Jones (appointed 20 March 2025)
Danny Lee
Hugh McNaughtan (Treasurer)
Merdith Odgers (appointed 16 November 2024)
Julia Stolle
Ben Yarnall (elected Chair on 20 June 2024)

Others during the year: Prof. Robert Beckford (University of Winchester nominee)
(retired 23 May 2024)
Dr Alex Clayton (retired as Chair and trustee on 23 May 2024)
Sue Turner (retired 16 November 2024)

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Bankers Unity Trust Bank (main account); Triodos Bank; Nationwide

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Company

Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd (the “Company” or “WinACC”) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 March 2012 and registered as a charity on 8 February 2013. The directors of the Company are charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and are generally referred to as trustees in this document. The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Company was created to enable a previous unincorporated charity (Winchester Action on Climate Change, registered charity number 1126993) to convert into a charitable company. Legally, this required the creation of a new charitable company with the same charitable objectives, to which the unincorporated charity could transfer its assets and liabilities. This transfer took effect on 1 October 2013.

In recognition of the seriousness of the climate crisis, as emphasised by the August 2021 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), described by the UN’s Secretary-General as “a code red for humanity”, the trustees have approved the use in the Company’s communications of the trading name “Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis”.

Trustees

Trustees are appointed by member resolution at a general meeting or by resolution of the other trustees between general meetings. At each Annual General Meeting, a third of trustees must retire by rotation according to the Memorandum of Association. Any trustees appointed by a resolution of other trustees must retire at the next AGM and seek re-appointment.

The trustees held eight trustee meetings during the reporting period (compared to eight in the previous year). These alternated between four governance meetings and four strategy meetings also attended in a non-voting capacity by action group and project leads.

An Executive Group made up of the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and WinACC’s Executive Director, Jo Crocker, has continued to meet monthly during the year to deal with operational matters requiring trustee input and to support Jo and her staff.

The Finance Committee, the remit of which includes monitoring of financial performance and fundraising, met six times during the year with four meetings devoted to finance related matters and two focussed on fundraising.

Objectives and Mission

The Company has the following “objects” (charitable purposes):

- to advance the education of the public in subjects related to sustainable development, in particular but not exclusively the effective reduction of greenhouse gases and low carbon living; and

- to preserve, protect and improve the physical and natural environment and the prudent use of natural resources;

where “sustainable development” means “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.

Our mission, approved by the trustees in February 2021 and refined and reconfirmed in March 2024, remains to catalyse action to create a net zero carbon Winchester District.

WinACC’s aims and activities

Reflecting our mission, and as described in our Annual Plan for 2024/25, our aims during the year were to:

- Reduce carbon emissions from activity within Winchester District or from the goods and services we import;
- Increase the capacity of Winchester District to absorb carbon and generate renewable energy; and
- Influence and help communities and organisations to respond urgently to the climate crisis.

With these aims in mind, WinACC has continued to seek to create conditions for change and use opportunities for transforming how we think and act.

Our four primary target areas for delivering on these aims included:

- creating systemic change by working with those in power: local government (at parish, district and county level), national government and bodies like national parks, and business;
- strengthening climate action by local communities and networks, including enabling them to engage with those in power;
- catalysing action that could have a big impact on the climate crisis, spotting opportunities and facilitating connections; and
- keeping WinACC well run and sustainable.

We remain committed to working in partnership with other agencies to secure effective action. Our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

From our projects and events during the year, we have continued to see an increasing level of climate change related interest and action by local communities and a stronger realisation by many residents that we need systemic change. This reassures us that our aims and focus remain appropriate.

Organisation and staffing

Our staff complement has been maintained at a consistent level during the past year. Jo Crocker, our Executive Director, leads a team of five part-time staff (equating to circa 3.8 full-time equivalents), as follows:

- Communications Manager, Kay Mitchell, maintains our website and social media channels, delivers regular WinACC News editions and supports our campaigns for systemic change.

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- Climate Manager, Stuart Mills leads our Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN), Community Solar and ongoing household retrofit activities.
- Climate Officer, Kim Blakeway, supports Stuart on the WeCAN project.
- Partnerships Manager, Francesca Singer-Ince, who returned from maternity leave in October 2024, develops our partnerships and works with volunteers.
- Office Manager, Amanda Parnham, runs our office.

With assistance from a freelancer specialist, we have made good progress during the year towards implementing improvements to our systems of data management to enable us to improve outreach.

We are grateful for continued valuable support from the University of Winchester in the form of serviced office space and utilities on its campus at Alwyn Hall East.

Summary of main ongoing and new campaigns and initiatives

Working with local communities

Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN)

Our WeCAN project, which commenced in March 2022, has completed another successful year with grant funding provided to June 2025 by South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA), Winchester City Council (WCC) and Winchester Rotary. We are currently discussing further funding arrangements to enable us to continue this project through into 2026 and beyond.

WeCAN enables communities to plan climate action in their area, helping them develop practical projects to reduce carbon emissions. We support their groups to build capacity by sharing and accessing information and training, creating digital learning and sharing networks and organising events to create inspiration. Over the past year, we have worked with climate action groups set up by 17 communities, supporting them with a wide variety of projects. Feedback from research confirms the value of our dedicated team in helping to mobilise many sustainability initiatives.

Regular WeCAN events have been held to share ideas and experiences, including a three-year celebration event in July 2024 (40 people attended) to reflect on overall progress and shared success. Training sessions have been delivered for 15 volunteer Energy Champions. Partnering with Energise South Downs, we have delivered four Future Energy Landscape (FEL) renewable energy workshops to rural communities (attended by around 80 people), informing and consulting on the need for and acceptability of renewable energy technology in the local landscape. More are planned. South Wonston Sustainability surveyed residents on the results of their FEL session, with 68% of 209 responses supporting wind and solar projects. A monthly newsletter for parish and community group contacts shares information, ideas and experience and promotes training and funding opportunities. Around 100 volunteers are now regularly engaged in WeCAN activities.

Activities initiated or supported include thermal imaging loan schemes, energy champion survey schemes, heat pump and solar panel information sessions, Green Open Home events and home energy speaker events, Climate Fresk workshops, climate and repair cafes, local recycling directories and much more. Volunteers from three local repair cafes presented at a

network event to encourage more WeCAN groups to set up repair cafes. A climate café was also organised with Whiteley Town Council to start a new sustainability group. 30 business owners and managers attended a Business Sustainability event in Alresford. With funding from the Good Food Movement, Winchester Food Partnership has produced four community food and waste climate project toolkits.

Community Solar Support Scheme

In March 2025 we completed a highly successful 18-month project to support communities in the Winchester District upgrade their community buildings with solar panels, reducing their carbon footprints and their running costs. Any non-profit organisation in the district responsible for a community building was eligible – including village halls, faith organisations, sports organisations and community groups. The project was funded via WCC by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

As a result of the support delivered by the project, we engaged with local communities over potential upgrades for 29 community buildings, with 19 converted to active engagements. By February 2025 solar panel installations had been completed on 9 buildings generating over 70 MW hours of electricity in the period and enabling accumulated carbon savings of 14.7 tonnes CO₂e in the period, with significantly more in a full year. In aggregate, the £30,000 grants we received enabled local communities to access over £192,000 of funding for solar work. These achievements were significantly in excess of the targets set for the project.

Decarbonisation plans have been prepared for several other buildings, and applications for funding for a further two installations had already been submitted. There is potential for further installations if the project can be extended, so we have submitted an application for further funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Winchester Green Week

WinACC again supported Winchester Green Week, the seventh annual festival to encourage and celebrate sustainable living, in September 2024. Its theme was ‘Let’s Grow Greener Together’. Around 100 events took place, organised by over 50 local communities, environmental groups, educational institutions, faith groups, local authorities and businesses in the Winchester District, giving people a chance to discover everyday ways to reduce their impact on the planet.

Homes across Winchester with green upgrades also opened their doors, offering visitors the chance to see and discuss energy-saving measures. Open Fire, a photography exhibition about impacts of the climate crisis, was hosted by the University of Winchester. Other events included a series of walks and workshops held by Winchester School of Art; a family friendly community cycle ride, a second-hand shop fashion show; plant pot and bird feeder making at the City museum; Green Week evensong at Winchester Cathedral; talks and film screenings.

Winchester Green Week 2025 will take place from Saturday 20th September to Sunday 28th September 2025.

Incredible Edible Winchester

Incredible Edible Winchester encourages people to embrace the joys of growing their own food. It provides support and advice, promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices. It maintains planters at Winchester train station and within Abbey Gardens, proving that even with limited space, positive change is achievable. Its two Community Allotments at Edington Road, Winchester run open sessions for volunteers, while its greenhouses facilitate crop experimentation in our ever-changing climate. Mini-events for families with young children aim to spark a love of gardening, and a local scout group completed their gardening badges. Open days are held in April for Good to Grow Week (we were interviewed for local radio) and in September for Green Week. It has also been helping a small group of residents in Winnall and WCC to revitalise a local Community Garden. Financial support has been received from Hampshire County Council and Action Hampshire's Greening for Wellbeing.

Other community activities

Member meetings in 2024/25 began with prospective parliamentary candidates giving members the chance to find out where candidates stood on the climate crisis. In early October WinACC organised a workshop 'Leading action on the climate emergency', hosted by WCC, to highlight the role of local leaders in tackling climate change. Over 30 parish, city and county councillors, together with our Winchester MP, took part. The focus was how councils at all levels can work together to reduce the carbon footprint of transport, domestic energy and land use. This will be even more important as devolution and local authority reorganisation proceed. Our final member meeting of the year was devoted to considering the DEFRA Land Use consultation and the potential outcomes for Winchester District, covering key themes like protecting nature, renewable energy infrastructure and sustainable drainage to reduce flood risk.

We were delighted to receive a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund which is enabling us to reach out and listen to under-represented members of the Winchester community, develop a more welcoming and inclusive culture, and support diverse voices to engage with decision makers in calling for a fair transition to a cleaner, greener Winchester.

Increasing renewable energy generation

WinACC's Renewable Energy Action Group has maintained its support for high quality planning applications for solar farms in the Winchester District, seeking to address concerns raised in response to planning applications. Every 100 megawatts of new solar farm capacity installed produces about 18% of the District's total electricity consumption.

During the year we have continued to support the proposed 20MW solar farm at South Lynch, near Hursley just outside Winchester, for which planning consent has been given. This will be capable of supplying up to 3.5% of the District's electricity consumption. In addition, we continued to track and support the delayed Denmead 50MW solar farm application, which received planning permission in October 2024.

We are also supporting proposed solar sites at Titchfield Lane, Wickham and to the southwest of Hursley. The former will generate around 50MW, enough to power 11,900 homes in the District. This proposed development is expected to achieve greater than the mandatory requirement in biodiversity net gains associated with habitat and hedgerow units. The Hursley site will be a 5MW installation, equivalent to taking 580 cars off the road or

planting 60,000 trees over the scheme's lifetime. This will provide electricity for the IBM complex through a private wire from the panels to the site, without having to involve a grid connection which can be difficult to achieve.

A thorough analysis of the reasons to support solar farms is included on our website. This includes a video to help overcome community objections to the use of agricultural land for renewable energy installations, including misunderstanding of risks to national food security inherent in such objections.

Reducing emissions from buildings and transport

Household Retrofit projects

Earlier this year, we were delighted to be able to enter into a two-year agreement with The Environment Centre (tEC) as a Community Partner, together with Petersfield Community Action Network and Alton Energy, to deliver the 'My Home Made Better' project. tEC has been awarded a grant by the Energy Saving Trust under the Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme.

The project's aim is to engage with enough people directly in their communities and support households through retrofits of their homes to shift the level of awareness, confidence and understanding of home energy transition across Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton. This will involve experienced energy advisers providing free advice to households, connecting them directly with professional retrofit coordinators, surveyors, architects, and installers in Hampshire. The project will also train and co-ordinate volunteer Energy Champions to provide retrofit information and run activities in their local communities. It is hoped that the project will result in the installation of over 4,000 retrofit measures within a year of project completion and will eliminate more than 3,600 tonnes of annual CO₂e emissions. WinACC is tasked with delivering an appropriate portion of these in the Winchester District.

Our work on the project commenced from November 2024 and will run until October 2026. During the first few months of the project, we have already brought on board 10 volunteer Energy Champions to help deliver the work required and have reached out to over 800 households.

Our involvement in the 'My Home Made Better' project is a natural extension for WinACC of the successful SuperHomes project we worked on in previous years. We also benefitted in 2024 from being able to perform a Retrofitting Winchester Project Feasibility Study with funds kindly donated by an anonymous donor. In addition, we have received a small grant from The Oak Foundation to work with Winchester Cathedral to showcase retrofit actions on their historic homes.

Transport and Planning

WinACC's Transport and Planning Action Group continues to press our local councils, government bodies and developers to ensure that spatial planning and development makes it possible to live sustainably. In 2024/25 the main areas were as follows:

- **Local Plans** – consulting, coordinating and submitting responses to consultations on the Winchester District Local Plan leading up to the Regulation 19 Examination which commenced in April 2025. We welcome the higher standards proposed for new buildings and are suggesting the inclusion of practical requirements on developers to improve the effectiveness of the draft Plan’s aspirations for more sustainable transport.
- **Proposed local planning developments** – the Council and its consultants are making progress on plans for the redevelopment of the Central Winchester Regeneration Area and Winchester Station Approach. We are largely supportive of their approach, while presenting the case for further reductions to traffic blight and air pollution and more space for a transport interchange at the station. We have also highlighted the climate implications of the transport elements of plans submitted for permission to develop Bushfield Camp. We advised local residents responding to the consultation on the Sir John Moore Barracks Concept Master Plan, where we would like to see greater focus on walking and cycling provision and good public transport connectivity. We have reservations about the proposed Andover Road park-and-ride facility because it would cost a lot without reducing emissions from cars even if it reduced congestion in the city centre.
- **Integrated transport** – in March 2025 we set out our vision for Winchester with sustainable transport where streets are for people, a city with reliable and affordable public transport and without unnecessary traffic within the city walls. We convene a task-and-finish working group to report to the Greener Futures Partnership (a cross-sector group on climate and the green economy brought together by WCC) on how the partners can influence public opinion in support of active travel. We are pleased to be on WCC’s Air Quality Strategy Group and supported their introduction of stricter air quality standards. We demonstrated to the M3 Junction 9 Public Enquiry that Highways England had failed to produce adequate data to support their proposals and that their own cost/benefit analysis showed it would be an expensive waste of money. We were therefore disappointed by confirmation of funding for this project. We replied to an invitation by the Government to explain how transport could be better integrated.
- **Better bus services** – an essential part of an integrated approach to active travel. We commented on Hampshire County Council’s (HCC’s) redrafted Bus Service Improvement Strategy and its Bus Partnership Scheme; presented the case for bus route planning to be the first step in developing spatial planning proposals in Winchester, including at Winchester Railway station and in the centre of the city; and participated in a business-led cross-party group on improving rural bus services. We argued against HCC’s proposals to discontinue publishing bus timetables and maps because information available at key locations like bus and railway station is often out-of-date and incomplete.
- **Walking, wheeling and cycling** – we continue to work alongside Cycle Winchester and Winchester Walking Strategy Group in responding to consultations such as for Liveable Fulford and the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.
- **Government consultations** – we provided input on the National Planning Policy Framework proposed changes, supporting densification of housing, good transport infrastructure (including for freight), abandonment of ‘predict and provide’ in road planning, encouragement of active travel, good public access to green spaces, facilitation of green energy provision and tackling climate change.

Other lobbying and campaigning

WinACC produced its updated annual briefing on the state of greenhouse gas emissions in Winchester District and in the Hampshire County Area, using the latest Department for Energy Security and Net Zero data from 2005 to 2022. This confirmed that emissions have returned to the pre-COVID pandemic trajectory, an average reduction of under 3% per year, which is nowhere near enough to hit the 2030 net zero targets. Transport emissions have continued to grow while other categories have levelled off. The District's transport emissions continue to be twice the national average.

Winchester City Council – WinACC maintains a constructive working relationship with WCC. We hold regular meetings with officers responsible for planning and implementing WCC's responses to the climate emergency, attend or present at relevant Council meetings. We are also involved in several Council groups including the Air Quality Steering Group, Greener Futures Partnership and Shared Prosperity Fund Board. The Council Cabinet Member for climate attends our Trustee Board as an observer.

Hampshire Climate Action Network (HCAN) – WinACC hosts this network of groups active on climate change in their communities in the local government areas of Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton, and now the Isle of Wight. The aim is to learn from each other, coordinate activities and facilitate projects to mitigate climate change, and present a joint voice to the County Council and other public bodies.

Building on WinACC's 'South Downs for Nature – Not Oil' campaign in 2023 against the renewal of drilling for oil in the South Downs National Park, HCAN gave evidence to the Planning Inspector at the Regulation 19 examination of the Minerals and Waste Plan for the Hampshire Authorities (HCC, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, New Forest National Park Authority and the South Downs National Park Authority). We suggested changes of wording to make more stringent the conditions which should be satisfied before an application for oil or gas extraction could be approved.

HCAN sends representatives to the County Council Climate Expert Forum, and its chair (a WinACC trustee) represents voluntary and community groups at the cross-agency Hampshire 2050 Partnership, playing a role in the Partnership's Year of Health and Wellbeing.

Through HCAN and the South East Climate Alliance, WinACC was the catalyst in coordinating the voice of climate groups across England in response to the Government's English Devolution White Paper: 'Power and Partnership: Foundations for Growth', pressing for the Government to create a duty on Mayoral strategic authorities to lead strategy on both climate and nature.

WinACC has been working with other established local groups to consider the implications for both devolution to large Mayoral Combined strategic authorities and Local Government Reorganisation that will replace district and county councils with unitary authorities that will deliver all local services. A Hampshire and Solent Mayoral Combined Authority is expected to be created, replacing Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils and the Isle of Wight Council. In May 2026 people will be voting for a new elected Mayor to run this Authority. Winchester City Council will cease to exist in 2027 or 2028.

Hampshire Pension Fund Divest (HPF Divest) – about 50 members of the Hampshire Pension Fund coordinated by WinACC lobby persistently for the Fund to divest from fossil fuels, mostly through occasional deputations to the Pension Fund Board.

National policy - WinACC cooperates with The Climate Coalition and others to create a stronger voice on national policy. This includes lobbying local MPs, and encouraging supporters to write to MPs, sign petitions and take part in other national actions. The Winchester constituency MP elected in May 2024 spoke to our workshop ‘Leading action on the climate emergency’ and we took him to visit local groups taking actions from installing solar panels to setting up repair cafes. Ben Yarnall, our Chair of Trustees reported:

“It is fantastic that we share common ground with our local MP, Danny Chambers who also wants to support legislation changes calling for higher building standards for new buildings. We look forward to following his progress on this”.

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

The Panel provides a forum for discussion of scientific and technical issues for WinACC members. It produces reports and blogs to help people understand the issues better. Material is internally reviewed and referenced. Significant material has been contributed over the past year on hydrogen; small modular (nuclear) reactors (SMRs) and nuclear power in general; carbon capture and storage (CCS); sustainable aviation fuels (SAF); emissions from cruising; heat pumps, including a look at the economics; food production; methane emissions from local oil and gas production; and the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan.

Our research has generally underlined the WinACC view that short term actions to reduce energy demand and increase renewable electricity production – mainly through wind and solar – should be prioritised over technological initiatives to produce new fuels and continue using fossil fuels, where timeframes, emissions savings and costs are often uncertain.

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

Our donations for 2024/25 increased compared to the previous year due to several fundraising campaigns, including events organised by The Big Give Trust and Winchester College, and some larger amounts received from several individual donors. We also launched a voluntary membership subscription scheme which has raised additional funds.

Income from charitable activities were at a level similar to the previous year. As well as grants from the National Energy Foundation for the SuperHomes project, WinACC was able to recognise additional grant income during the year from South Downs National Park Authority, the main funder of the WeCAN project. We also received additional grant income from Winchester City Council for both the WeCAN project and the Community Solar project.

The charity’s total income for 2024/25 increased by 12% from £143,516 to £161,050 whilst expenditure increased by only 2.4% from £136,943 to £140,279. Consequently, our reserve levels have grown over the year. We remain substantially protected from increases in energy prices and other property costs due to the donation of our serviced office by University of Winchester – the financial impact of this is included within the Statement of Financial Activities with an equal amount in income (as a benefit in kind) and expenditure reflecting an estimate of the commercial value of the benefit received.

Unrestricted reserves increased during the year from £29,830 on 31 March 2024 to £47,010 on 31 March 2025. This figure satisfactorily meets our reserves policy, which seeks to maintain unrestricted funds not designated for a specific use at a level equivalent to between three and six months' typical unrestricted expenditure (excluding non-cash benefits in kind). Taking account of our budget for 2025/26 and recent positive developments in funding levels, the trustees consider this to be an adequate level of reserves despite ongoing uncertainty over economic developments.

