

ELMSWILD

England & Wales · Charity number 1152850

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2013-07-12

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

Contact

Address Rose Cottage
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Activities

Objects: (1) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE PARISH OF ELMSWELL, SUFFOLK, BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIVE SPECIES WOODLAND, ORCHARDS AND WILDLIFE AREAS.(2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: ElmsWild organises a variety of educational activities, including visits to the community woodland by groups of school children, Scouts, Brownies and Guides. Community events are held, for example Apple Day and craft workshops. Regular conservation work parties are held over 4 sites. Forest School runs at Lukeswood. Wildlife surveys are carried out.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£2,897	£2,583	-	-
2024-07-31	£3,446	£3,177	-	-
2023-07-31	£3,870	£3,095	-	-
2022-07-31	£2,617	£2,336	-	-
2021-07-31	£2,817	£1,553	-	-
2020-07-31	£2,165	£2,328	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARY JO FEENEY	Chair	2013-05-23
Hugh Geoffrey Spencer		2022-09-14
JOHN IBBETSON		2013-05-23
Janet Mary Spencer		2022-09-14
Keith Malcolm Harvey		2017-05-08
ROBERT VICTOR BOARDMAN		2013-05-23

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	08	2024		31	07	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

ElmsWild

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1152850

Charity's principal address

Rose Cottage, School Road
 Elmswell
 Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
Postcode IP30 9EA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Victor Boardman	Treasurer		
2	Mary Jo Feeney	Chair		
3	Keith Harvey			
4	John Ibbetson	Vice-Chair		
5	Hugh Geoffrey Spencer			
6	Janet Mary Spencer			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution (Foundation Model)
Adopted 8 April 2013

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

ElmsWild has a Health & Safety policy and a Safeguarding policy, copies of which are given to all existing and new Trustees. Site and activity risk assessments are discussed and reviewed at Trustee Board meetings. All are reviewed annually and circulated to all Trustees. Safety advice is given to all volunteers. Safeguarding training is undertaken by all Trustees.

ElmsWild is a member of The Conservation Volunteers (TCV).

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

- (1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the parish of Elmswell, Suffolk, by the development of native species woodland, orchards and wildlife areas.
- (2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

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

Trustees planned and carried out the year's activities having due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, which was discussed at trustee meetings.

Our activities included:

- Activities with people of all ages, including children from our local uniform groups, and joint activities with other community groups (e.g. talks and displays, open day visits, willow cutting and distribution). This benefits people by providing opportunities for informal learning, encouraging people's positive interaction with the natural environment.
- Events open to all including craft sessions, where possible using material from our own woodland, Apple Day and work parties. This benefits people by providing opportunities to learn and share new skills, and to enhance their local environment.
- Continuing development and maintenance of the community woodland and orchard at Lukeswood, wildlife area at Kiln Meadow, and wildflower meadow at Town Field (keeping paths and rides open, maintaining trees and hedges, maintaining wildflower areas). This benefits people by providing open green space where they can walk, take healthy exercise, be close to nature, and share these experiences with children, families, and other community members.
- Creating and improving wildlife habitats, surveying local wildlife, and participating in local and national wildlife projects. This benefits people by providing opportunities to explore nature on their doorstep and contribute to its conservation.
- Maintaining and improving other local natural areas (e.g. public garden, mini wildflower meadows and scattered orchard). This benefits people by providing pleasant open/green spaces for recreation and enjoyment, and by encouraging people to introduce more nature friendly habitats in their own gardens.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The Trustees are very grateful for the contribution of volunteers who help maintain our wildlife and woodland sites and who also assist with community events and educational activities. In particular the Trustees would like to acknowledge:

- Continuing help received from volunteers from BT, who have assisted with work at Lukeswood.
- The help and cooperation received from members of the Trefoil Guild towards community activities, and especially for keeping our first aid equipment up to date.
- Support from local tree conservation group, the Wandering Woodsmen.
- Advice and assistance given by officers from the RSPB, and by members of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society, Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk Butterfly Conservation.

Trustees also acknowledge the support of local parish, district and county councillors.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the yearEducational activities

Members of ElmsWild continued to facilitate educational and recreational visits by local groups, including Elmswell Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, Elmswell Toddlers and Trefoil Guild.

Under new management Street Farm Nursery was no longer able to maintain its connection with Lukeswood. However, Forest School visits continued with another local organiser.

ElmsWild established links with other local groups, including Walsham Wild Woods and Stowupland Biodiversity Group, with exchange visits taking place.

Community activities and events

In September our Lukeswood Apple Day was enjoyed by many visitors, with stalls and activities from village organisations and local crafters.

ElmsWild volunteers gave a talk to the Mid Suffolk