This level of reserves is intended to help the Company manage financial uncertainty and to give assurance to funders and creditors about its capacity to meet its commitments and manage any unforeseen financial difficulties. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised or future expenditure reduced. The Trustees are also concerned that reserves should be sufficient to meet additional costs associated with winding up the Company, should that course of action ever be deemed appropriate.

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no relevant information (as defined by s.418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which they are aware which is relevant to the examination, but of which the examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of such information. This report has been prepared in accordance with the small company regime (Section 419(2) of the Companies Act 2006).

Our thanks to everyone who contributes to WinACC

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of the many people and organisations who contribute to WinACC in so many ways. This includes members, those who participate in our open meetings, and the many volunteers who give time and energy to our Action Groups and projects. We are grateful to people who donate to the charity – the platform on which our activities are built relies heavily on the regular donations we receive from our supporters and organisations like Winchester City Council. A special thanks also to our dedicated staff, who keep the whole thing running and help us deliver so many great initiatives.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Ben Yarnall, Chair

Dated: 14 August 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Reports and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company, including the income and expenditure for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE TRUSTEES OF WINCHESTER ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE LTD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 16 to 25.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charitable Company's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Name: CJ Goodhead FCA, Knight Goodhead Ltd, Chartered Accountants

Address: 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3DA

Dated: 15 August 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
(Including Income and Expenditure account)

		2025			2024		
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income							
Donations and legacies		68,415	7,418	75,833	51,879	7,693	59,572
Charitable activities	3	19,026	64,099	83,125	30,435	52,200	82,635
Investment income		2,092	0	2,092	1,309	0	1,309
Total income		89,533	71,517	161,050	83,623	59,893	143,516
Expenditure							
Cost of raising funds		1,545	56	1,601	379	0	379
Charitable activities	5	70,808	67,870	138,678	80,705	55,859	136,564
Total expenditure		72,353	67,926	140,279	81,084	55,859	136,943
Net income / (expenditure) for year		17,180	3,591	20,771	2,539	4,034	6,573
Transfers	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total fund balances brought forward		29,830	19,083	48,913	27,291	15,049	42,340
Total fund balances carried forward		47,010	22,674	69,684	29,830	19,083	48,913

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		2,030		1,879
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	8,157		9,207	
Cash at bank and in hand		82,982		47,111	
		<u>91,139</u>		<u>56,318</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(23,485)</u>		<u>(9,284)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>67,654</u>		<u>47,034</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	8		0		0
NET ASSETS			<u>69,684</u>		<u>48,913</u>
FUNDS					
General funds			47,010		29,830
Restricted funds	9		22,674		19,083
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>69,684</u>		<u>48,913</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records, which comply with section 386, and preparing accounts, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 14 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Hugh McNaughtan, Treasurer

Dated: 14 August 2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)); and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of the public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost of transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds are funds earmarked by the trustees for a particular project, but which remain part of unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor when making the gift or resulting from the terms of the application for the funds.

Fund transfers are made when restricted funds have been lawfully released and transferred to unrestricted funds or where charity law permits the proceeds of restricted funds to be spent for an alternative purpose.

c) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, receipt is probable, and the amount of the income can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacies received by way of grants, donations, legacies and gifts are normally included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable.

Associated Gift Aid, where the donor has confirmed in writing that it can be claimed, is recognised on successful submission of claims to HMRC.

Grant income where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of performance-related conditions is recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Grant income where entitlement is conditional on the delivery of substantive performance-related conditions contained in the funding agreement is recognised only when the conditions are met. Such conditions can include specification of the time period over which related expenditure of resources on the services funded can take place.

Where terms and conditions of a grant have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether the charity can meet the terms or conditions otherwise than under its control, grant income is not recognised but is deferred as a liability until it is probable that the terms or conditions

imposed can be met. A grant subject to performance-related conditions received in advance of delivering the services required by those conditions is accounted for as a liability and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income. Where the conditions extend over a period of more than one year, then the amount of the liability is disclosed as being due after more than one year. Deferred income is released to income in the reporting period in which the performance-related conditions that limit recognition are met.

The reasonably estimated value to the charity of office space, associated utilities and other services used by the charity which are donated by the University of Winchester is treated as donation income and the same cost is included in expenditure.

The charity relies on the contribution of unpaid general volunteers in carrying out its activities. However, it is impractical to measure their contributions reliably for accounting purposes. Accordingly, the contributions of general volunteers are not included as income in the financial statements. However, a description of the role played by general volunteers is provided in note 4 to these accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. It includes any VAT paid.

Costs are apportioned in line with the income received from that source during the year.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly.

e) Pension Costs

Contributions in respect of the defined contribution scheme used by the Company (the Nest workplace pension scheme established by the government) are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year in which they are payable to the scheme. Differences between contributions payable and contributions actually paid in the year are shown as either accruals or prepayments at the year end.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £100. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt, less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on fixed assets to spread the cost over the estimated useful lives of the relevant assets at the following rates:

Computer equipment: 33.3% straight line

2. LEGAL STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The charitable company was incorporated on 30 March 2012 in the United Kingdom and was registered on 8 February 2013 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The charity is a public benefit entity.

The registered office of the charitable company is Main Campus, University of Winchester, Sparkford Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 4NR.

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Charitable activities				
Core activities	3,918	0	3,918	5,069
Fundraising	679	0	679	0
Supporting communities	0	40,349	40,349	52,980
Projects	13,265	23,750	37,015	23,886
Sales of services	1,164	0	1,164	700
	19,026	64,099	83,125	82,635

Income arising on core activities in 2024 and 2025 includes Priority Outcomes grant funding from Winchester City Council.

4. STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	106,130	95,901
Social security costs	2,674	1,776
Pension expenses	2,814	3,318
Other	0	0
	111,618	100,995

The average number of staff employed during the year was 6 (2024: 6), all of whom were part-time, representing an average full-time equivalent of 3.6 (2024: 3.8). No employee received emoluments of £60,000 or more during this year or the prior year. One employee was considered to be key management personnel (£23,033 emoluments for part-time employment; 2024: £21,532).

Various unpaid services are provided by general volunteers, including trustees. These services have not been measured for the purposes of these accounts but include general management, project and action group leadership, academic research and report writing, planning and organisational, company secretarial, treasury and financial management, fundraising and partnership activities.

5. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities				
Staff costs (see note 4)	62,285	49,333	111,618	100,995
Direct project costs	3,636	10,530	14,166	22,023
Training and recruitment	108	0	108	789
	66,029	59,863	125,892	123,807
Support costs allocated to activities				
Serviced office	2,293	4,379	6,672	6,672
Marketing, comms and IT costs	288	1,338	1,626	1,905
Finance	578	457	1,035	1,106
Depreciation	315	465	780	415
Other costs	41	1,368	1,409	1,387
	3,515	8,007	11,522	11,485
Governance costs				
Accountancy and examination fees	1,080	0	1,080	1,100
Trustee and AGM costs	184	0	184	172
	70,808	67,870	138,678	136,564

Serviced office is the “in kind” donation of serviced office space from the University of Winchester. This has also been included in donation income.

Included within accountancy and examination fees above are amounts due to the independent examiners of £900 and £800 for 2025 and 2024, respectively (net of VAT).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost as at 1 April 2024	2,871
Additions	931
Cost as at 31 March 2025	3,802
Depreciation as at 1 April 2024	992
Depreciation charge for the year	780
Depreciation as at 31 March 2025	1,772
Net book value as at 31 March 2025	2,030
Net book value as at 31 March 2024	1,879

7. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	0	9,207
Accrued income and prepayments	8,157	0
	8,157	9,207

8. CREDITORS

	2025 £	2024 £
<i>Amounts falling due within one year:</i>		
Trade creditors	0	0
Accruals	7,677	4,156
Deferred income	15,808	5,128
	23,485	9,284
<i>Amounts falling due after more than one year:</i>		
Deferred income	0	0
	23,485	9,284

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Funds b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Funds c/fwd £
Big Give Green Match Funding	0	5,546	(1,686)	0	3,860
Buildings & Transport Action	1,850	0	(197)	0	1,653
Hampshire Community Action Network	553	117	675	0	1,345
Hampshire Community Project (HCAN)	2,540	0	(2,540)	0	0
HCC Councillor Grants: Sustainable Transport	402	1,000	0	0	1,402
Future Energy Landscapes	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
Incredible Edibles – Community Action Hampshire	801	0	0	0	801
National Lottery Community Fund	0	3,221	(3,221)	0	0
Oak Foundation	0	1,755	0	0	1,755
Retrofit Feasibility Study	5,263	0	(5,263)	0	0
Soil Association/Sustainable Food Places grants (Food for the Planet/Good Food Mov't)	3,200	0	(1,701)	0	1,499
WeCAN: -South Downs National Park Authority	4,128	30,128	(24,813)	0	9,443
- Winchester City Council	0	5,000	(5,000)	0	0
WCC: Community Solar Fund	0	20,000	(20,000)	0	0
WCC Project Grant	0	3,750	(3,750)	0	0
Winchester Green Week:					
- Great Big Green Week	309	0	(393)	0	(84)
- Paris Smith	37	0	(37)	0	0
	19,083	71,517	(67,926)	0	22,674

Explanation of Funds:

Big Give Green Match Funding – donations towards WinACC’s digital transformation.

Buildings & Transport Action - anonymous donations for transport campaigning.

Hampshire Climate Action Network (HCAN) – WinACC provides support services to HCAN, including the collection of revenues and payment of expenses.

HCAN Hampshire Community Project – awarded by Action Hampshire to support project delivery of the Hampshire Communities for People and Planet 2024 programme.

HCC Councillor Grants - grants to promote safer streets and sustainable transport in Winchester District.

HCC Councillor Grants – grants to contribute towards the costs of Future Energy Landscapes workshops in Denmead and Droxford.

Incredible Edibles – Community Action Hampshire – grants from Hampshire County Council and Action Hampshire related to Greening for Wellbeing activities.

National Lottery Community Fund – grant funding for climate outreach.

Oak Foundation – grant funding to work with Winchester Cathedral to showcase retrofitting of the Cathedral’s historic houses.

Retrofit Feasibility Study – donation from anonymous donor to enable WinACC to plan the next phase of its ongoing retrofit projects.

Sustainable Food Places (SFP) grants collected on behalf of the Winchester Food Partnership (WFP) under SFP’s ‘Good Food Movement’ programme for work by WFP with WinACC’s WeCAN project and SFP’s ‘Food for the Planet’ programme on which WFP are working with Winchester City Council and Incredible Edibles.

Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN) is an ongoing campaign to support local communities achieve net zero carbon. It was funded during the year by the South Downs National Park Authority and Winchester City Council.

WCC Community Solar Fund, ultimately sourced from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, has been used to work with local community groups seeking to fund and install solar panels on community buildings in the Winchester District.

WCC Project Grant – funding for freelance support to set up new systems, educate/guide staff, action groups and community groups.

Winchester Green Week is a festival of eco events supported by WinACC (for the collection of revenues and payment of expenses). Grants were received from The Climate Coalition and Paris Smith Winchester.

10. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Funds b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Funds c/fwd £
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
General funds	29,830	89,533	(72,353)	0	47,010
	29,830	89,533	(72,353)	0	47,010

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £
Fixed Assets	2,030	0	2,030	1,879	0	1,879
Debtors & accrued income	8,157	0	8,157	0	9,207	9,207
Bank and Cash	44,500	38,482	82,982	32,107	15,004	47,111
Creditors and accruals	(7,677)	(15,808)	(23,485)	(4,156)	(5,128)	(9,284)
	47,010	22,674	69,684	29,830	19,083	48,913

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year no trustee was paid; no trustees were reimbursed expenses (2024: two trustees: £160).

£3,248 aggregate donations were received from trustees during the year (2024: £13,860), none of which had conditions attached.

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity number 1150754 **Company number** 08013043

Directors and Trustees

Current:	Sarah Gooding (appointed Vice Chair on 26 October 2023) Christine Holloway (Secretary to the trustees) Tim Jackson Danny Lee Hugh McNaughtan (Treasurer) Julia Stolle (elected 26 October 2023) Sue Turner Ben Yarnall (elected 26 October 2023; appointed as interim Chair on 20 June 2024)
Others during the year:	Prof. Robert Beckford (University of Winchester nominee) (retired 23 May 2024) Dr Alex Clayton (retired as Chair and trustee on 23 May 2024) Phil Gagg (retired 26 October 2023) Penny Lawrence (retired 26 October 2023) Kelsie Learney (Winchester City Council nominee) (retired 13 March 2024) Hugh Lumby (Hampshire County Council nominee) (retired 13 March 2024) Andrew Sadler (Business Network representative) (retired 26 October 2023) Sandra Unterhollenberg (retired 26 October 2023)
Principal address and registered office:	Main Campus University of Winchester Sparkford Road Winchester, Hampshire SO22 4NR
Independent Examiner	Knight Goodhead Ltd
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank (main account); Triodos Bank; Nationwide

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Company

Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd (the “Company” or “WinACC”) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 March 2012 and registered as a charity on 8 February 2013. The directors of the Company are charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and are generally referred to as trustees in this document. The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Company was created to enable a previous unincorporated charity (Winchester Action on Climate Change, registered charity number 1126993) to convert into a charitable company. Legally, this required the creation of a new charitable company with the same charitable objectives, to which the unincorporated charity could transfer its assets and liabilities. This transfer took effect on 1 October 2013.

In recognition of the seriousness of the climate crisis, as emphasised by the August 2021 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), described by the UN’s Secretary-General as “a code red for humanity”, the trustees have approved the use in the Company’s communications of the trading name “Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis”.

Trustees

Trustees are appointed by member resolution at a general meeting or by resolution of the other trustees between general meetings. At each Annual General Meeting, a third of trustees must retire by rotation according to the Memorandum of Association. Any trustees appointed by a resolution of other trustees must retire at the next AGM and seek re-appointment.

The trustees held eight trustee meetings during the reporting period (compared to six in the previous year). Alternate meetings focussed on strategy and were attended in a non-voting capacity by action group and project leads.

An Executive Group made up of the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and WinACC’s Executive Director, Jo Crocker, have met monthly during the year to deal with operational matters requiring trustee input and to support Jo and her staff.

The Finance Committee, the remit of which includes monitoring of financial performance and fundraising, met eight times during the year with five meetings devoted to finance related matters and three focussing on fundraising.

Objectives and Mission

The Company has the following “objects” (charitable purposes):

- to advance the education of the public in subjects related to sustainable development, in particular but not exclusively the effective reduction of greenhouse gases and low carbon living; and

- to preserve, protect and improve the physical and natural environment and the prudent use of natural resources;

where “sustainable development” means “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.

Our mission, approved by the trustees in February 2021 and refined and reconfirmed in February 2023, is to catalyse action to create a net zero carbon Winchester District.

WinACC’s aims and activities

Reflecting our mission, and as described in our Annual Plan for 2023/24, our aims during the year were to:

- reduce carbon emissions from activity within Winchester District or from the goods and services we import;
- increase the capacity of Winchester District to absorb carbon and generate renewable energy; and
- influence and help communities and organisations to respond urgently to the climate crisis.

With these aims in mind, WinACC has continued to seek to create conditions for change and use opportunities for transforming how we think and act.

Our four primary target areas for delivering on our aims in 2023/24 included:

- creating systemic change by working with those in power: local government (at parish, district and country level), national government, and bodies like national parks, Local Enterprise Partnerships and business;
- strengthening climate action by local communities and networks, including enabling them to engage with those in power;
- catalysing action that could have a big impact on the climate crisis, spotting opportunities and facilitating connections; and
- keeping WinACC well run and sustainable.

We remain committed to working in partnership with other agencies to secure effective action. Our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

From our projects and events during the year, we have continued to see an increasing level of climate change related interest and action by local communities and a stronger realisation by many residents that we need systemic change. This reassures us that our aims and focus remain appropriate.

Organisation and staffing

As explained last year, we took advantage of additional funds received in late 2021 and early 2022 to invest in additional staff capacity to help deliver our objectives and projects. We have been able to maintain broadly consistent staffing levels throughout the year ended 31 March 2024, although there have been several changes to staff members.

Jo Crocker, our Executive Director, leads a team of five part-time staff (equating currently to circa 3.75 full-time equivalents), as follows:

- Our Communications Manager, Kay Mitchell, has focussed on supporting our campaigns for systemic change, maintaining our website and enhancing our social media channels, and delivering regular WinACC News editions.
- Stuart Mills has continued as Climate Manager working on Winchester Climate Action Network, leading our new Community Solar project, and providing support and advice to our ongoing household retrofit activities.
- Imogen Hart was recruited during the year as Climate Officer to support Stuart (Imogen leaves us in August, with Kim Blakeway joining us for three months)
- Francesca Singer-Ince, our Partnerships Manager focusing on developing our partnerships and working with volunteers, has been on maternity leave.
- An Office Manager, Amanda Parnham, was recruited to run our office.

Changes in working practices after the Covid pandemic highlighted the need to improve systems for information and contact management, both to support communications and engagement and to enhance our membership records and donor management. With assistance from freelancer specialists, we have made good progress during the year in establishing a membership scheme and identifying system improvements needed to enable us to significantly improve outreach. Subject to obtaining sufficient funding, we hope to be able to implement our plans in the next year.

We are grateful for continued valuable support from the University of Winchester in the form of serviced office space and utilities on its campus at Alwyn Hall East, room 38, on the first floor.

Summary of main ongoing and new campaigns and initiatives

Working with local communities

Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN)

The second phase of our WeCAN project commenced in March 2022. This built on an earlier phase, working with the Centre for Sustainable Energy, to create the foundations of a network of local communities acting on the climate crisis. This second phase, with core funding from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and additional funding from Winchester Rotary Club and Winchester City Council (WCC) initially ran until May 2024. We are pleased to report that further funding is being provided by SDNPA and WCC to enable us to continue this project at least until 31 March 2025.

We focus on enabling communities to plan climate action in their area, helping them develop practical projects to reduce carbon emissions. We support their groups to build capacity by sharing and accessing information and training, creating digital learning and sharing networks and organising events to create inspiration. During the project's third year we have been actively engaged with climate action groups set up by 17 communities, supporting them to develop projects and activities, as well as continuing to encourage other communities to set up new groups.

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Regular network events have been held for members of WeCAN groups to share ideas and information and to provide training and other support for new projects. Recent events have

involved presentations and discussion on low carbon travel, communications, group strategy and an interactive presentation on the En-ROADS global climate simulator. The team, working with WinACC's Communications Manager, produces a monthly newsletter for parish and community group contacts, shares information, ideas and experience and promotes training and funding opportunities. Over 50 volunteers are now regularly engaged in WeCAN activities.

Activities initiated or supported have included:

- Development of thermal imaging loan schemes and retrofit advice
- Community energy training on producing solar feasibility studies
- Future Energy Landscapes - community workshops on renewable energy
- Several Eco Fairs - with over two hundred attendees at both Alresford and Bishops Waltham events
- Green Homes events at Itchen Valley, South Wonston and Littleton
- Establishment of several new WeCAN local community groups
- A new community allotment
- Development of new local repair cafes.

We also work with Winchester Food Partnership, whose Good Food Movement project, funded by Sustainable Food Places (a partnership programme led by the Soil Association), includes a workstream to support parish councils and community groups develop healthier, more sustainable food options and tackle food waste. This has been used to fund the creation of four new food and climate project toolkits covering community food growing, reducing food waste, sharing surplus food and community composting.

Community Solar Support Scheme

From October 2023, WinACC commenced a project to support communities in the Winchester District to upgrade their community buildings with solar panels, reducing their carbon footprints and their running costs. Any non-profit organisation in the district responsible for a community building is eligible – including village halls, faith organisations, sports organisations and community groups. The scheme runs until March 2025 and is funded primarily by WCC via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Our support for communities may range from assisting with producing initial feasibility studies, developing fundraising plans, writing funding applications to writing tenders for installer quotes. In the first six months we began working with 21 community buildings, three of which were supported to submit successful applications to the first round of the Rural England Prosperity Fund. The principal project output set by WCC is for four buildings to have solar panels installed by March 2025. We hope to exceed this target.

Winchester Green Week

WinACC again supported Winchester Green Week, the sixth annual festival to celebrate and promote sustainable living, from 23 September to 1 October 2023. Its theme was 'Let's Grow Greener Together'. Around 90 events took place, coordinated by at least 50 organisations, including local communities, environmental groups, educational institutions, faith groups,

local authorities and businesses in the Winchester District. We estimate that between 5,000 and 6,000 people took part in the events.

Winchester Youth Counselling hosted a talk at Winchester College at which Chris Packham CBE highlighted the important link between nature and mental health. Climate Stewards hosted a ‘Confused About Carbon?’ event at Christ Church, Winchester exploring steps we as individuals can take towards becoming carbon neutral. Cyclists joined the Mass Ride, organised by Cycle Winchester, working with Kidical Mass which promotes child and cycle-friendly cities and towns. Other events ranged from eco fairs, repair cafes and sustainability workshops, including a ‘Climate Fresk’, an exhibition of up-cycled fashion by Winchester School of Art students, to a Future Energy Forum organised by Energise South Downs in Petersfield.

Jo Crocker, also one of Green Week’s organisers, noted that Winchester Green Week “is a positive and enabling experience that gives groups and communities confidence to use their voices to share their hopes and commitment to growing greener way beyond the festival through the whole year.”

The next Winchester Green Week takes place from 21 to 29 September 2024.

Incredible Edible Winchester

Incredible Edible Winchester encourages people to embrace the joys of growing their own food. It provides support and advice, promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices. It maintains planters at Winchester train station and within Abbey Gardens, proving that even with limited space, positive change is achievable. Mini events for families with young children aim to spark a love of gardening. Its two Community Allotments at Edington Road, Winchester run open sessions for volunteers, while its greenhouses facilitate crop experimentation in our ever-changing climate. It has also been helping a small group of residents in Winnall and WCC to revitalise a local Community Garden. Financial support was received in 2023 from Hampshire County Council and Action Hampshire’s Greening for Wellbeing.

Other community activities

Over the past year we shifted the emphasis of our meetings to building a strong, committed and active membership. This ties into our AGM decision to encourage people to become formal members and, where they could, to pay a voluntary subscription. Open meetings have been fewer, reflecting the shift in public opinion, with four out of five people now convinced of the reality of climate change and wanting action to reduce its impact. By making most meetings for members and relevant invited guests only, we also reduce disruption by a small number of increasingly vehement climate deniers.

Meetings with prospective parliamentary candidates gave members the chance to find out where candidates stand on the climate crisis.

WinACC is a member of the Positive Tipping Points Community of Practice based in the University of Exeter. For many people a tipping point in the context of climate change has a negative connotation. But some tipping points can be positive and may help us navigate a path between resistance to change and achieving increased momentum towards a safer state

of the world. As part of Green Week, we hosted a webinar on Positive Tipping Points. Attendees found the session to be both fascinating and uplifting.

It was valuable to have Alex Clayton as Chair during the year, as this enabled us to strengthen our relationship with Winchester College.

Increasing renewable energy generation

WinACC's Renewable Energy Action Group continued to build on the momentum it had achieved in previous years. We are committed to careful evaluation of proposals for renewable energy solutions and, where they are soundly based, championing them as initiatives to address the climate crisis.

We were pleased that WCC's Planning Committee approved the proposed 20MW solar farm at South Lynch, near Hursley just outside Winchester. This will be capable of supplying up to 3.5% of the district's consumption. We satisfied ourselves that the developers properly dealt with all the various matters which had arisen during the period of the planning application. Once satisfied, we released a detailed analysis of the proposal and recommended it. We also encouraged people to express their opinion on the planning application. In our view, it aligns with our commitment to advancing sustainable energy solutions for our community. It is also consistent with the 'British Energy Security Strategy' to accelerate UK homegrown power for greater energy independence in an unstable international energy market.

But there is still much to be done. WinACC's third Renewable Energy report, published in May this year, showed that while local supply of electricity in the district is increasing, it is still only 20% of local demand. Thus, despite the rising trend in rooftop solar installations, many further large-scale renewable energy projects, both solar and onshore wind, will be needed. We firmly believe that solar farms, which provide a stable income stream for farmers from lease of land and give land a rest from intensive farming, are consistent with food security as well as affordable electricity, a win-win response to the climate crisis.

A thorough analysis of the reasons to support solar farms is included on our website. This includes a video we produced last year to help overcome community objections to the use of agricultural land for renewable energy installations, including poor understanding of risks to national food security inherent in such objections.

The Action Group continues to actively campaign for proposals and applications to replace fossil fuels with more sustainable energy, including solar developments. During the year, it has also:

- tracked the Denmead solar farm application. Although delayed going to WCC's Planning Committee, we consider it a wholly appropriate development and look forward to it being approved in due course.
- maintained contact with developers for a solar farm in the Waltham Chase area. They approached us prior to submitting any application and listened to our expectations of developers, including a full and open consultation process. It is pleasing that they have held a public exhibition, prior to submitting their planning application.
- submitted a response to IBM's planning application to locate solar panels on a redundant car park at their Hursley site. Our feedback to them resulted in an amendment to the planning documents on the WCC planning portal. We have submitted an expression of support for this application. We have also expressed

interest in working with them to further decarbonise their considerable electrical usage through further renewable energy projects at Hursley.

Members of the Action Group have pursued opportunities for geothermal heat, particularly in the context of the proposed redevelopment for housing of the St John Moore Barracks. WinACC continues to support Energise South Downs and Community Energy South, both of which work with the local communities on community energy projects. We also refer supporters to the ‘Power for People’ campaign for a Local Electricity Bill. At present, the potential for community energy to benefit local economies is being blocked by unfair regulations and hugely disproportionate costs.

Reducing emissions from buildings and transport

WinACC’s Transport and Planning Action Group presses our local councils, government bodies and developers for systemic improvements to make it easier for all of us to live a sustainable lifestyle. Key issues include:

- Our buildings are some of the ‘leakiest’ in Europe, needing too much energy to heat and cool them.
- We need to cut dependency on polluting petrol and diesel vehicles. It should be easier and safer to get around without a car, with better pedestrian and cycle routes and affordable, convenient public transport.
- New housing and building developments should be required by planning law and regulation to be zero carbon in construction and use, and accessible without increasing transport emissions

With these issues very much in mind, we have directed our attention over the past year at the following developments:

- ***Central Winchester Regeneration and Station Approach areas*** – correspondence, meetings and workshops with the developers, consultants and Councillors to raise concerns and recommendations, such as a public transport hub at the railway station and implementing the Winchester Movement Strategy’s aim to reduce traffic in the city. This means starting with a comprehensive Winchester Bus Movement Strategy.
- ***M3 Junction 9 plans*** – responses to the Examining Authority enquiry, covering traffic impacts, air quality/noise impacts, and climate change and greenhouse gas emissions. We spoke at the enquiry to challenge Highway England’s claims on air quality, economic benefits, emission calculations and inconsistencies between their plans and the Government’s Net Zero Growth Plan.
- ***Bushfield Camp development*** – working with various groups in the ‘Save Bushfield Camp’ campaign to highlight that the proposed development will lead to an estimated 4,500 or so more car journeys per day. This is not sustainable. We have argued that the development should not be included in the next Local Plan.
- ***Council Planning*** – we continued to meet with Councillors and officers of WCC to provide comments, challenges and ideas for amendments to the Carbon Neutrality Action Plan and the Local Plan, encouraging better and more rapid responses to climate change. We also worked on the draft Hampshire County Council (HCC)’s Local Transport Plan 4, which was approved in February 2024.
- ***Government consultations*** – we have provided responses on:
 - the National Networks National Policy Statement, which covers the strategic road and rail networks and strategic rail freight interchanges; and

- The Future Homes and Buildings Standards, related to improving the energy efficiency and reducing the carbon emissions of new homes and non-domestic buildings.

We have been learning from other parts of the UK about how to increase public support for traffic reduction and avoid a backlash from drivers. We aspire to create a popular movement to support a liveable, people-friendly Winchester. As part of this, we have been exploring the use of visualisations as to what such a Winchester might look like and developing proposals to build on 50 years of pedestrianisation of Winchester High Street.

More recently, we have been concerned about transportation to the new Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital proposed near Junction 7 of the M3. There are no existing bus routes servicing this location, nor is there a rail link. Accordingly, it is forecast to give rise to significant increases in transport emissions without careful transport planning taking into account the climate crisis.

The SuperHomes project, partnering with National Energy Foundation and Petersfield Community Action Network, was successfully completed in October 2023. This supported homeowners to reduce the carbon footprint of their homes through arranging a Whole House Retrofit Plan to identify appropriate retrofit measures such as improved insulation, heat pumps, solar panels and other solutions. More than 150 plans were completed.

Subsequently, we ran free drop-in sessions, partnering with the City of Winchester Trust, at which owners of historic homes could meet with a retrofit expert and other specialists. These sessions were funded by WCC. We are currently undertaking a feasibility study to determine how best to take forward future retrofit projects and use the retrofit expertise we have developed.

Other lobbying and campaigning

We produced the updated annual briefings on the state of greenhouse gas emissions in Winchester District and the Hampshire County Area, using the latest Department for Energy Security and Net Zero 2021 data. These show that emissions from road transport, domestic, industry, commercial and public sectors have grown since the Covid pandemic period to reduce long term progress to the insufficient rate it was before the pandemic. It will be catastrophic if this trend continues. The data also shows that negative emissions (carbon removal from land use) have flat-lined, whereas local active emission mitigation measures need to accelerate to ensure negative emissions grow far more quickly. Transport emissions per head (mainly road transport) continue to be the main source of greenhouse gases in the district, at almost twice the national average.

We have also campaigned against proposals to reopen the Avington oil field close to Winchester. We are concerned not only with the extraction of oil within the district, but also the associated escape of methane into the atmosphere. We are pleased to note that WCC recently passed a motion stating that it is opposed to extraction of oil and gas. HCC on the other hand in its draft partial update of the Minerals and Waste Plan still supports oil and gas development. WinACC has responded to the consultations on the revision of the Minerals

and Waste Plan, pressing for stricter controls on licences for oil or gas extraction to take into account the impact of emissions created when fuels are burned.

WinACC has continued to coordinate a coalition of Winchester district bodies concerned about climate change under the name Winchester Together for Our Planet, to collaborate on initiatives to raise community awareness about climate change imperatives and influence our politicians.

National policy - WinACC cooperates with The Climate Coalition and others to create a stronger voice on national policy. This includes lobbying local MPs; encouraging supporters to write to MPs, sign petitions and take part in other national actions; and publicising our reactions to Government and UN climate policy announcements.

Winchester City Council – WinACC maintains a constructive working relationship with WCC. We hold regular meetings with officers responsible for planning and implementing WCC’s responses to the climate emergency and regularly attend or present at relevant Council meetings. We have continued our focus on WCC’s Carbon Neutrality Action Plan, welcoming its ‘greener faster’ emphasis.

Hampshire County Council – the past year has been a year of change at the Council, in large part due to the Council’s heavy focus on its structure, including Hampshire 2050, and its consultation on budget cuts. We have continued to liaise with local County Councillors on climate topics. We convene a group of people in community groups to coordinate our approach to influencing the County Council’s policies on climate matters such as transport and the minerals and waste plan.

Hampshire Climate Action Network (HampshireCAN) – WinACC set up HampshireCAN, which brings together people active on climate change in their communities in the local government areas of Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton. The aim is to learn from each other, coordinate activities and facilitate projects to mitigate climate change, and present a joint voice to HCC and other cross-border agencies (eg. Transport for the South East). WinACC provides one of the two HampshireCAN’s representatives at HCC’s Expert Stakeholder Forum on the climate, and provides basic infrastructure such as financial management, an email address and web presence.

Hampshire Pension Fund Divest (HPF Divest) – WinACC works through HPF Divest to encourage Hampshire Pension Fund to divest from fossil fuels. This has included deputations to the Pension Fund Board and lobbying alongside other interested parties.

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

The Panel continues to produce scientific and technical reports and blogs. Volunteer authors combine expertise in their field with a passion to help combat climate change. The Panel has recently reviewed the facts around hydrogen and produced a helpful explainer film, setting out why WinACC believes that, where possible, homes should be fitted with modern, efficient heat pumps rather than hydrogen boilers.

A WinACC volunteer also reported on a recent blog by a group of UK researchers who study public attitudes towards policies that will move the UK towards net zero. They say: ‘Interestingly, the government’s reluctance to intervene in people’s lives with climate policies does not reflect public opinion. There is actually UK-wide support for net zero policies –

including those that would involve lifestyle changes. Crucially, the public wants and needs the government to show clear and consistent leadership on climate change.’

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

Our donations for 2023/24 increased compared to the previous year due to several fundraising campaigns, including events organised by Winchester College, and some larger amounts received from several individual donors. We also launched a voluntary membership subscription scheme which has raised additional funds.

Income from charitable activities increased by over 20% compared to the previous year. As well as grants from the National Energy Foundation for the SuperHomes project, WinACC was able to recognise additional grant income during the year from South Downs National Park Authority, the main funder of the WeCAN project. We also received additional grant income from Winchester City Council for both the WeCAN project and the Community Solar project.

The Company’s total income for 2023/24 increased from £107,212 to £143,516 whilst expenditure decreased from £149,193 to £136,943. The expenditure decrease reflects careful management of both staff and office costs. The Company remains substantially protected from increases in energy prices and other property costs due to the donation of our serviced office by University of Winchester – the financial impact of this is included within the Statement of Financial Activities with an equal amount in income (as a benefit in kind) and expenditure reflecting an estimate of the commercial value of the benefit received.

Unrestricted reserves increased during the year from £27,291 as at 31 March 2023 to £29,830 as at 31 March 2024. This figure satisfactorily meets our reserves policy, which seeks to maintain unrestricted funds not designated for a specific use at a level equivalent to between three and six months’ typical unrestricted expenditure (excluding non-cash benefits in kind). Taking into account our budget for 2024/25 and recent positive developments in funding levels, the trustees consider this to be an adequate level of reserves in spite of ongoing uncertainty over economic developments.

This level of reserves is intended to help the Company manage financial uncertainty and to give assurance to funders and creditors about its capacity to meet its commitments and manage any unforeseen financial difficulties. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Company’s current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised or future expenditure reduced. The Trustees are also concerned that reserves should be sufficient to meet additional costs associated with winding up the Company, should that course of action ever be deemed appropriate.

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no relevant information (as defined by s.418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which they are aware which is relevant to the examination, but of which the examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of such information. This report has been prepared in accordance with the small company regime (Section 419(2) of the Companies Act 2006).

Our thanks to everyone who contributes to WinACC

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of the many people and organisations who contribute to WinACC in so many ways. This includes our members, those who participate in our open meetings, and the many volunteers who offer their time and energy to our Action Groups and projects. We are particularly grateful to those who donate to the charity – the platform on which our activities are built relies heavily on the regular donations we receive from our supporters and organisations like Winchester City Council. A special thanks also to our dedicated staff, who keep the whole thing running and help us deliver so many great initiatives.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Ben Yarnall, Chair

Dated: 15 August 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Reports and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company, including the income and expenditure for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE TRUSTEES OF WINCHESTER ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE LTD ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024***

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 17 to 26.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charitable Company's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Name: CJ Goodhead FCA, Knight Goodhead Ltd, Chartered Accountants

Address: 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3DA

Dated: 16 August 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
(Including Income and Expenditure account)

	Notes	2024			2023		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income							
Donations and legacies		51,879	7,693	59,572	33,088	6,300	39,388
Charitable activities	3	30,435	52,200	82,635	34,720	32,587	67,307
Investment income		1,309	0	1,309	517	0	517
Total income		83,623	59,893	143,516	68,325	38,887	107,212
Expenditure							
Cost of raising funds		379	0	379	180	0	180
Charitable activities	5	80,705	55,859	136,564	101,871	47,142	149,013
Total expenditure		81,084	55,859	136,943	102,051	47,142	149,193
Net income / (expenditure) for year		2,539	4,034	6,573	(33,726)	(8,255)	(41,981)
Transfers	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total fund balances brought forward		27,291	15,049	42,340	61,017	23,304	84,321
Total fund balances carried forward		29,830	19,083	48,913	27,291	15,049	42,340

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

WINCHESTER ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE LTD
Company number: 08013043

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		1,879		142
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	9,207		5,003	
Cash at bank and in hand		47,111		70,771	
		<u>56,318</u>		<u>75,774</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(9,284)</u>		<u>(28,766)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>47,034</u>		<u>47,008</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	8		0		(4,810)
NET ASSETS			<u>48,913</u>		<u>42,340</u>
FUNDS					
General funds			29,830		27,291
Restricted funds	9		19,083		15,049
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>48,913</u>		<u>42,340</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records, which comply with section 386, and preparing accounts, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 15 August 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Hugh McNaughtan, Treasurer

Dated: 15 August 2024

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)); and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of the public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost of transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds are funds earmarked by the trustees for a particular project, but which remain part of unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor when making the gift or resulting from the terms of the application for the funds.

Fund transfers are made when restricted funds have been lawfully released and transferred to unrestricted funds or where charity law permits the proceeds of restricted funds to be spent for an alternative purpose.

c) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, receipt is probable, and the amount of the income can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacies received by way of grants, donations, legacies and gifts are normally included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable.

Associated Gift Aid, where the donor has confirmed in writing that it can be claimed, is recognised on successful submission of claims to HMRC.

Grant income where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of performance-related conditions is recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Grant income where entitlement is conditional on the delivery of substantive performance-related conditions contained in the funding agreement is recognised only when the conditions are met. Such conditions can include specification of the time period over which related expenditure of resources on the services funded can take place.

Where terms and conditions of a grant have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether the charity can meet the terms or conditions otherwise than under its control, grant income is not recognised but is deferred as a liability until it is probable that the terms or conditions

imposed can be met. A grant subject to performance-related conditions received in advance of delivering the services required by those conditions is accounted for as a liability and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income. Where the conditions extend over a period of more than one year, then the amount of the liability is disclosed as being due after more than one year. Deferred income is released to income in the reporting period in which the performance-related conditions that limit recognition are met.

The reasonably estimated value to the charity of office space, associated utilities and other services used by the charity which are donated by the University of Winchester is treated as donation income and the same cost is included in expenditure.

The charity relies on the contribution of unpaid general volunteers in carrying out its activities. However, it is impractical to measure their contributions reliably for accounting purposes. Accordingly, the contributions of general volunteers are not included as income in the financial statements. However, a description of the role played by general volunteers is provided in note 4 to these accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. It includes any VAT paid.

Costs are apportioned in line with the income received from that source during the year.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly.

e) Pension Costs

Contributions in respect of the defined contribution scheme used by the Company (the Nest workplace pension scheme established by the government) are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year in which they are payable to the scheme. Differences between contributions payable and contributions actually paid in the year are shown as either accruals or prepayments at the year end.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £100. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt, less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on fixed assets to spread the cost over the estimated useful lives of the relevant assets at the following rates:

Computer equipment: 33.3% straight line

2. LEGAL STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The charitable company was incorporated on 30 March 2012 in the United Kingdom and was registered on 8 February 2013 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The charity is a public benefit entity.

The registered office of the charitable company is Main Campus, University of Winchester, Sparkford Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 4NR.

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Charitable activities				
Core activities	5,069	0	5,069	5,783
Fundraising	0	0	0	0
Supporting communities	5,780	47,200	52,980	16,335
Projects	18,886	5,000	23,886	43,617
Sales of services	700	0	700	1,572
	30,435	52,200	82,635	67,307

Income arising on core activities in 2023 and 2024 includes Priority Outcomes grant funding from Winchester City Council.

4. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	95,901	105,211
Social security costs	1,776	4,505
Pension expenses	3,318	2,152
Other	0	0
	100,995	111,868

The average number of staff employed during the year was 3.8 (2023 4.8). No employee received emoluments of £60,000 or more during this year or the prior year. During the year one employee was considered to be key management personnel (£21,532 emoluments for part-time employment; 2023 £19,228).

Various unpaid services are provided by general volunteers, including trustees. These services have not been measured for the purposes of these accounts but include general management, project and action group leadership, academic research and report writing, planning and organisational, company secretarial, treasury and financial management, fundraising and partnership activities.

5. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities				
Staff costs (see note 4)	66,475	34,520	100,995	111,868
Direct project costs	8,213	13,810	22,023	18,431
Training and recruitment	46	743	789	727
	74,734	49,073	123,807	131,026
Support costs allocated to activities				
Serviced office	2,535	4,137	6,672	8,692
Marketing, comms and IT costs	752	1,153	1,905	1,501
Finance	1,106	0	1,106	1,076
Depreciation	126	289	415	47
Other costs	180	1,207	1,387	5,871
	4,699	6,786	11,485	17,187
Governance costs				
Accountancy and examination fees	1,100	0	1,100	700
Trustee and AGM costs	172	0	172	100
	80,705	55,859	136,564	149,013

Serviced office is the “in kind” donation of serviced office space from the University of Winchester. This has also been included in donation income.

Other costs for 2023 included £4,847 incurred on an upgrade to the charity’s website, the majority of which was allocated to restricted funds received for that purpose.

Included within accountancy and examination fees above are amounts due to the independent examiners of £800 and £700 for 2024 and 2023, respectively.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost as at 1 April 2023	719
Additions	2,152
Cost as at 31 March 2024	<u>2,871</u>
Depreciation as at 1 April 2023	577
Depreciation charge for the year	415
Depreciation as at 31 March 2024	<u>992</u>
Net book value as at 31 March 2024	<u>1,879</u>
Net book value as at 31 March 2023	<u>142</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	9,207	2,086
Accrued income and prepayments	0	2,917
	<u>9,207</u>	<u>5,003</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2024 £	2023 £
<i>Amounts falling due within one year:</i>		
Trade creditors	0	0
Accruals	4,156	4,018
Deferred income	5,128	24,748
	<u>9,284</u>	<u>28,766</u>
<i>Amounts falling due after more than one year:</i>		
Deferred income	0	4,810
	<u>9,284</u>	<u>33,576</u>

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Funds b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Funds c/fwd £
Administration Fund	3,512	0	(3,512)	0	0
Avington Oil Crowdfunding	0	506	(506)	0	0
Buildings & Transport Action	2,072	0	(222)	0	1,850
HampshireCAN	221	756	(424)	0	553
Hampshire Community Project (HCAN)	0	2,540	0	0	2,540
HCC Councillor Grants:					
Safer Streets	402	0	0	0	402
WeCAN	0	500	(500)	0	0
Incredible Edible – Community Action Hampshire	0	1,150	(349)	0	801
Lloyds Register Foundation	4,498	0	(4,498)	0	0
Nature Recovery Teg Downs	0	290	(290)	0	0
Retrofit Feasibility Study	0	6,430	(1,167)	0	5,263
Retrofit: Crowdfunding	1,709	0	(1,709)	0	0
WCC Project Grant	0	5,000	(5,000)	0	0
Soil Association/Sustainable Food Places grants (Food for the Planet/Good Food Mov't)	0	3,200	0	0	3,200
WeCAN: -South Downs National Park Authority	1,326	23,231	(20,429)	0	4,128
- Winchester City Council	0	6,290	(6,290)	0	0
WCC: Community Solar Fund	0	10,000	(10,000)	0	0
Winchester Green Week:					
- Great Big Green Week	309	0	0	0	309
- Paris Smith	1,000	0	(963)	0	37
	15,049	59,893	(55,859)	0	19,083

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Explanation of Funds:

Administration Fund - an anonymous donation used for staff recruitment and development of the membership scheme, as agreed with the donor.

Avington Oil – crowdfunding, utilised for a campaign to seek a halt to oil extraction from the Avington Oil Field.

Buildings & Transport Action - anonymous donations used for transport campaigning.

HampshireCAN (Hampshire Climate Action Network) - WinACC has an agreement for the provision of support services without charge (for the collection of revenues and payment of expenses).

HCAN Hampshire Community Project – awarded by Action Hampshire to support project delivery of the Hampshire Communities for People and Planet 2024 programme.

HCC Councillor Grants - grants from individual Hampshire County Council Councillors to promote safer streets in Winchester and to contribute to the WeCAN project, including an event in South Wonston.

Incredible Edibles – Community Action Hampshire – grants from Hampshire County Council (£600) and Action Hampshire (£550) related to Greening for Wellbeing activities.

Lloyds Register Foundation – grant for the creation of media addressing objections to solar farm objections citing threats to national food security (fully utilised in 2023/24).

Nature Recovery Teg Downs – a Winchester City Council Town Forum small grant for the group's launch event.

Retrofit Feasibility Study – donation from anonymous donor to enable WinACC to plan the next phase of its ongoing retrofit projects.

Retrofit WCC Project Grant Scheme and Retrofit crowdfunding – Project Grant to enable WinACC to continue household retrofit campaigning during 2023/24, including events dedicated to retrofitting historic homes in the Winchester District. Part of the funding was matched with donations remaining from an earlier retrofit crowdfunding scheme.

Sustainable Food Places (SFP) grants collected on behalf of the Winchester Food Partnership (WFP) under SFP's 'Good Food Movement' programme for work by WFP with WinACC's WeCAN project and SFP's 'Food for the Planet' programme on which WFP are working with Winchester City Council and Incredible Edibles.

Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN) is an ongoing campaign to support local communities achieve net zero carbon. It was funded during the year by the South Downs National Park Authority and Winchester City Council.

Winchester City Council's Community Solar fund has enabled WinACC to work with local community groups seeking to fund and install solar panels on community buildings in the Winchester District.

Winchester Green Week is a festival of eco events supported by WinACC (for the collection of revenues and payment of expenses). In addition to various individual donations received in the previous years, grants have been received from The Climate Coalition and Paris Smith Winchester.

10. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Funds b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Funds c/fwd £
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
General funds	27,291	83,623	(81,084)	0	29,830
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11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £
Fixed Assets	1,879	0	1,879	142	0	142
Debtors & accrued income	0	9,207	9,207	4,183	820	5,003
Bank and Cash	32,107	15,004	47,111	23,752	47,019	70,771
Creditors and accruals	(4,156)	(5,128)	(9,284)	(786)	(32,790)	(33,576)
	29,830	19,083	48,913	27,291	15,049	42,340

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year no trustee was paid; two trustees were reimbursed expenses of £160 (2023: one trustee £101).

£13,860 aggregate donations were received from trustees during the year (2023: £6,220), none of which had conditions attached.

During the year the charity engaged the services of QCumber Consulting Ltd (QCC) for assistance with digital transformation planning and data cleansing. The owner and operator of QCC is the partner of a trustee of the charity. Fees to QCC have been agreed on normal commercial terms and the trustee concerned took no part in the decision to use QCC nor in fee negotiations. At 31 March 2024, fees to QCC amounting to £5,227 had been paid or accrued.

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Accounts

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WINCHESTER ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE LTD
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity number 1150754 **Company number** 08013043

Directors and Trustees

Current: Prof. Robert Beckford (University of Winchester nominee)
Dr Alex Clayton (co-opted by trustees and appointed as Chair on 29 November 2022)
Phil Gagg
Sarah Gooding
Christine Holloway (Secretary to the trustees)
Tim Jackson (elected 26 November 2022)
Penny Lawrence (elected 26 November 2022)
Kelsie Learney (Winchester City Council nominee; co-opted by trustees 10 August 2022; re-elected at AGM on 26 November 2022)
Danny Lee
Hugh Lumby (Hampshire County Council nominee)
Hugh McNaughtan (Treasurer)
Andrew Sadler (Business Network representative)
Sue Turner
Sandra Unterhollenberg (elected 26 November 2022)

Others during the year: David Jones (retired 26 November 2022)
Bo Priestley (resigned 31 May 2022)
Hannah Williams (former Winchester City Council nominee; resigned 5 May 2022)

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Bankers Unity Trust Bank (main account); Triodos Bank; Nationwide

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Company

Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd (the “Company” or “WinACC”) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 March 2012 and registered as a charity on 8 February 2013. The directors of the Company are charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and are generally referred to as trustees in this document. The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Company was created to enable a previous unincorporated charity (Winchester Action on Climate Change, registered charity number 1126993) to convert into a charitable company. Legally, this required the creation of a new charitable company with the same charitable objectives, to which the unincorporated charity could transfer its assets and liabilities. This transfer took effect on 1 October 2013.

In recognition of the seriousness of the climate crisis, as emphasised by the August 2021 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), described by the UN’s Secretary-General as “a code red for humanity”, the trustees have approved the use in the Company’s communications of the trading name “Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis”.

Trustees

Trustees are appointed by member resolution at a general meeting or by resolution of the other trustees between general meetings. At each Annual General Meeting, a third of trustees must retire by rotation according to the Memorandum of Association. Any trustees appointed by a resolution of other trustees must retire at the next AGM and seek re-appointment.

Previously, formal trustee meetings tended to focus mainly on governance-related matters. A sub-committee of trustees and others, called variously over time the “Strategy Committee” and most recently the “Action Coordination Committee”, reviewed performance of projects against plans, considered proposals for major new projects, and ensured all parts of the Company work smoothly towards our priorities. With a broader group of trustees new to WinACC, it was felt change was needed to encourage closer involvement of trustees in our volunteer-led campaigns and projects (“Action Groups”). Accordingly, it was agreed after the last AGM to hold additional strategy-related trustee meetings, attended by Action Group leads and trustees, to take on the role of the former Action Coordination Committee.

From the start of 2023 eight trustee meetings per year have now been scheduled, focussed in alternate meetings on strategy-related matters, attended also by Action Group leads, and on governance-related matters. The Action Coordination Committee has been dissolved. The trustees held six meetings during the reporting period (compared to five in the previous year).

An Executive Group of 3 or 4 trustees, including the Company Secretary and Treasurer, provided governance oversight and decision-making in the first part of the year. After appointment of a Chair and a Secretary to the trustees at the 2022 AGM, the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary have met WinACC’s Executive Director, Jo Crocker, monthly to deal with operational matters requiring trustee input and to support Jo and her staff.

The Finance Committee, the remit of which includes monitoring of financial performance and fundraising, has extended the number of its meetings during the year to allow for additional fundraising focussed meetings.

Objectives and Mission

The Company has the following “objects” (charitable purposes):

- to advance the education of the public in subjects related to sustainable development, in particular but not exclusively the effective reduction of greenhouse gases and low carbon living; and
- to preserve, protect and improve the physical and natural environment and the prudent use of natural resources;

where “sustainable development” means “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.

Our mission, approved by the trustees in February 2021 and refined and reconfirmed in February 2023, is to catalyse action to create a net zero carbon Winchester District.

WinACC’s aims and activities

Reflecting our mission, and as described in our Annual Plan for 2022/23, our aims during the year were to:

- reduce carbon emissions from use of fossil fuels, both from activity within Winchester District or from the goods and services we import from outside the UK;
- increase the capacity of Winchester district to absorb carbon and generate renewable energy; and
- help communities and organisations respond to the climate crisis.

With that in mind, WinACC’s activities and resources have continued to be directed towards those areas where future actions may make the most difference in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the Winchester District. Our four primary target areas for delivering on our aims in 2022/23 included:

- working with Winchester City Council (WCC) and Hampshire County Council (HCC) as they continued to develop and implement their net zero carbon action plans;
- working in partnership with employers and landowners to help them adopt low carbon solutions for themselves, customers and their local areas;
- working in partnership with our communities to promote low carbon living; and
- campaigning for changes in national law, policy and regulation that will reduce carbon emissions.

We remain committed to working in partnership with other agencies to secure effective action. Our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

From our projects and events during the year, we have seen noticeable growth in climate change related interest and action by local communities and a stronger realisation by many residents that we need systemic change. While partly influenced by the economic and social challenges of the past year, this reassures us that our aims and focus remain appropriate.

Organisation and staffing

As explained last year, we took advantage of additional funds received in late 2021 and early 2022 to invest in recruitment of new staff to help us to deliver our objectives and projects in a more structured and consistent manner. This was important as we emerged from the Covid pandemic to assist us reconnect with partners and volunteers, re-establish our fundraising and campaigning programmes, and upgrade our administrative systems and records.

Jo Crocker, our Executive Director, now leads a team of five part-time staff (equating currently to three full-time equivalents), as follows:

- Our Communications Manager, Kay Mitchell, has focussed on supporting our campaigns for systemic change, refreshing our website and social media channels, and delivering regular WinACC News editions.
- Stuart Mills ceased his role as Project Manager on our household retrofit project at the end of December 2022; however, we are pleased that he continues to work with us in a part-time role as Climate Officer on our major community action project.
- Following a recruitment campaign, we confirmed the appointment of our existing Administrator, Leona Mani, to the role of Project Officer on the household retrofit project. She continues to provide limited administrative support to our Treasurer.
- Francesca Singer-Ince joined us in July 2022 as our Partnerships Manager, focussing on developing our partnerships and working with volunteers. She co-ordinated planning and organisation of the Winchester District Climate Assembly delivered in October 2022 (see below).

Changes in working practices after the Covid pandemic highlighted the need to improve systems for information and contact management, both to support communications and engagement and to enhance our membership records and donor management. We hope to be able to identify and migrate to new improved systems by the end of 2023.

In September 2022 we completed an office move at the University of Winchester campus to Alwyn Hall East, room 38, on the first floor. We are grateful to the University for their continued valuable support with the provision of serviced office space and utilities.

Summary of main ongoing and new campaigns and initiatives

Working with local communities

Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN)

The second phase of our WeCAN project commenced in March 2022. This built on an earlier phase, working with The Centre for Sustainable Energy, to create the foundations of a network of local communities acting on the climate crisis. This second phase, with core funding from the South Downs National Park Authority and additional funding from Winchester Rotary Club and WCC, currently runs until May 2024. We hope to be able to further extend and broaden the project.

A key part of our focus is working with communities to help them understand the need for systemic change. Parish councils and community groups are supported to build their capacity, prioritise, and organise their climate change related activities and learn from each other. Over the first year we have become actively engaged with 15 parish councils and community

groups which have already set up climate action groups. We are also in regular communication with other communities keen to form their own climate action groups.

Quarterly Network Events have been held, in person or online, for anyone in the Winchester District working with others in their community to take action on the climate crisis. A recent event included an interactive presentation on the En-ROADS global climate simulator. The team, working with WinACC's Communications Manager, produce monthly communications bundles, including case studies, social media copy, posters and other resources themed by different areas of climate action. A regular newsletter to a widening group of parish and community group contacts shares information, ideas and experience and promotes training and funding opportunities. Over 30 volunteers are regularly engaged in WeCAN activities.

Activities initiated or supported have included:

- New local climate action groups, galvanising community activity around biodiversity, food waste and composting, retrofit, recycling, sustainable travel and transport.
- Investment by several councils in thermal imaging cameras to identify heat loss and potential thermal insulation gaps in homes, available for loan to community groups and residents. WeCAN has arranged training courses on use of such thermal imagers.
- Home energy events and green fairs, including stalls and speakers, and climate cafes.
- Development of community climate change plans and associated advisory groups, including members of WeCAN and WCC.
- Creation of the Winchester Repair Café Group at the Badgers Farm community centre, with 20 repairers involved, and training and practice sessions held.
- Connection of several community groups interested in learning about and potentially forming community energy projects with potential community energy partners such as Community Energy South and Energise South Downs (ESD). An event was organised at which presentations were given by representatives of West Solent Solar Co-operative, ESD and WinACC's Renewable Energy Action Group.
- Support for a solar farm planning application, also with input from the Renewable Energy Action Group, and a village hall planning application for rooftop solar PV.

We have also worked with Winchester Food Partnership, whose Good Food Movement project, funded by Sustainable Food Places (a partnership programme led by the Soil Association), includes a workstream to support parish councils and community groups develop healthier, more sustainable food options and tackle food waste.

Winchester District Climate Assembly

WinACC continued to convene Winchester Together for Our Planet to create added value by facilitating joint activities by local organisations working together on the climate emergency. On behalf of Winchester Together for Our Planet, WinACC coordinated planning and delivery of a full day Winchester District Climate Assembly event, funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and generously hosted by WCC. 70 people from communities across the district came together on Saturday 22 October 2022 at Winchester Guildhall to discuss shared solutions to the joint crises of climate change and the cost of living.

The Assembly was of one voice: 'Everyone needs to play their part; there is no time to lose!' Participants were clear on the changes they wanted, including:

- Replace energy generated from fossil fuels with renewable energy, generated locally, including solar panels on commercial and industrial buildings and car parks.

- Many more people to leave their cars at home and use other ways to travel, better infrastructure for safe, connected walking and cycling and councils to learn from success in European cities.
- A shift away from a throwaway to a circular economy with shops and hubs where people can get their belongings repaired, things can be borrowed instead of bought, and where retailers offer refills of day-to-day consumer products.
- People to have much more opportunity to grow their own food locally.

The Assembly's report, **Win4TheClimate**, was published in November 2022. Assembly representatives shared their ideas at the 16 January 2023 Decision Day hosted by WCC's Cabinet Member for the Climate Emergency. This discussed next steps for the City Council to become a net zero carbon district by 2030. We maintain contact with participants and encourage them to input into events such as WCC's Carbon Neutrality Open Forum.

Winchester Green Week

WinACC again supported Winchester Green Week, the fifth annual festival to celebrate and promote sustainable living, from 24 September to 2 October 2022. With a theme of 'A greener future for us all', the festival coincided with National Great Big Green Week. It involved over 70 events coordinated by around 50 organisations. More than 3,000 people took part in events such as a swap shop, sustainable fashion show, climate cafes, planting, art exhibitions, Recycle Sunday, the mass cycle ride, and Winchester Repair Café's launch.

As reported by Jo Crocker, also one of Green Week's organisers: "These are not voices of complacency, these are voices of insight, vision and action. Winchester Green Week is about participation, remembering or relearning our connectedness, collaboration in the face of something bigger than anyone can tackle alone and an expectation that something new can and will emerge. Thank you to everyone who has been part of it." The sixth Winchester Green Week takes place from 23 September to 1 October 2023.

Incredible Edible Winchester

Incredible Edible Winchester provides support and practical advice to people to eat a more sustainable diet. They promote events, studies and other organisations devoted to reducing food waste, producing diverse and sustainable food, removing plastic packaging, and promoting biodiversity. They have been actively involved this year with Action Hampshire's Greening for Wellbeing health and wellbeing initiative.

They run a lively community allotment off Edington Road, Winchester and welcome individuals who are referred to the allotment by GPs' social prescribers. They continue to maintain demonstration planters at the train station and in Winchester city centre; the Abbey Gardens planter has been re-built in brick following the refurbishment of the gardens and play area. They have also worked with WCC and residents on a project to enhance an 'unloved' plot of land in Winnall.

Other community activities

WinACC produced a series of blogs during last November's Conference of the Parties (COP) 27 in Egypt devoted to the themes of each day's COP meetings. These aimed to highlight for communities in Winchester District the key topics being discussed and our hopes for these themes. These included Decarbonisation, Climate Finance, Transport, Solutions, Agriculture and Land Use, Action for Climate Empowerment/Civil Society and Biodiversity.

With the Covid pandemic now largely behind us, we reinstated monthly ‘in person’ open meetings (on the last Saturday of each month). Meetings already held in 2023 include:

- January – Bushfield Camp redevelopment plans – see below under ‘Reducing emissions from buildings’.
- February – ‘Does direct action get action on the climate?’ Direct action in this context is political pressure that can be non-violent (e.g., sit-ins, boycotts) or violent (e.g., property damage or assaults on individuals). The meeting heard several moving accounts from local speakers, including a representative from Just Stop Oil, on why they felt that civil disobedience is the right approach for them in fighting climate change. The aim of the meeting was to explore ideas, not tell anyone what to do. What was clear from everyone who spoke was that doing nothing is not an option. People need to do what they can to change public opinion, influence politicians, and stop big business, especially oil companies, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions. To be clear, however, WinACC does not currently promote direct action.
- March - ‘Nurturing nature – a solution to the climate crisis?’ We were encouraged by the interest in this meeting. Reflecting the views of our supporters and the aspirations of our Action Groups, we have sought to develop integrated “nature-based solutions” thinking and nature framing across WinACC’s activities and communications. Nature-based solutions is an umbrella term for the fundamental role that nature can have in achieving net-zero. We are keen to see more work on this.
- April - Green Hustings - offered an opportunity to hear from candidates from each of the main political parties in the local council elections about their positions on the climate emergency. There was general agreement that climate change should not be political but is an issue on which we need to work together. Questions about attitudes to renewable energy and ending use of fossil fuel showed the biggest difference across the parties. All candidates liked the idea of fewer cars on the roads and more space for pedestrians and cyclists, but there were criticisms of existing local bus services. There was a wide variation in approach to the answers on biodiversity. A question on the health of local rivers showed how complicated this issue is. There was also considerable agreement about the need for further recycling.

Members of WinACC participated in ‘The Big One’ peaceful action at Westminster over four days in April, alongside representatives from many other climate change organisations across the district. Jo Crocker reported: “It was inspiring to be part of such a huge calm, positive and purposeful crowd, together calling for the government, and all of us, to urgently take action for the climate and biodiversity crises. I was reminded that the climate action any of us do across Winchester District is part of a global community determined to do all we can to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and create a thriving and healthy planet. It is important!”

It has also been doubly valuable to have Alex Clayton as Chair this year because it has enabled us to strengthen our relationship with Winchester College.

Increasing renewable energy generation

WinACC’s 2022 report, ***Renewable Energy in Winchester District***, issued by our Renewable Energy Action Group, stated that by 2020 renewable energy installations in Winchester

District met only 16% of district demand for electricity. It emphasised the six-fold increase in solar farm capacity needed to meet decarbonisation targets. The Group's May 2023 follow-up report flagged that 2022 events could hardly have done more to provoke greater ambition within UK households and businesses to reduce dependence on the national electricity grid.

Against this background, we were delighted to hear in March 2023 that the proposed solar farm at Locks Farm, Bishop's Waltham had been given the green light by WCC's Planning Committee. This represents a landmark for WCC's commitment to carbon neutrality by 2030. It is also consistent with the U.K. Government's Energy Security Plan "Powering up Britain", which affirms that "solar and farming can be complementary, supporting each other financially, environmentally and through shared use of land."

Recent years of patient advocacy by WinACC in visualising the reality of a zero-carbon electricity grid came through in the closing statements by Committee members. We were also heartened by those who took the trouble to express support for the plans through the formal planning channel. As WinACC explained to the Committee: "this single smallish solar farm will generate more electricity in any given period than all the rooftop solar that has been installed in our district in the two decades since the technology came to market. The maths tell us we have no choice."

Decarbonisation of the National Grid by 2035 (the U.K. Energy Security Plan commits to a fivefold scaling up of solar power by 2035) will need to include significant expansion of solar farms in rural districts, and reintroduction of onshore wind. Accordingly, the Renewable Energy Action Group has continued to seek to influence WCC on the need to allocate sites for renewable energy with a view to rapid scaling up of the modest progress seen to date. It estimates that just 1.5% of Winchester District's land area would be sufficient to deliver a fair contribution towards the UK solar goal, if combined with a full complement of rooftop solar.

During the year, we received a grant from Lloyd's Register Foundation, an independent global charity with the mission of engineering a safer world. These funds have been used to create multi-media materials designed to help overcome community objections to the use of agricultural land for renewable energy installations, including poor understanding of risks to national food security inherent in such objections.

The Action Group has actively campaigned for other solar developments as well as other applications and proposals to replace fossil fuels with more sustainable energy, including:

- The Denmead solar farm and battery storage planning application, which if approved would provide 50MW of solar capacity potentially supplying over 6% of current demand for electricity in the District.
- An Anaerobic Digestion facility at Three Maids Hill in Headbourne Worthy which would use feedstock from the applicant's landholding and local farms to generate biogas, upgraded on site into biomethane which can be injected into the national grid. Planning permission has now been granted for this development.
- The South Lynch (near Winchester) solar farm planning application, a 20MW capacity proposal which would generate over 3.5% of current demand for electricity in the District (equivalent to 5,500 average domestic rooftop systems).

WinACC welcomes the support of Energise South Downs and Community Energy South, both of which work with the local communities on community energy projects. We have also

referred supporters to the ‘Power for People’ campaign for a Local Electricity Bill which would encourage and enable the local supply of electricity.

Reducing emissions from buildings

Planning for a Sustainable Winchester District

WinACC, led by our Transport and Planning Action Group, works with policymakers and decision-makers to make Winchester more sustainable. This includes:

1. Showing how to make Winchester more sustainable through our research and reports.
2. Giving policy advice to WCC to help them develop their thinking.
3. Responding to proposals/initiatives and encouraging the wider community to take part in public consultations on these issues.

Particular attention has been given this year to WCC’s Winchester District Local Plan 2019-2039, addressing the climate emergency, standards for environmental design of homes and commercial developments, affordable housing, low carbon methods of transport and the natural and historic environment. This will guide development in the district until 2039.

The first formal draft of the Local Plan was published for a six-week public consultation from 2 November to 14 December 2022. As well as seeking to influence elements of the draft Plan in advance where we could, WinACC actively contributed to the consultation, convened meetings, and provided guidance on responding. WinACC submitted a collective response.

Other activities during the past 18 months have included:

- ***Winchester Railway Station Approach consultation*** - submitted a collective response to WCC’s consultation in October 2022, emphasising our preference for developing it as a transportation interchange, and provided guidance and encouragement for others to submit responses. Subsequently, we have raised questions and put our position at WCC Cabinet Committee meetings on the topic as the capacity study commissioned by WCC, London & Continental Railways and Network Rail has emerged.
- ***Bushfield Camp redevelopment plans*** by the Church Commissioners and their developers – in January 2023 WinACC co-hosted a public meeting with other interested groups. Around 70 people shared information about the proposals, how decisions will be made and how they can be influenced. Issues discussed included whether the development can be climate positive, implications for transport, safeguarding wildlife, how to work with the local community, landscape, and whether the site should be developed at all. As the consultation exercises by the developers and their agents proceed, we will continue to examine compliance with planning requirements and draw the environment-related issues to the attention of the public.
- ***Central Winchester Regeneration Area*** – we have continued to stay connected with developments, attending the Open Forum on 21 March 2023, and seeking to talk to the newly appointed developers.

We have updated our published material on what we look for in planning for a sustainable district, including greater emphasis in big developments on refurbishment of buildings rather than demolition and replacement. We have also recommended the professional report, ‘*The Climate Crisis: A Guide for Local Authorities on Planning for Climate Change*’ (January 2023), produced by Town and Country Planning Association and Royal Town Planning Institute, which shares three key messages for planners and the wider community:

1. Ensure that tackling the climate crisis is at the heart of the vision for the future of our communities.
2. Recognise how vital planning is to securing that vision – both directly, through facilitating the extension of renewable energy generation, and strategically, through practical nature-based solutions and design actions that can promote sustainable travel, urban cooling, or natural flood defences.
3. Finally, recognise how many of the actions necessary to tackle the climate crisis are also key in creating healthy, ecologically rich, prosperous and beautiful places for us and for future generations.

We are also discussing with WCC planning guidance on historic homes with a view to identifying practical solutions to retrofitting such buildings.

Winchester Area SuperHomes project

Our SuperHomes project has continued to help homeowners across the District reduce the carbon footprint of their homes through arranging a Whole House Retrofit Plan to identify potential retrofit measures such as improved insulation, heat pumps, solar panels and other solutions. This project partners with the National Energy Foundation (NEF) and Petersfield Community Action Network, with funding from the Energy Redress Scheme managed by the Energy Saving Trust on behalf of Ofgem.

The project team produced a marketing film last Summer and have provided interviews to various local radio and TV shows and articles for local newspapers and parish magazines. They have also worked with NEF to train and develop additional retrofit surveyors. The team hosted the Winchester Green Homes Fair in June 2022 to enable attendees to talk to industry experts and hear from homeowners on a range of topics. Several low carbon open home events have been organised, enabling visitors to see in operation various carbon and energy saving measures, including heat pumps and roof and ground mounted PV solar panels, and to discuss with homeowners their experiences.

In March 2023 we were pleased to accept an invitation from NEF to extend the SuperHomes contract by a further six months to the end of October 2023, with commensurate additional funding. By July 2023, 144 homeowners had signed up to the project, with 124 Whole House Retrofit Plans issued. A substantial number of homeowners have gone on to install one or more retrofit measures. We have continued to attend various local green fairs this Summer and on 29 July held an open meeting focussing on retrofitting heritage buildings.

Reducing emissions from transport

Our Transport and Planning Action Group has also continued to focus on reducing traffic blight, transport emissions and air pollution in the district. Amongst the many transport-related developments that it has monitored, commented on and/or sought to influence during the year are the following:

- ***Local Transport Plan (LTP) 4*** – a key framework for all that happens in transport across Hampshire for the next 10 years. HCC completed the consultation process on its draft LTP 4 in June 2022. The Group prepared a presentation on the Plan's vision, outcomes, aspirations and limitations, held an open meeting to discuss reactions, and published a series of briefings on LTP 4's principal objectives. It also prepared and submitted our broadly supportive response during the consultation period.

- **Winchester Movement Strategy** – WinACC presented the case for revisions in light of LTP 4 and other local authority initiatives, covering developments such as low traffic neighbourhoods, intermodal interchanges at the railway station and the Bus Improvement Plan.
- **The Hampshire Passenger Transport Forum (convened by HCC)** – WinACC attended regular meetings, covering such matters as HCC’s ‘Passenger Transport consultation on Bus Cuts’. We expressed our opposition to reduction of spend on buses and pressed for a more positive approach to collaboration by HCC.
- **Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, Active Travel Planning schemes, Traffic Reduction proposals** – the Action Group publicised ideas, including for reducing motor vehicle dominance in Winchester and car-free demonstration events, attended workshops and other meetings, and supported partner organisations such as Cycle Winchester.

Other activities during the year included further campaigning on the M3 Junction 9 plans; supporting campaigners against the Southampton Airport runway extension, which has now moved on to consultation on the noise impact; supporting a campaign by *20’s Plenty for Us* for 20mph speed limits in Hampshire towns (and encouraging participation in HCC’s online survey on 20mph limits in Hampshire), and evaluating and commenting on Transport for the South East’s ‘*Strategic Investment Plan*’, published in March 2023. WinACC continues to actively coordinate activities and campaigns with Cycle Winchester and is active on the Winchester Walking Strategy Group and the Council’s Air Quality Steering group, including consultation on the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan.

Other lobbying and campaigning

The year began with a news release summarising the IPCC’s Sixth Assessment Report ‘Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change’ published on 4 April 2022, warning that humanity is in danger of slipping into climate catastrophe. Commenting on it, WinACC Trustee Danny Lee said: “We have to reduce our reliance on gas and oil, not find new ways to take more of it out of the ground.”

WinACC was also a joint signatory on a 6 May 2022 letter sent to senior members of the UK Government calling for the UK to continue to demonstrate leadership on methane reductions, both domestically and internationally. In the local context, WinACC emphasised the significant increase needed to renewable electricity generation in the district, replacement of fuel use in transport with greater support for walking, cycling and public transport, and the need for our Councils to update their climate and biodiversity action plans.

A WinACC briefing using Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy data on national greenhouse gas emission statistics from 2005 to 2020 illustrated the recent history and current state of emissions in Winchester District. For the first time, the data included estimates not only of CO₂ emissions, but also of methane and nitrous oxide emissions, including those from livestock and soil. As we reported in November 2022, almost 8% of the district’s emissions are contributed by livestock. While the data showed a substantial drop in total 2020 emissions, reflecting reduced transport emissions during the Covid pandemic, provisional 2021 national data indicated a return to previous emissions trajectories. Pathways identified to reduce emissions to zero by 2030 (in line with WCC’s Declaration of Climate Emergency) show significant acceleration of emissions reduction will be needed. A separate briefing produced on Hampshire-wide emissions data at district level, presented to HCC’s

Expert Stakeholder Forum on the climate, suggested opportunity to tailor emissions reduction activity to reflect better local information about where and how most emissions occur.

National policy - WinACC cooperates with The Climate Coalition and others to create a stronger voice on national policy. This includes lobbying our local MPs; encouraging supporters to write to MPs and sign petitions; and publicising our reactions to Government and UN climate policy announcements. As referred to earlier, WinACC has continued to coordinate a coalition of Winchester based climate change action groups and the University of Winchester (Winchester Together for Our Planet) to develop initiatives to raise community awareness about climate change imperatives and influence our politicians.

Winchester City Council – WinACC maintains a constructive working relationship with WCC. The Council Cabinet member for the climate emergency is nominated to our Board of Trustees; we hold regular meetings with officers responsible for planning and implementing WCC’s responses to the climate emergency and regularly attend or present at relevant Council meetings. These included the Air Quality Steering Group and the Carbon Neutrality Open Forum. A particular focus has been development of WCC’s Carbon Neutrality Action Plan, including review of advisory work by external consultants and ongoing consultations.

Hampshire County Council – HCC nominates a Councillor to our Board of Trustees, and we maintained contact with their Executive Member for the climate.

Hampshire Climate Action Network (HampshireCAN) – WinACC is responsible for financial management of HampshireCAN, which brings together people active on climate change in their communities in the local government areas of Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton. The aim is to learn from each other, coordinate activities and facilitate projects to mitigate climate change, and present a joint voice to HCC and other cross-border agencies (eg, M3 LEP and Transport for the South East). WinACC provides one of the two HampshireCAN’s representatives at HCC’s Expert Stakeholder Forum on the climate.

Hampshire Pension Fund Divest (HPF Divest) – WinACC works through HPF Divest to encourage Hampshire Pension Fund to divest from fossil fuels. HPF Divest focussed on working with others, including the local government trade union, UNISON, to have a presence outside as well as at meetings of the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board. We were pleased to see the Fund taking a positive step forward from their previous position.

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

The Panel continues to produce valued scientific and technical reports and blogs. Volunteer authors combine expertise in their field with a passion to help combat climate change. In an article issued in July 2022, the Chair of the Panel emphasised that the unprecedented temperatures experienced during last Summer’s heat wave were “a sadly ominous sign of what may be to come for us and future generations.”

Blogs released by the Panel during the year included:

- Re-statement of WinACC’s strong opposition to fracking following the Government’s statement in September 2022 (now reversed) that they would “lift the moratorium on UK shale gas production”.
- Highlighting responses from members of the public to requests during Winchester Green Week to express views on options for addressing the energy crisis – almost everyone voted for insulation of more homes and/or more wind and solar energy.

- Referring back to their report on hydrogen published in Autumn 2021, a re-statement of the Panel's view that while hydrogen technologies may be the right solution for certain situations, particularly for some industrial uses where the hydrogen is produced using renewable energy, for domestic heating needs reducing demand for gas is better achieved by measures including improved home insulation and draught-proofing and by investing in alternatives such as heat pumps.
- A call for HCC to disallow any future extraction of oil and gas in Hampshire and to make revisions to its draft Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Partial Update, which failed to reflect the urgency of the climate emergency.

The year ended with a news release by the Panel on the 20 March 2023 IPCC synthesis report setting out current assessments on the state of the climate. Expected emissions from existing coal, oil and gas infrastructure alone will drive global temperatures beyond 1.5c warming, which will see devastating species loss and mass migrations of people as parts of the world become inhospitable. However, while some future changes to the climate are already unavoidable and/or irreversible, they can still be limited by substantial, rapid and sustained reductions in harmful global greenhouse gas emissions.

As emphasised by WinACC's Chair: "We have a duty to ensure that we do all we can for future generations, so they do not suffer the consequences of our inaction."

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

Our donations for 2022/23 returned to previous levels after a one-year increase because of a generous one-off donation in 2021 from Oak Foundation. This left us at the start of the year with a healthy level of unrestricted reserves. After careful consideration of the appropriate level of reserves for the Company and increased pressure arising from challenging economic conditions in 2022, the trustees decided to partly reduce these reserves by building up staff infrastructure in the year. This has meant a delivering a planned negative result for the year.

Income from charitable activities increased by around 38% compared to the previous year. As well as ongoing service income and grants from National Energy Foundation and Sustainable Food Places, WinACC was able to recognise additional grant income during the year from South Downs National Park Authority, the main funder of the WeCAN project, and The National Lottery Community Fund for the Winchester District Climate Assembly. Our Real Estate Action Group also received a grant from Lloyd's Register Foundation.

The Company's total income for 2022/23 fell back from £123,453 to £107,212, whilst expenditure increased from £92,545 to £149,193. The expenditure increase was mainly due to increased staffing levels to enable us to deliver our new grant funded projects and to enhance WinACC's organisational capabilities. It is worth noting that the Company is substantially protected from increases in energy prices and other property costs due to the donation of our serviced office by University of Winchester – the financial impact of this is included within the Statement of Financial Activities with an equal amount in income (as a benefit in kind) and expenditure reflecting an estimate of the commercial value of the benefit received.

Unrestricted reserves decreased during the year from £61,017 as at 31 March 2022 to £27,291 at 31 March 2023. This figure is now towards the lower threshold of our reserves policy, which seeks to maintain unrestricted funds not designated for a specific use at a level equivalent to between three and six months' typical unrestricted expenditure (excluding non-

cash benefits in kind). Taking into account our budget for 2023/24, recent inflation levels and uncertainty of future fundraising in the current economic climate, the trustees consider this to be an adequate level of reserves. It is recognised, however, that if we do not achieve expected levels of new fundraising then we will need to manage down our expenditure levels.

This level of reserves is intended to help the Company manage financial uncertainty and to give assurance to funders and creditors about its capacity to meet its commitments and manage any unforeseen financial difficulties. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Company's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised or future expenditure reduced. The Trustees are also concerned that reserves should be sufficient to meet additional costs associated with winding up the Company, should that course of action ever be deemed appropriate.

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no relevant information (as defined by s.418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which they are aware which is relevant to the examination, but of which the examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of such information. This report has been prepared in accordance with the small company regime (Section 419(2) of the Companies Act 2006).

Our thanks to everyone who contributes to WinACC

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of the many people and organisations who contribute to WinACC in so many ways. This includes our members, those who participate in our open meetings, and the many volunteers who offer their time and energy to our Action Groups and projects. We are particularly grateful to those who donate to the charity – the platform on which our activities are built relies heavily on the regular donations we receive from our supporters and organisations like Winchester City Council. A special thanks also to our dedicated staff, who keep the whole thing running and help us deliver so many great initiatives.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Dr Alex Clayton, Chair

Dated: 10 August 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Reports and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company, including the income and expenditure for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE TRUSTEES OF WINCHESTER ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE LTD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 19 to 28.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charitable Company's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Name: CJ Goodhead FCA, Knight Goodhead Ltd, Chartered Accountants

Address: 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3DA

Dated: 29 August 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
(Including Income and Expenditure account)

	Notes	2023			2022		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income							
Donations and legacies		33,088	6,300	39,388	62,139	12,449	74,588
Charitable activities	3	34,720	32,587	67,307	40,879	7,945	48,824
Investment income		517	0	517	41	0	41
Total income		68,325	38,887	107,212	103,059	20,394	123,453
Expenditure							
Cost of raising funds		180	0	180	96	0	96
Charitable activities	5	101,871	47,142	149,013	80,130	12,319	92,449
Total expenditure		102,051	47,142	149,193	80,226	12,319	92,545
Net income / (expenditure) for year		(33,726)	(8,255)	(41,981)	22,833	8,075	30,908
Transfers	9	0	0	0	1,302	(1,302)	0
Total fund balances brought forward		61,017	23,304	84,321	36,882	16,531	53,413
Total fund balances carried forward		27,291	15,049	42,340	61,017	23,304	84,321

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	6		142	0
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	7	5,003	12,757	
Cash at bank and in hand		70,771	129,366	
		<u>75,774</u>	<u>142,123</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(28,766)</u>	<u>(26,432)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			47,008	115,691
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	8		(4,810)	(31,370)
NET ASSETS			<u>42,340</u>	<u>84,321</u>
FUNDS				
General funds			27,291	61,017
Restricted funds	9		15,049	23,304
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>42,340</u>	<u>84,321</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records, which comply with section 386, and preparing accounts, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 10 August 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Hugh McNaughtan, Treasurer

Dated: 10 August 2023

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)); and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of the public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost of transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds are funds earmarked by the trustees for a particular project, but which remain part of unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor when making the gift or resulting from the terms of the application for the funds.

Fund transfers are made when restricted funds have been lawfully released and transferred to unrestricted funds or where charity law permits the proceeds of restricted funds to be spent for an alternative purpose.

c) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, receipt is probable, and the amount of the income can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacies received by way of grants, donations, legacies and gifts are normally included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable.

Associated Gift Aid, where the donor has confirmed in writing that it can be claimed, is recognised on successful submission of claims to HMRC.

Grant income where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of performance-related conditions is recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Grant income where entitlement is conditional on the delivery of substantive performance-related conditions contained in the funding agreement is recognised only when the conditions are met. Such conditions can include specification of the time period over which related expenditure of resources on the services funded can take place.

Where terms and conditions of a grant have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether the charity can meet the terms or conditions otherwise than under its control, grant income is not recognised but is deferred as a liability until it is probable that the terms or conditions imposed can be met. A grant subject to performance-related conditions received in advance

of delivering the services required by those conditions is accounted for as a liability and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income. Where the conditions extend over a period of more than one year, then the amount of the liability is disclosed as being due after more than one year. Deferred income is released to income in the reporting period in which the performance-related conditions that limit recognition are met.

The reasonably estimated value to the charity of office space, associated utilities and other services used by the charity which are donated by the University of Winchester is treated as donation income and the same cost is included in expenditure.

The charity relies on the contribution of unpaid general volunteers in carrying out its activities. However, it is impractical to measure their contributions reliably for accounting purposes. Accordingly, the contributions of general volunteers are not included as income in the financial statements. However, a description of the role played by general volunteers is provided in note 4 to these accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. It includes any VAT paid.

Costs are apportioned in line with the income received from that source during the year.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly.

e) Pension Costs

Contributions in respect of the defined contribution scheme used by the Company (the Nest workplace pension scheme established by the government) are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year in which they are payable to the scheme. Differences between contributions payable and contributions actually paid in the year are shown as either accruals or prepayments at the year end.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £100. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt, less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on fixed assets to spread the cost over the estimated useful lives of the relevant assets at the following rates:

Computer equipment: 33.3% straight line

2. LEGAL STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The charitable company was incorporated on 30 March 2012 in the United Kingdom and was registered on 8 February 2013 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The charity is a public benefit entity.

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The registered office of the charitable company is Main Campus, University of Winchester, Sparkford Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 4NR.

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Core activities	0	0	0	1,831
Fundraising	0	0	0	0
Supporting communities	5,783	10,552	16,335	10,464
Projects	27,365	22,035	49,400	36,529
Sales of services	1,572	0	1,572	0
	34,720	32,587	67,307	48,824

Income arising on core activities in 2022 represented that received from the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (2023 £nil).

4. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	105,211	62,217
Social security costs	4,505	280
Pension expenses	2,152	1,175
Other	0	609
	111,868	64,281

The average number of staff employed during the year was 4.8 (2022 3.4). No employee received emoluments of £60,000 or more during this year or the prior year. During the year one employee was considered to be key management personnel (£19,228 emoluments for part-time employment; 2022 £7,614 from November 2021 to March 2022).

During the year no trustee was paid; one trustee was reimbursed for £101 of travel expenses (2022 £nil).

Various unpaid services are provided by general volunteers, including trustees. These services have not been measured for the purposes of these accounts but include general management, project and action group leadership, academic research and report writing, planning and organisational, company secretarial, treasury and financial management, fundraising and partnership activities.

5. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities				
Staff costs (see note 4)	81,315	30,553	111,868	64,281
Direct project costs	6,992	11,439	18,431	11,837
Training and recruitment	635	92	727	453
	88,942	42,084	131,026	76,571
Support costs allocated to activities				
Serviced office	8,692	0	8,692	11,520
Marketing, Communications and IT costs	1,428	73	1,501	1,695
Finance	1,076	0	1,076	1,587
Depreciation	47	0	47	0
Other costs	886	4,985	5,871	352
	12,129	5,058	17,187	15,154
Governance costs				
Accountancy and examination fees	700	0	700	620
Trustee and AGM costs	100	0	100	104
	101,871	47,142	149,013	92,449

Serviced office is the “in kind” donation of serviced office space from the University of Winchester. This has also been included in donation income.

Other costs for 2023 include £4,847 incurred in connection with a substantial upgrade to the charity’s website, the majority of which has been allocated to restricted funds kindly received from anonymous donors.

Included within accountancy and examination fees above are amounts due to the independent examiners of £700 and £620 for 2023 and 2022, respectively.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost as at 1 April 2022	530
Additions	189
Cost as at 31 March 2023	<u>719</u>
Depreciation as at 1 April 2022	530
Depreciation charge for the year	47
Depreciation as at 31 March 2023	<u>577</u>
Net book value as at 31 March 2023	<u>142</u>
Net book value as at 31 March 2022	<u>0</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	2,086	2,528
Accrued income and prepayments	<u>2,917</u>	<u>10,229</u>
	<u>5,003</u>	<u>12,757</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2023 £	2022 £
<i>Amounts falling due within one year:</i>		
Trade creditors	0	629
Accruals	4,018	628
Deferred income	<u>24,748</u>	<u>25,175</u>
	<u>28,766</u>	<u>26,432</u>
<i>Amounts falling due after more than one year:</i>		
Deferred income	<u>4,810</u>	<u>31,370</u>
	<u>33,576</u>	<u>57,802</u>

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Funds b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Funds c/fwd £
Administration Fund	3,595	0	(83)	0	3,512
Branding & Publicity	2,510	0	(2,510)	0	0
Buildings & Transport Action	2,275	0	(203)	0	2,072
HampshireCAN	323	50	(152)	0	221
HCC Councillor Grants:					
Safer Streets	522	0	(120)	0	402
Retrofit	900	0	(900)	0	0
Lloyds Register Foundation	0	4,600	(102)	0	4,498
Policy & Partnerships Fund		6,250	(6,250)	0	0
Project Z	3,128	0	(3,128)	0	0
Retrofit crowdfunding	1,709	0	0	0	1,709
National Lottery Community Fund (Climate Assembly)	0	9,320	(9,320)	0	0
The Soil Association/Sustainable Food Places grants: Food for the Planet /Good Food Funds	80	6,000	(6,080)	0	0
WeCAN: South Downs National Park Authority	1,599	11,667	(11,940)	0	1,326
Winchester Rotary Club	4,800	0	(4,800)	0	0
WCC: Winchester Together for our Planet	215	0	(215)	0	0
Winchester Green Week: - Individual donations	198	0	(198)	0	0
- The Climate Coalition: The Great Big Green Week	1,450	0	(1,141)	0	309
- Paris Smith	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
	23,304	38,887	(47,142)	0	15,049

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Explanation of Funds:

Administration Fund is an anonymous donation to be used for administrative support and staff training, or as otherwise agreed with the donor.

Branding and Publicity Fund was an anonymous donation to be used for marketing, branding & publicity work, including development of the charity's website.

Buildings & Transport Action is an anonymous donation to be used for buildings or transport campaigning and projects.

HampshireCAN is the Hampshire Climate Action Network, with which WinACC has an agreement for the provision of support services without charge (for the collection of revenues and payment of expenses).

HCC Councillor Grants refers to grants from individual Hampshire County Councillors. This includes 'Safer Streets' to promote safer streets in Winchester, 'Retrofit' to contribute towards production of a video about retrofitting homes (fully utilised by June 2022).

The Lloyds Register Foundation grant is for the creation of media to address solar farm objections that cite a threat to national food security.

The Policies & Partnership Fund was an anonymous donation to be used to partially fund in the first year the new Partnerships Manager post.

Project Z was an anonymous donation to be used for various projects agreed with the donor, including development of the SuperHomes project bid and further development of the charity's website.

Retrofit crowdfunding – individual donations were received through a crowdfunding scheme for which expected match funding was not received; donors of £840 agreed that their donations could be transferred for WinACC's general activities; the remainder is held to provide additional support as needed, for example for low-income household retrofits, in connection with the SuperHomes project.

The National Lottery Community Fund grant was received and used to fund the organisation and execution of a Winchester District Climate Assembly held in October 2022.

The Soil Association grants collected on behalf of the Winchester Food Partnership (WFP) include the grants under SFP's 'Good Food Movement' programme for work by WFP in connection with WinACC's WeCAN project and SFP's 'Food for the Planet' programme on which WFP are working with Winchester City Council and Incredible Edibles.

Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN) is an ongoing campaign to support local communities achieve net zero carbon. It was funded during the year by the South Downs National Park Authority (over a period of 2.25 years) and Winchester Rotary Club. Additional funding has been received in April 2023 from Winchester City Council, which will be accounted for in the year ending 31 March 2024.

Winchester City Council's grant contributed to the costs of events being planned by WinACC and other Winchester based climate change action groups in the run up to COP27 under the 'Winchester Together for Our Planet' banner.

Winchester Green Week is a festival of eco events and is supported by WinACC (for the collection of revenues and payment of expenses). In addition to various individual donations received in the previous year and utilised during 2022/23, grants have been received from

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The Climate Coalition (The Great Big Green Week Community Grant to) and Paris Smith Winchester.

10. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Funds b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Funds c/fwd £
Designated Fund (WeCAN project safety net, pending confirmation of additional match funding)	5,000	0	0	(5,000)	0
General funds	56,017	68,325	(102,051)	5,000	27,291
	61,017	68,291	(102,051)	0	27,291

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £
Fixed Assets	142	0	142	0	0	0
Debtors & accrued income	4,183	820	5,003	12,757	0	12,757
Bank and Cash	23,752	47,019	70,771	49,517	79,849	129,366
Creditors and accruals	(786)	(32,790)	(33,576)	(1,257)	(56,545)	(57,802)
	27,291	15,049	42,340	61,017	23,304	84,321

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Directors and Trustees

Current: Prof. Robert Beckford (University of Winchester nominee; elected 30 October 2021)
Phil Gagg (retired by rotation and re-elected 30 October 2021)
Sarah Gooding (Treasurer from 17 October 2020 until 30 October 2021)
Christine Holloway (Chair from 17 October 2020 until 30 October 2021; appointed as Company Secretary on 30 October 2021 and to Executive Committee from 16 November 2021)
David Jones
Kelsie Learney (Winchester City Council nominee; co-opted by trustees 10 August 2022)
Danny Lee (elected 30 October 2021) (appointed to Executive Committee from 16 November 2021)
Hugh Lumby (Hampshire County Council nominee; elected 30 October 2021)
Hugh McNaughtan (elected 30 October 2021; appointed as Treasurer on 30 October 2021 and to Executive Committee from 16 November 2021)
Andrew Sadler (appointed 30 October 2021)
Sue Turner (Vice-Chair from 17 October 2020 until 30 October 2021)

Others during the year: Paul Coverdale (Sustainable Business Network nominee) (retired 30 October 2021)
Cllr Roger Huxstep (former Hampshire County Council nominee; retired 6 May 2021)
Lynda Murphy (former Winchester City Council nominee; deceased 6 December 2021)
Bo Priestley (elected 30 October 2021; appointed to Executive Committee from 16 November 2021; resigned 31 May 2022)
Hannah Williams (Winchester City Council nominee; co-opted by the trustees 9 February 2022; resigned 5 May 2022)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Company

Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd (the "Company" or "WinACC") is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 March 2012 and registered as a charity on 8 February 2013. The directors of the Company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and are generally referred to as trustees in this document. The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Company was created to enable a previous unincorporated charity (Winchester Action on Climate Change, registered charity number 1126993) to convert into a charitable company. Legally, this required the creation of a new charitable company with the same charitable objectives, to which the unincorporated charity could transfer its assets and liabilities. This transfer took effect on 1 October 2013.

In recognition of the seriousness of the climate crisis, as emphasised by the August 2021 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), described by the UN's Secretary-General as "a code red for humanity", the trustees have approved the use in the Company's communications of the trading name "Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis".

Trustees

Trustees are appointed by member resolution at a general meeting or by resolution of the other trustees in between general meetings. At each Annual General Meeting, one third of the trustees must retire by rotation according to the Company's Memorandum of Association. In addition, any trustees appointed by a resolution of the other trustees must retire at the next Annual General Meeting on 26 November 2022. The trustees held five meetings during the reporting period (compared to eight in 2020/21, which arose from the Covid pandemic lockdown circumstances).

The work of the staff team continued to be supported by various Committees with responsibilities delegated to, and reporting to, the trustees. Following the retirement of the former Honorary Officers from their roles at the last AGM on 30 October 2021, and in the absence of a Chair and Vice-Chair, an Executive Group was established from 16 November 2021 of 3 or 4 trustees, including the Treasurer and Company Secretary, to deal with regular operational and other matters requiring trustee input and to provide support to the Company's Executive Director.

Other Committees were as follows:

- the Action Coordination Committee, which reviews the performance of projects against plans, considers proposals for major new projects, and ensures that all parts of the Company work smoothly together towards our priorities; and
- the Finance Committee, the remit of which includes monitoring of financial performance and fundraising.

Objectives and Mission

The Company has the following “objects” (charitable purposes):

- to advance the education of the public in subjects related to sustainable development, in particular but not exclusively the effective reduction of greenhouse gases and low carbon living; and
- to preserve, protect and improve the physical and natural environment and the prudent use of natural resources;

where “sustainable development” means “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.

Our mission, approved by the trustees in February 2021 and reconfirmed in February 2022:

- To inspire and enable action to create a net zero carbon Winchester District.

Ongoing refocusing of WinACC’s activities

We have referred to the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees have considered how the activities planned will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

When the Company was founded, there was a strong emphasis on educating people living and working in Winchester District about climate change and its causes. As time moved on, this progressed to helping people and families to cut their carbon footprint. Now, attitudes towards climate issues have changed locally as well as nationally, partly influenced by the Company, and green campaigning has become more mainstream.

Refocusing of the Company’s activities and resources, referred to last year, has continued towards those areas where future actions may make the most difference in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the Winchester District. These include continued emphasis on influencing policy-makers and institutions and working with partners and communities to achieve:

- reduced carbon emissions from transport and buildings;
- increased capacity to generate renewable energy;
- the use of land to capture carbon; and
- a shift of investments from fossil fuels into green business.

Our Annual Plan for the current year, which takes account of the views of supporters and the aspirations of our Action Groups, further emphasises our intention to work on integration of “nature-based solutions” thinking and nature framing across WinACC’s work and in our communications. Nature-based solutions is an umbrella term for the fundamental role that nature can have in achieving net-zero.

Our four primary target areas for delivering on these aims continue to include:

- working with Winchester City Council (WCC) and Hampshire County Council (HCC) as they continue to develop and implement their net zero carbon action plans;

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- working in partnership with employers and landowners to help them adopt low carbon solutions for themselves, customers and their local areas;
- working in partnership with our communities to promote low carbon living; and
- campaigning for changes in national law, policy and regulation that will reduce carbon emissions.

The Company remains committed to working in partnership with other agencies to secure effective action. All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Organisation and staffing

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to impact our work and communications to some extent during the reporting period, particularly in the first half of the year. Limited furloughing of staff ceased in September 2021. Several of our staff were affected by Covid for periods during the year, but thankfully all are fully recovered, and some home working continues. However, we were pleased to be able to return to our office during the year and to begin holding in-person meetings again. Some of our meetings are still held virtually, which also reflects adaptation to improved communication facilities changing working practices. After an extended period of remote working, there has been a significant amount of work to reconnect with partners and volunteers, re-establish our fundraising and campaigning programmes, upgrade our administrative systems and records and take stock of the impact not only of the pandemic but also of recent political and economic developments on actions to address the climate crisis. This coincided with the settling in of several new trustees and changes to our honorary officer roles.

Towards the end of 2021 we were particularly fortunate to receive a significant generous unrestricted donation from Oak Foundation, a charitable foundation with which we had not previously had any connection. We were also successful during the year in winning several bids for grants to deliver new projects working with Winchester District communities and householders. With a view to enabling us to deliver our objectives and projects in a more structured and consistent manner, we have taken advantage of these additional funding sources to invest in the recruitment of new staff to join our small team, previously two part-time posts. The principal changes that have taken place are as follows:

- Jo Crocker, formerly our Coordinator, has been appointed as Executive Director with increased responsibility for delivering our Annual Plan and managing our growing staff team. She has also continued to lead our WeCAN community projects.
- In May 2021 our Development Officer successfully applied for our new part-time position of SuperHomes Project Manager, working with the National Energy Foundation. In March 2022 he further applied for and was appointed to an additional part-time role as Climate Officer, working with Jo to run the WeCAN project.
- A new post of Administrator was filled from October 2021.
- In May 2022 we appointed a new Partnerships Manager, focussing on developing our partnerships, working with volunteers and supporting our trustees on key fundraising applications. An immediate key project is delivering a climate assembly, for which we received a grant in March from the National Lottery Communities Fund.

This enhanced and committed organisation leaves us better placed to deliver our various projects and frees volunteer and management time to focus on strategic and technical developments.

Summary of main ongoing and new campaigns and initiatives

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

The Panel has continued to produce valued scientific and technical reports. Our volunteer authors combine expertise in their field with a passion to help combat climate change.

WinACC's October 2021 Winchester District Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) report (based on Government (BEIS) data up to 2019), produced by Dr Bob Whitmarsh and Robin Speed, illustrates starkly how little transport emissions have decreased in recent years and how significant the reductions must be to achieve carbon neutrality in Winchester District by 2030. The report emphasises the urgent need for bold and affirmative leadership that has the courage to do what is right.

Other reports published by the Panel during the year include:

- 'Wood Burning Stoves' (updated May 2021), referring to restrictions on the sale of coal, wet wood and manufactured solid fuels for burning in the home which came into force in May 2021
- 'Guidelines on greenhouse gas emissions for various transport types' (March 2021, updated June 2021), encouraging efforts to use transport generating fewest emissions
- 'The Future Uses of Hydrogen' (August 2021), exploring areas where hydrogen is being considered in UK energy storage, transport and heating and referring to the important decisions that need to be made.

In addition, WinACC was a joint signatory to a letter sent in May 2022 to The Rt Hon. Alok Sharma, MP, COP26 President and The Rt Hon. Kwasi Kwarteng, MP, Secretary of State at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy requesting, against the background of record atmospheric levels, that the UK continue to demonstrate leadership on methane reductions, both domestically and internationally.

Reducing emissions from buildings

Winchester Area SuperHomes is a flagship two-year project (commenced May 2021) for WinACC, working with the National Energy Foundation, a national charity that has worked on energy sustainability for over 30 years. It is funded by the Energy Redress Scheme managed by the Energy Saving Trust on behalf of Ofgem. The project seeks to help up to 150 homeowners across the Winchester District reduce their home's carbon footprint by providing independent tailored advice on retrofitting energy savings products, including a Whole House Retrofit Plan. Given that energy use in the home is responsible for almost a quarter of the UK's carbon footprint, progress in reducing home emissions can make a huge difference in tackling the climate emergency. A new video recently added to our website provides further detail.

The project team has organised a number of speaker meetings and have manned stalls at numerous other events. The successful Green Homes Fair in June attracted nearly 150 attendees. So far, around 100 homeowners have signed up to the project, with over 65 Whole House Retrofit Plans produced and plans by at least 30 homeowners to undertake one or more retrofit measures by the end of 2022.

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Planning for a Sustainable Winchester District

WinACC, led by our Transport and Planning Action Group, works with policy-makers and decision-makers to make Winchester more sustainable. This includes:

1. showing how to make Winchester more sustainable through our research and reports
2. giving regular policy advice to Winchester City Council at Advisory Group and Town Forum Planning Group meetings to help them develop their thinking, including on building and materials standards, sustainability policies, use of land for carbon reduction and allocation of sites for energy generation
3. responding to proposals/initiatives and encouraging the wider community to take part in public consultations on these issues.

Further details are given on our website. The next priority will be the emerging Winchester District Local Plan to 2039. WCC will be asking for views on their proposals in November and December 2022.

The Transport and Planning Action Group continued to contribute a climate perspective, and in some cases opposition, to development proposals. These have included the Central Winchester Regeneration Area, the Sir John Moore Barracks site, the new Barfield Close multi-storey carpark, new-build energy standards at the ongoing Barton Farm development and plans for the former River Park Leisure Centre site. At the Winchester City Council's Open Forum on the Central Winchester Regeneration Area, the Group argued for the emissions impacts to be given at least as much consideration as the economic impacts. The Group also reviewed the WCC Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document, relevant also to soil sequestration and renewable energy.

Reducing emissions from transport

The past year has been particularly busy in relation to transport emissions. These have included:

- **Local Transport Plan (LTP) 4** – LTP is a key framework for transport across the county for the next 10 years and on the way to net zero in 2050. Hampshire County Council completed the consultation process on its draft LTP 4 in June 2022. The Group prepared a presentation on the Plan's vision, outcomes, aspirations and limitations, held an Open Meeting and published a series of briefings on LTP 4's principal objectives. It also prepared and submitted our response during the consultation period.
- **Bus Services Improvement Plan** – the Group wrote to HCC and met their officer responsible for buses to encourage them to take full advantage of the Government's proposals set out in *Bus Back Better: Business Strategy for England* and potential funding available, including for the purchase of electric buses, in developing their Bus Services Improvement Plan. A paper produced by the Group, *Bus Back Better: An Opportunity to Tackle CO₂e Transport Emissions in Hampshire*, emphasises the relatively low bus use in Hampshire compared to other English transport authority areas and encourages the establishment of targets for modal transfer from car and van travel to walking, cycling and bus travel. The Group also attended the Hampshire Passenger Transport Bus Back Better engagement meetings. It later responded to HCC's *Passenger Transport Consultation on Bus Cuts*, attended the Winchester Passenger Transport Forum consultation meetings and strongly opposed reductions of spending in the light of conflict with LTP 4 principles and implications for issues such as social isolation and transport emissions.

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- **Winchester Movement Strategy** – the Group was active in the consultation process over HCC's *Feasibility Studies Phase 2 Summary Report*, including preparing critiquing papers and holding an Open Meeting at which Councillors and members of HCC's Strategic Transport team presented the proposals and participants had the opportunity to understand and discuss the various components. The Group also coordinated WinACC's consultation response.
- **Safer Streets campaign** – the Group campaigned with WCC, Winchester BID and other stakeholders for continuation in Winchester of the *Safer Streets* temporary road closures and other measures introduced by HCC during the Covid-19 lockdown period, including speaking at HCC's Economy, Transport & Environment Committee Decision Day meeting. This met with partial success, with confirmation of the permanent closure of The Square.

Other activities during the year included consultation responses on the M3 Junction 9 plans; supporting campaigners against the Southampton Airport runway extension; responding to South Western Railway's timetable consultation, including encouraging a shift of freight from road to rail and establishment of local distribution depots or mobility hubs; and supporting a campaign by *20's Plenty for Us* for 20mph speed limits in Hampshire towns. WinACC continues to actively coordinate activities and campaigns with Cycle Winchester and is active on the Winchester Walking Strategy Group and the Council's Air Quality Steering group, including consultation on the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan.

Increasing renewable energy generation

Only 16% of the electricity used in Winchester District currently comes from local renewable sources – this needs to change urgently and significantly if we are to help fight the climate and energy crises. WinACC's Renewable Energy Action Group believes that UK net-zero means more solar farms locally and that UK energy security means more solar farms more quickly. The Group has sought to influence WCC on the need for allocation of sites for renewable energy with a view to the inclusion of rural solar installations within the next draft of the Local Plan. It produced a major report, *Renewable Energy in Winchester District*, and associated video (both available on our website) drawing attention to the six-fold increase in solar farm capacity required to meet decarbonisation targets. It also held an Open Meeting to address some of the tough questions raised about solar farms, working with Solar Energy UK to provide facts about solar energy and correct some of the misconceptions.

The Group continued to support planning applications for new solar farms and to provide information to galvanise popular support. These have included the Christmas Hill, Headbourne Worthy solar farm application (approved and now under construction), revised plans for a solar farm at Locks Farm, Bishop's Waltham and the Denmead Farm solar farm and battery storage planning application (which alone will supply over 6% of current electricity demand in Winchester District).

WinACC is also now partnering with a new community energy organisation, Energise South Downs, with a view to providing a route for communities in the Winchester District keen to explore community-owned renewables.

Using land to capture carbon, including both soil and woodland carbon sequestration linked to regenerative agriculture, a new approach for WinACC in 2020. We are still exploring the best way to have an impact on land use in Winchester District.

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Working with local communities

During the year WinACC completed the first phase of our Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN) project, working with The Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE), building the foundations of a network of local communities taking action on the climate crisis. This commenced with nearly 60 community climate change leaders from across the District gathering to learn about WCC's Carbon Neutrality Plan and sharing ideas and experiences about local climate projects. We then asked all 48 parish councils and other community groups about the types of climate action they were taking and what support they needed. Using CSE's carbon footprint tool, Impact, we produced a carbon footprint report for each parish and urban ward to help guide climate action. Webinars were held to explain these reports and to answer questions. This phase of the project culminated in Community Climate Action Days, which brought people from different communities together to share ideas, promote collaboration and reduce feelings of isolation. A WeCAN Learnings Report was produced, which is available on our website.

The second phase of WeCAN commenced in March 2022 with core funding from South Downs National Park Authority, together with additional funding from Winchester Rotary Club and WCC. This phase will run for 2.25 years until May 2024, building on the foundations already laid and with the added impetus provided by our new Climate Officer. Parish councils and community groups are being supported to build their capacity, prioritise and organise their climate change related activities and learn from each other. We are developing a new online platform to enable communities to share information, ideas and experience. Quarterly WeCAN Network Events are being held, either in person or online, which are open to everyone in the District working with others in their community to take action on the climate crisis. The first meeting included sessions on practical experiences of setting up a climate change group; low carbon food projects; and how WCC are helping local communities achieve net zero carbon.

In view of the scale and scope of the WeCAN project, WinACC has subsumed its existing Communities Engagement Group into WeCAN. Other community activities during the year included:

- *Winchester Green Week* - WinACC in 2021 again supported Green Week, Winchester's annual festival to celebrate and promote sustainable living. With a theme of 'Growing greener together', the event was coordinated with The Climate Coalition's 'The Great Big Green Week'; it also included events focussed on the run up to COP26 held in Glasgow in November 2021, including *Song for the Climate*, organised by WinACC and other Winchester based climate action groups under the banner of *Winchester Together for our Planet*. The 2022 Green Week is being held from 24 September to 2 October.
- *Incredible Edible Winchester* continues to support people to eat a more sustainable diet, running a community allotment in central Winchester and maintaining demonstration planters in two public areas in Winchester city centre. WinACC also works in partnership with Winchester Food Partnership (WFP), which has obtained grants from Sustainable Food Places to assist their drive towards spreading public awareness of healthier and more sustainable food and tackling food waste. WFP also contributes to the WeCAN project.
- *Climate assemblies* – during the year WinACC supported the Winchester District Young People's Climate Assembly, organised by the Mayor of Winchester's Office and the University of Winchester to give voice to young people across the District.

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The findings of the Assembly were shared with decision makers at both WCC and HCC. It is planned to organise a further climate assembly before the end of 2022, with funding from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Other lobbying and campaigning

- **National policy** - WinACC cooperates with The Climate Coalition and others to create a stronger voice on national policy. This includes lobbying our local MPs; encouraging supporters to write to MPs and sign petitions; and publicising our reactions to Government and UN climate policy announcements. During the year WinACC organised a coalition of Winchester based climate change action groups and the University of Winchester ('Winchester Together for Our Planet') to develop initiatives to raise community awareness about COP26 and influence our politicians and those involved in COP26 to commit to bold actions.
- **Winchester City Council** – WinACC maintains a constructive working relationship with the Council. The Council Cabinet member for the climate emergency is nominated to our Board of Trustees; we hold regular meetings with officers responsible for planning and implementing the Council's responses to the climate emergency and regularly attend or present at relevant Council meetings. These included the Air Quality Steering Group, the Carbon Neutrality Open Forum and the Green Economic Development Strategy Steering Group.
- **Hampshire County Council** – the Council's Vice-Chair, Transport & Environment Select Committee, is nominated to our Board of Trustees and we hold regular meetings with their Executive member for the climate. WinACC also provides one of the two Hampshire Climate Action Network's representatives at the Council's Expert Stakeholder Forum on the climate.
- **Hampshire Climate Action Network (HampshireCAN)** – WinACC is responsible for financial management of HampshireCAN, which brings together people active on climate change in their communities in the local government areas of Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton to learn from each other, coordinate activities and facilitate projects to mitigate climate change, and have a joint voice to HCC and other cross-border agencies such as M3 LEP and Transport for the South East.
- **Hampshire Pension Fund Divest (HPF Divest)** – WinACC works through HPF Divest to encourage people to respond to HCC's public consultation on its approach to "responsible investment" which includes divestment from fossil fuels. Their proposals were a big step forward from their previous position. HPF Divest is working in collaboration with local government trades union, UNISON, with a presence outside as well as at meetings of the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board. We are also working collaboratively with 'Dirty Money', a campaign across the south-east which is open to anyone.

Financial Review

Despite a challenging start to the year due to the continued impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, WinACC was in the fortunate position of having reserves to rely on during the early months of the financial year. Subsequently, WinACC has benefited from generous donations from a Oak Foundation as well as from many of our long-term supporters. As a result, our donations for the year increased by 40% compared to the previous year.

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Income from charitable activities more than tripled compared to the previous year. During the year WinACC was the recipient of service income and grants from The Centre for Sustainable Energy, National Energy Foundation, South Downs National Park Authority, National Lottery Community Fund and Sustainable Food Places. From April to September 2021 WinACC continued to be a recipient of the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, helping to support flexible working for one member of staff.

The company's income for 2021/22 grew from £68,903 to £123,453, whilst expenditure increased from £67,138 to £92,545. The expenditure increase was principally due to increased staffing levels to enable us to deliver our new grant funded projects and to enhance WinACC's organisational disciplines. Unrestricted reserves increased during the year from £36,882 at 31 March 2021 to £61,017 at 31 March 2022. This figure is just below the upper threshold of the reserves policy (c. £62,000, based on our budget). Given current inflation levels and uncertainty of future fundraising in the current economic climate, the trustees consider this to be an appropriate level of reserves at this time.

Reserves policy

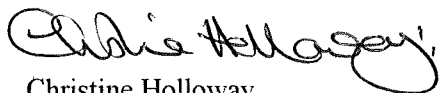
The Company's reserves policy seeks to maintain unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use at a level equivalent to between three and six months' typical unrestricted expenditure.

This level of reserves is intended to help the Company manage financial uncertainty and to give assurance to funders and creditors about its capacity to meet its commitments and manage any unforeseen financial difficulties. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Company's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised or future expenditure reduced. The Trustees are also concerned that reserves should be sufficient to meet additional costs associated with winding up the Company, should that course of action ever be deemed appropriate.

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no relevant information (as defined by S418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which they are aware which is relevant to the examination, but of which the examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of such information. This report has been prepared in accordance with the small company regime (Section 419(2) of the Companies Act 2006).

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



Christine Holloway
Company Secretary

Dated: 21 September 2022

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Reports and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company, including the income and expenditure for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE TRUSTEES OF WINCHESTER ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE LTD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 15 to 24.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charitable Company's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

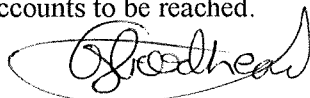
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.



Name: CJ Goodhead FCA, Knight Goodhead Ltd, Chartered Accountants

Address: 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3DA

Date: 24 September 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
(including Income and Expenditure account)

		2022			2021		
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Income							
Donations and legacies		62,139	12,449	74,588	44,449	9,021	53,470
Charitable activities	3	40,879	7,945	48,824	8,135	7,200	15,335
Investment income		41	0	41	98	0	98
Total income		103,059	20,394	123,453	52,682	16,221	68,903
Expenditure							
Cost of raising funds		96	0	96	1,260	0	1,260
Charitable activities	5	80,130	12,319	92,449	48,178	17,700	65,878
Total expenditure		80,226	12,319	92,545	49,438	17,700	67,138
Net income / (expenditure) for year		22,833	8,075	30,908	3,244	(1,479)	1,765
Transfers	9	1,302	(1,302)	0	0	0	0
Total fund balances brought forward		36,882	16,531	53,413	33,638	18,010	51,648
Total fund balances carried forward		61,017	23,304	84,321	36,882	16,531	53,413

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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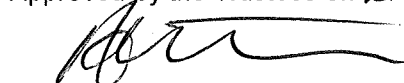
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		0		0
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	12,757		10,451	
Cash at bank and in hand		129,366		44,689	
		<u>142,123</u>		<u>55,140</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(26,432)</u>		<u>(1,727)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			115,691		53,413
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	8		(31,370)		0
NET ASSETS			<u>84,321</u>		<u>53,413</u>
FUNDS					
General funds			61,017		36,882
Restricted funds	9		23,304		16,531
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>84,321</u>		<u>53,413</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2022 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records, which comply with section 386, and preparing accounts, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 21 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Hugh McNaughtan
Treasurer

Dated: 21 September 2022

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)); and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of the public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost of transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds are funds earmarked by the trustees for a particular project, but which remain part of unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor when making the gift or resulting from the terms of the application for the funds.

Fund transfers are made when restricted funds have been lawfully released and transferred to unrestricted funds or where charity law permits the proceeds of restricted funds to be spent for an alternative purpose.

c) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, receipt is probable, and the amount of the income can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacies received by way of grants, donations, legacies and gifts are normally included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable.

Grant income where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of performance-related conditions is recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Grant income where entitlement is conditional on the delivery of substantive performance-related conditions contained in the funding agreement is recognised only when the conditions are met. Such conditions can include specification of the time period over which related expenditure of resources on the services funded can take place.

Where terms and conditions of a grant have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether the charity can meet the terms or conditions otherwise than under its control, grant income is not recognised but is deferred as a liability until it is probable that the terms or conditions imposed can be met. A grant subject to performance-related conditions received in advance of delivering the services required by those conditions is accounted for as a liability and shown on the balance sheet as deferred income. Where the conditions extend over a period

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of more than one year, then the amount of the liability is disclosed as being due after more than one year. Deferred income is released to income in the reporting period in which the performance-related conditions that limit recognition are met.

Income received from the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is shown under Charitable Activities (Core Funding).

The reasonably estimated value to the charity of office space, associated utilities and other services used by the charity which are donated by the University of Winchester is treated as donation income and the same cost is included in expenditure.

The charity relies on the contribution of unpaid general volunteers in carrying out its activities. However, it is impractical to measure their contributions reliably for accounting purposes. Accordingly, the contributions of general volunteers are not included as income in the financial statements. However, a description of the role played by general volunteers is provided in note 4 to these accounts.

Investment income is included when receivable.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. It includes any VAT paid.

Costs are apportioned in line with the income received from that source during the year.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly.

e) Pension Costs

Contributions in respect of the defined contribution scheme used by the Company (the Nest workplace pension scheme established by the government) are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year in which they are payable to the scheme. Differences between contributions payable and contributions actually paid in the year are shown as either accruals or prepayments at the year end.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and costs at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt, less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on fixed assets to spread the cost over the estimated useful lives of the relevant assets at the following rates:

Computer equipment: 33.3% straight line

2. LEGAL STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The charitable company was incorporated on 30 March 2012 in the United Kingdom and was registered on

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8 February 2013 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The charity is a public benefit entity.

The registered office of the charitable company is Main Campus, University of Winchester, Sparkford Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 4NR.

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Core activities	1,831	0	1,831	1,807
Fundraising	0	0	0	0
Supporting communities	8,035	2,429	10,464	8,328
Policy development	0	0	0	0
Projects	31,013	5,516	36,529	5,200
	40,879	7,945	48,824	15,335

4. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	62,217	37,800
Social security costs	280	0
Pension expenses	1,175	962
Other	609	0
	64,281	38,762

The average number of staff employed during the year was 3.4 (2021 2.2). No employee received emoluments of £60,000 or more during this year or the prior year. During the year one employee was considered from November 2021 to be key management personnel (£7,614 emoluments for part-time employment from November 2021 to March 2022).

During the year no trustee was paid or reimbursed for expenses (2020 £nil).

Various unpaid services are provided by general volunteers, including trustees. These services have not been measured for the purposes of these accounts but include general management, project and action group leadership, academic research and report writing, planning and organisational, company secretarial, treasury and financial management, fundraising and partnership activities.

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5. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities				
Direct staff costs (see note 4)	60,667	3,614	64,281	38,762
Direct project costs	4,046	7,791	11,837	10,498
Training and recruitment	13	440	453	20
	<u>64,726</u>	<u>11,845</u>	<u>76,571</u>	<u>49,280</u>
Support costs allocated to activities				
Serviced office	11,520	0	11,520	11,520
Payments to contractors	352	0	352	1,237
Marketing and Communications	1,221	474	1,695	1,431
Finance	1,587	0	1,587	1,020
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
	<u>14,680</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>15,154</u>	<u>15,208</u>
Governance costs				
Accountancy and examination fees	620	0	620	1,032
Trustee and AGM costs	104	0	104	358
	<u>80,130</u>	<u>12,319</u>	<u>92,449</u>	<u>65,878</u>

Serviced office is the "in kind" donation of serviced office space from the University of Winchester. This has also been included in donation income.

Included within accountancy and examination fees above are amounts due to the independent examiners of £620 and £600 for 2022 and 2021.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost as at 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	530
Depreciation as at 1 April 2021	<u>530</u>
Depreciation charge for the year	0
Depreciation as at 31 March 2022	<u>530</u>
Net book value as at 31 March 2022	<u>0</u>
Net book value as at 31 March 2021	<u>0</u>

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7. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,528	0
Accrued income and prepayments	10,229	10,451
	12,757	10,451

8. CREDITORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
<i>Amounts falling due within one year:</i>		
Trade creditors	629	1,304
Accruals	628	423
Deferred income	25,175	0
	26,432	1,727
<i>Amounts falling due after more than one year:</i>		
Deferred income	31,370	0
	57,802	1,727

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Funds b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Funds c/fwd £
Administration Fund	0	3,750	(155)	0	3,595
Branding & Publicity	2,565	0	(55)	0	2,510
Buildings & Transport Action	2,715	0	(440)	0	2,275
Greening Colden Common	409	0	(409)	0	0
Greening Fulflood	462	0	0	(462)	0
HampshireCAN	335	0	(12)	0	323

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HCC Councillor Grants:

Safer Streets	800	0	(278)	0	522
Retrofit	900	0	0	0	900
Song for the Climate	0	250	(250)	0	0
Project Z	4,059	0	(931)	0	3,128
Retrofit crowdfunding	0	2,549	0	(840)	1,709
The Climate Coalition: Young People's Climate Assembly	0	1,500	(1,500)	0	0
The Soil Association/Sustainable Food Places grants:					
- Food for the Planet/Good Food Funds	0	800	(720)	0	80
- Veg. Cities and Emergency Support Funds	3,862	1,000	(4,862)	0	0
WeCAN:					
South Downs National Park Authority	0	2,879	(1280)	0	1,599
Winchester Rotary Club	0	5,000	(200)	0	4,800
Winchester City Council: Winchester Together for our Planet	0	316	(101)	0	215
Winchester Green Week:					
- Individual donations	424	0	(226)	0	198
- The Climate Coalition: The Great Big Green Week	0	1,450	0	0	1,450
- Winchester Business Improvement District (BID)	0	900	(900)	0	0
	16,531	20,394	(12,319)	(1,302)	23,304

Explanation of Funds:

Administration Fund is an anonymous donation to be used for administrative support and staff training, or as otherwise agreed with the donor.

Branding and Publicity is an anonymous donation to be used for further marketing, branding & publicity work, including development of the charity's website, or as otherwise agreed with the donor.

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Buildings & Transport Action is an anonymous donation to be used for buildings or transport campaigning and projects.

Greening Colden Common and Greening Fulflood were both orphan funds transferred to WinACC to be used for community environmental projects. The remaining Fulflood fund was transferred to general funds after the expiry of the designated period for further carbon saving projects in that community.

HampshireCAN is the Hampshire Climate Action Network, with which WinACC has an agreement for the provision of support services without charge (for the collection of revenues and payment of expenses).

HCC Councillor Grants refers to grants from individual Hampshire County Councillors. This includes 'Safer Streets' to promote safer streets in Winchester, 'Retrofit' to contribute towards production of a video about retrofitting homes (fully utilised by June 2022) and a special grant to contribute towards the charity's successful Song for the Climate event in the run up to COP26.

Project Z is an anonymous donation to be used for projects relating to the retrofitting of buildings or for land use related projects, or as otherwise agreed with the donor.

Retrofit crowdfunding – individual donations were received through a crowdfunding scheme for which expected match funding was not received; donors of £840 agreed that their donations could be transferred for WinACC's general activities; the remainder is held to provide additional support as needed, for example for low-income household retrofits, in connection with the SuperHomes project.

The Climate Coalition grant was a Great Big Green Week Community Grant to fund the Winchester Young People's Climate Assembly held in November 2021 and organised by the Mayor's Office in partnership with Winchester City Council, University of Winchester and WinACC.

The Soil Association grants collected on behalf of the Winchester Food Partnership (WFP) include the Sustainable Food Places (SFP) Veg Cities and Emergency Support Funds, the remaining balances of which were fully utilised during the year, and new grants under SFP's 'Good Food Movement' programme for work by WFP in connection with WinACC's WeCAN project and SFP's 'Food for the Planet' programme on which WFP are working with Winchester City Council and Incredible Edibles.

Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN) is an ongoing campaign to support local communities achieve net zero carbon. It is currently funded by the South Downs National Park Authority (over a period of 2.25 years) and Winchester Rotary Club, with additional funding expected to be received from Winchester City Council.

Winchester City Council's grant contributes to the costs of events being planned by WinACC and other Winchester based climate change action groups in the run up to COP27 under the 'Winchester Together for Our Planet' banner.

Winchester Green Week is a festival of eco events and is supported by WinACC (for the collection of revenues and payment of expenses).

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10. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Funds b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Funds c/fwd £
Designated Funds (Tree Planting for Love Miles subscribers)	3	0	(3)	0	0
Designated Fund (WeCAN project safety net, pending confirmation of additional match funding)	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
General funds	36,879	103,059	(80,223)	(3,698)	56,014
	36,882	103,059	(80,226)	1,302	61,017

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £
Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debtors & accrued income	12,757	0	12,757	9,201	1,250	10,451
Bank and Cash	49,517	79,849	129,366	29,408	15,281	44,689
Creditors and accruals	(1,257)	(56,545)	(57,802)	(1,727)	0	(1,727)
	61,017	23,304	84,321	36,882	16,531	53,413

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Directors and Trustees Paul Coverdale (Sustainable Business Network nominee)
Jo Crocker (resigned 29 October 2020)
Cllr Paula Ferguson (Winchester City Council nominee from 9 June 2020, resigned 8 September 2020)
Phil Gagg
Sarah Gooding (Treasurer from 17 October 2020)
Bill Gunyon (retired 17 October 2020)
Jennifer Hobbs (retired 17 October 2020)
Christine Holloway (appointed Trustee and Chair 17 October 2020)
Cllr Roger Huxstep (Hampshire County Council nominee; Vice-Chair to 17 October 2020, retired 6 May 2021)
David Jones
Jock Macdonald (Chair – retired 17 October 2020)
Cllr Lynda Murphy (Winchester City Council nominee from 17 October 2020)
Mary Tiles (Vice-Chair retired 17 October 2020)
Sue Turner (Vice-Chair from 17 October 2020)
Bob Whitmarsh (retired 17 October 2020)

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Bankers Unity Trust Bank (main account)
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Company

Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd (the "Company" or "WinACC") is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 March 2012 and registered as a charity on 8 February 2013. The directors of the Company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and are generally referred to as trustees in this document. The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The Company was created to enable a previous unincorporated charity (Winchester Action on Climate Change, registered charity number 1126993) to convert into a charitable company. Legally, this required the creation of a new charitable company with the same charitable objectives, to which the unincorporated charity could transfer its assets and liabilities. This transfer took effect on 1 October 2013.

Trustees

Trustees are appointed by member resolution at a general meeting or by resolution of the other trustees in between general meetings. At each Annual General Meeting, one third of the trustees must retire by rotation according to the Company's Memorandum of Association. In addition, any trustees appointed by a resolution of the other trustees must retire at the next Annual General Meeting on 30th October 2021. The trustees held eight meetings during the reporting period.

The work of the staff team continued to be supported by various Committees with responsibilities delegated to, and reporting to, the trustees. Following the change of Honorary Officers at the 2020 AGM, these were streamlined, as follows:

- the Executive and Strategy Committees were replaced by the Action Coordination Committee, which reviews the performance of projects against plans, considers proposals for major new projects, and ensures that all parts of the Company work smoothly together towards our priorities; and
- the activities of the former Fundraising Committee were incorporated within the Finance Committee's remit, which now includes monitoring of financial performance and fundraising.

Objectives and Mission

The Company has the following "objects" (charitable purposes):

- to advance the education of the public in subjects related to sustainable development, in particular, but not exclusively, the effective reduction of greenhouse gases and low carbon living; and
- to preserve, protect and improve the physical and natural environment and the prudent use of natural resources;

where "sustainable development" means "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

Our revised mission, approved by the trustees in February 2021:

- To inspire and enable action to create a net zero carbon Winchester District.

Re-evaluation and refocus of WinACC's activities

We have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the

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trustees have considered how the activities planned will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

When the Company was founded, there was a strong emphasis on educating people living and working in Winchester District about climate change and its causes. As time moved on, this progressed to helping people to cut their carbon footprint. Now, attitudes towards climate issues have changed locally as well as nationally, partly influenced by the Company, and environmental campaigning has become more mainstream.

With the shift in public understanding of the 'climate crisis' and the urgency of immediate action, the trustees reviewed the Company's areas of focus, considering:

- evidence of the level and sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the Winchester District;
- interviews with members and stakeholders, agencies with which we partner and other supporters;
- the views of members and supporters gathered at open meetings in December 2019 and February 2020; and
- the work of the Strategy Review Group of trustees in the early part of 2020 and the views of our action groups.

As a result, the Company's activities and resources have been refocussed towards those areas where future actions may make the most difference in terms of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the Winchester District. These include renewed emphasis on influencing policymakers and institutions and working with partners and communities to achieve:

- reduced carbon emissions from transport and buildings;
- increased capacity to generate renewable energy;
- the use of land to capture carbon; and
- a shift of investments from fossil fuels into green business.

Our four primary target areas for delivering on these aims include:

- working with Winchester City Council (WCC) and Hampshire County Council (HCC) as they continue to develop and implement their net zero carbon action plans;
- working in partnership with employers and landowners to help them adopt low carbon solutions for themselves, customers and their local areas;
- working in partnership with our communities to promote low carbon living; and
- campaigning for changes in national law, policy and regulation that will reduce carbon emissions.

The Company remains committed to working in partnership with other agencies to secure effective action. All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Covid-19 impact

The Covid-19 pandemic affected our work throughout the reporting period and has continued to affect our work to some extent in the current period. Alongside our various partner agencies in the Winchester District, we took appropriate measures to mitigate the impact on staff and supporters of COVID-19 and the various consequent lockdowns, including working from home, social distancing, limited staff furloughing and use of digital solutions to continue our meetings and other activities.

Overall, our activities have not been seriously affected, with meetings to consult and engage our members and supporters, and to contribute to policymaking by local and central government, moving on-line. We continue to follow government policies and advice in

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undertaking our activities in the safest way possible to safeguard the health of our staff and those with whom we work.

The pandemic has also provided an opportunity for our members, staff and supporters to actively demonstrate how we place our communities at the heart of everything that we do.

This included:

- campaigns to support households in learning new, climate friendly skills at home, including the launch of a series of '15-minute checks' to help make homes more energy efficient;
- practical suggestions and encouragement from our food group Incredible Edible Winchester for reconnecting with nature during lockdowns; and
- supporting and advising WCC through our 'Safer Streets' campaign to make the city friendlier to walkers and cyclists and to facilitate social distancing.

Summary of main ongoing and new campaigns and initiatives

Our Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) once again produced valued scientific and technical reports. All our volunteer authors are highly respected experts in their field, with a passion to help combat climate change.

WinACC's 2020 Winchester District Greenhouse Gas Emissions report (based on Government (BEIS) data from 2018), produced by Dr Bob Whitmarsh, shows the difficulty of reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2030 by local action; and even getting to net zero by 2050 will be very challenging. The reductions in greenhouse gas emissions over the last 10 years have resulted from national policy to phase out energy from coal, and by increasing efficiency of petrol motor vehicles. Growth in fuel (energy) consumption in recent years has been from goods vehicles, particularly vans, which increased in number by 55% between 2005 and 2018. Winchester District is not yet contributing a fair share of renewable energy.

Reducing emissions from buildings

In the past, WinACC has run several large projects to motivate and support owners of existing homes to install measures such as insulation and solar panels, so their home uses less energy. Building on these, at the end of the period covered by this report, WinACC secured funding (in partnership with National Energy Foundation and Petersfield Climate Action Network) for Winchester Area 'SuperHomes' Project. This assists in delivering expert service to help existing householders plan and install measures, including newer technologies such as heat pumps, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make their homes more energy efficient and comfortable. The SuperHomes team aims to deliver information and advice to homeowners, arrange access to retrofit trained surveyors and installers, and create a showcase of practical solutions.

We also published maps showing average CO₂ emissions per person resulting from using electricity, mains gas and heating fuels in homes in each of the 47 parishes and 5 wards in Winchester District. These maps can be used by parish councils, community groups and residents to understand their own carbon emissions and decide on climate actions they will take.

The Transport and Planning Action Group focuses on new buildings, contributing a climate perspective to proposals for new developments such as in the central Winchester regeneration area. They also work alongside the City Council to advise on how the next *Winchester District Local Plan* can ensure that new buildings and developments are zero carbon in use, and to reduce the carbon impact of their construction and location.

Reducing emissions from transport

Road traffic already causes around 58% of Winchester's greenhouse gas emissions, so WinACC Transport and Planning Action Group aims to encourage the reduction greenhouse gas emissions from transport and make transport sustainable. We took the strategic decision to focus on systemic structural change, pressing for better facilities for people to walk and cycle, better public transport leading to fewer private vehicles on the roads.

WinACC responds to local and central government consultations, such as the Government's *The Future of Transport* survey, and also actively promotes its ideas to Councillors and policymakers. Campaigns undertaken or continued during the period included:

No M3 widening – campaigning, together with other Winchester climate groups, against Highways England proposals to widen the M3 junction 9 with the A34 at Winchester.

Local Transport Plan 4 – we arranged a public meeting for the County Council, our transport authority, on this framework for shaping transport across the county. We submitted our response during the first consultation and will be monitoring and responding to the next, final, consultation.

Southampton Airport expansion opposition – WinACC participated in the campaign against the runway extension, submitting objections to the planning authority and writing to the Secretary of State. We strongly believe that the Eastleigh Borough Council's resolution to permit the development will be one of a number of embarrassments to the UK Government as it hosts the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow in November 2021.

Air pollution – WinACC continues to have a representative on WCC's Air Quality Steering Group and works with WCC and other parties to help make our air cleaner. An estimated 40 people a year die early in Winchester because of air pollution, particularly from motor vehicle emissions.

We continued to monitor progress, currently slow, towards implementation of the *Winchester Movement Strategy* adopted by HCC and WCC in 2019. We continued to participate in the *Winchester Walking Strategy Group*, pressing for action to make Winchester District better for people on foot, and to support *Cycle Winchester* in their campaign to make Winchester better by bike.

Increasing renewable energy generation

WinACC's Renewable Energy Action Group believes that Winchester District should generate renewable electricity that is a fair contribution to national targets to decarbonise the electricity grid.

Solar Farms – thanks to falling costs, large-scale solar farms have become viable investments without public subsidy; WinACC campaigned in support of high-quality planning applications for solar farms in Winchester District, while remaining sensitive to the need to address and mitigate people's concerns. We also liaised with WCC and parish councils regarding potential sites for solar farms.

Using land to capture carbon, including both soil and woodland carbon sequestration linked to regenerative agriculture.

This was a new topic which WinACC started to work on in 2020. Initial discussions have explored options, including participating in a national collaboration of academics and NGOs to develop a UK carbon capture code and scientific soil sample pilot studies.

A shift of investments from fossil fuels into green business

Hampshire Pension Fund Divestment - WinACC has continued to be active in the Hampshire Pension Fund Divest campaign for members of the Fund to voice their concerns about the Fund's investment policies. The campaign group cooperates with other groups, including UK Divest, making a case for pension money to be taken out of fossil fuel and invested for good.

Hosting guest influencers on ESG investing – we have hosted blogs by various investment industry specialists promoting investing which prioritises environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors or outcomes and sustainable investing.

Working with local communities

WinACC's Community Engagement Group aims to engage peoples' hearts, minds and spirits to take meaningful actions towards lower carbon living across the Winchester District.

Winchester District Green Week - WinACC again supported Green Week, Winchester's annual festival to celebrate and promote sustainable living. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions it went well, building further momentum from the previous year's event. With a theme of 'doing more together', the use of social media encouraged many new organisations to get involved in on-line training and other events.

Incredible Edible Winchester supported people to eat a more sustainable diet. The group runs a community allotment in central Winchester and maintains demonstration planters in two public areas in Winchester city centre.

National policy

WinACC joins with the Climate Coalition and others to create a stronger voice on national policy. This included lobbying our two MPs; encouraging supporters to write to MPs and sign petitions; publicising our reactions to Government climate policy announcements, and towards the end of the year, pulling together a coalition including other Winchester based climate change action groups, the University of Winchester and others to develop initiatives to raise community awareness about COP26 and influence our politicians and those involved in COP26 to commit to bold actions.

Financial review

Everything about the way WinACC works, engages with supporters, fundraises, campaigns has been challenging this year because of the pandemic and government restrictions. WinACC has been in a relatively strong position, having reserves to rely on during the early months of the financial year, and has further been fortunate in its supporters who have donated generously, with an increase in individual donations of 21% in the latter half of the financial year, possibly the result of the new strategy and an appeal from the incoming Chair.

We should mention that the University has been unable to make its usual annual grant in academic year 2020-2021 because of the financial impact of the pandemic.

From January-March 2021 WinACC was a recipient of the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, helping to support flexible working for one member of staff.

Two important service contracts were awarded to WinACC during the year: the first, with South Downs National Park Authority for the supply of data – for which WinACC is grateful to the volunteers who worked on this - and the second with Centre for Sustainable Energy, working for Winchester City Council to engage parishes and communities in action on climate change.

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The Company's income for 2020/21 fell from £80,879 to £68,903, whilst expenditure increased from £56,280 to £67,138. Income in the prior year was boosted by a one-off £18,000 donation from Boomtown. Unrestricted reserves increased during the year to £36,882 on 31 March 2021. This figure is above the upper threshold of the reserves policy (c. £27,000). In the light of uncertainty over the present economic conditions, trustees consider this to be an appropriate level of reserves.

Reserves policy

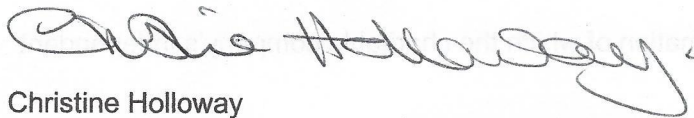
The Company's reserves policy seeks to maintain unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use at a level equivalent to between three and six months' typical unrestricted expenditure.

This level of reserves is intended to help the Company manage financial uncertainty and to give assurance to funders and creditors about its capacity to meet its commitments and manage any unforeseen financial difficulties. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Company's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised or future expenditure reduced. The Trustees are also concerned that reserves should be sufficient to meet additional costs associated with winding up the Company, should that course of action ever be deemed appropriate.

Disclosure of information to independent examiner

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no relevant information (as defined by S418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which they are aware which is relevant to the examination, but of which the examiner is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the examiner is aware of such information. This report has been prepared in accordance with the small company regime (Section 419(2) of the Companies Act 2006).

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



Christine Holloway
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Dated: 10 August 2021

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees, who are also directors of Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Reports and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company, including the income and expenditure for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE TRUSTEES OF WINCHESTER ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE LTD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 12 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

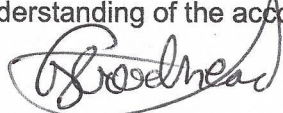
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.



Name: CJ Goodhead FCA, Knight Goodhead Ltd, Chartered Accountants

Address: 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3DA

Date: 8 September 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
(including Income and Expenditure account)

	Notes	2021			2020		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies		44,449	9,021	53,470	51,330	12,950	64,280
Charitable activities	3	8,135	7,200	15,335	6,880	9,621	16,501
Investment income		98	0	98	98	-	98
Total income		52,682	16,221	68,903	58,308	22,571	80,879
Expenditure							
Cost of raising funds		1,260	0	1,260	82	591	673
Charitable activities	5	48,178	17,700	65,878	49,816	5,791	55,607
Total expenditure		49,438	17,700	67,138	49,898	6,382	56,280
Net income / (expenditure) for year		3,244	-1,479	1,765	8,410	16,189	24,599
Transfers		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total fund balances brought forward		33,638	18,010	51,648	25,228	1,821	27,049
Total fund balances carried forward		36,882	16,531	53,413	33,638	18,010	51,648

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

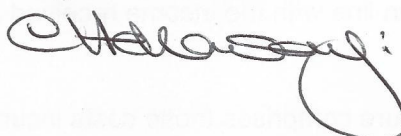
	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		0		0
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	10,451		10,604	
Cash at bank and in hand		44,689		42,136	
		<u>55,140</u>		<u>52,739</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>-1,727</u>		<u>-1,091</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			53,413		51,648
NET ASSETS			<u>53,413</u>		<u>51,648</u>
FUNDS					
General funds			36,882		33,638
Restricted funds	9		16,531		18,010
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>53,413</u>		<u>51,648</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2021 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records, which comply with section 386, and preparing accounts, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the trustees on 10 August 2021

And signed on their behalf by



Christine Holloway
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Dated:

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)); and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of the public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost of transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

c) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacies received by way of grants, donations, legacies and gifts are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, when entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Income received from the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme from January to March is shown under Charitable Activities (Core Funding).

The estimated value of the serviced office provided by the University of Winchester is treated as donation income and the same cost is included in expenditure.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Resources are deferred when, at the end of an accounting period, they have been received but the charity has yet to become unconditionally entitled to them.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. It includes any VAT paid. Costs are apportioned in line with the income received from that source during the year.

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly.

e) Pension Costs

Contributions in respect of the defined contribution scheme used by the Company (NEST) are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year in which they are payable to the scheme. Differences between contributions payable and contributions actually paid in the year are shown as either accruals or prepayments at the year end.

f) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and costs at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt, less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on fixed assets to spread the cost over the estimated useful lives of the relevant assets at the following rates:

Computer equipment: 33.3% straight line

2. LEGAL STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The charitable company was incorporated on 30 March 2012 in the United Kingdom and was registered on 8 February 2013 with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The charity is a public benefit entity.

The registered office of the charitable company is Main Campus, University of Winchester, Sparkford Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 4NR.

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities				
Core activities	1,807	0	1,807	4,500
Fundraising	0	0	0	0
Supporting communities	6,128	2,200	8,328	2,121
Policy development	0	0	0	0
Projects	200	5,000	5,200	9,880
	8,135	7,200	15,335	16,501

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4. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	37,800	33,586
Social security costs	0	0
Pension	962	867
	38,762	34,453

The average number of staff employed during the year was 2.2. No employee received emoluments of £60,000 or more during this year or the prior year.

During the year no trustee was reimbursed for expenses (2020 £126.93).

During the year none of the employees were considered to be key management personnel.

5. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities				
Direct staff costs (see note 4)	31,807	6,955	38,762	34,453
Direct project costs	774	9,723	10,498	2,983
Training and recruitment	20	0	20	275
	32,601	16,679	49,280	37,711
Support costs allocated to activities				
UoW serviced office	11,520	0	11,520	11,520
Payments to contractors	1,237	0	1,237	733
Marketing & communications	1,445	-14	1,431	3,309
Finance	1,020	0	1,020	1,086
Contribution from funds	-1,035	1,035	0	
Depreciation	0	0	0	177
	14,187	1,021	15,208	16,825
Governance costs				
Accountancy and examination fees	1,032	0	1,032	876
Trustee and AGM costs	358	0	358	195
	48,178	17,700	65,878	55,607

Included within accountancy and examination fees above are amounts due to the independent examiners of £480 for 2020 and 2021.

UoW serviced office is the "in kind" donation of serviced office space from the University of Winchester. This has also been included in donation income. Contribution from funds includes an allocation of overhead costs to WinACC from Sustainable Food Partnership grants.

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost at 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	530
Depreciation at 1 April 2020	530
Depreciation charge for the year	0
Depreciation at 31 March 2021	530
Net book value at 31 March 2021	0
Net book value at 31 March 2020	0

All fixed assets have been fully depreciated.

7. DEBTORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Debtors	0	5,500
Accrued income and prepayments	10,451	5,104
	10,451	10,604

8. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,305	166
Accruals	423	925
	1,727	1,091

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Funds b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Funds c/fwd
	£	£	£	£
Greening Colden Common	409	0	0	409
Greening Fulflood	462	0	0	462
Councillor Grants				
Communities	661	0	661	0
Safer Streets	0	800	0	800
Retrofit	0	900	0	900
City Council				
Winchester Data	1,500	0	1,500	0
Branding & Publicity	3,523	0	958	2,565
Buildings & Transport Action	4,777	0	2,062	2,715
SFP Veg Cities	6,678	0	4,423	2,255
Winchester Green Week	0	3,000	2,576	424
Hampshire Climate Action Network	0	271	64	335
Project Z	0	6,250	2,191	4,059
SFP Emergency Fund	0	5,000	3,393	1,607
	18,010	16,221	17,700	16,531

Explanation of Funds:

Greening Colden Common and Greening Fulflood are both orphan funds transferred to WinACC to be used for community environmental projects at the discretion of the trustees.

Councillor Grants refers to grants from individual Hampshire County Councillors. This includes Safer Streets, received from a County Councillor to promote safer streets in Winchester, and Retrofit, to make a film about retrofitting homes.

Branding and Publicity is an anonymous donation to be used to further marketing, branding & publicity work, or as otherwise agreed with the donor.

Buildings & Transport Action is an anonymous donation to be used for buildings or transport projects.

SFP Veg Cities and SFP Emergency Fund are for use in developing the Winchester Food Partnership.

City Council refers to funding received to provide data analysis for Winchester City Council.

Winchester Green Week is a festival of eco events and is supported by WinACC (for the collection of revenues and payment of expenses).

HCAN is the Hampshire Climate Action Network, with which WinACC has an agreement for the provision of support services without charge (for the collection of revenues and payment of expenses).

Project Z is an anonymous donation to be used for projects relating to the retrofitting of buildings, or as otherwise agreed with the donor.

10. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Funds b/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Funds c/fwd £
Designated Funds for Tree Planting for Love Miles subscribers	493	-	490	3
General Funds	33,145	52,680	48,572	37,253
	33,638	52,680	49,062	37,256

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 £
Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Debtors & accrued income	9,201	1,250	10,451	2,604	8,000	10,604
Bank and Cash	29,408	15,281	44,689	31,784	10,351	42,135
Creditors and accruals	-1,727	0	-1,727	- 750	- 341	- 1,091
	36,882	16,531	53,413	33,638	18,010	51,648

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year.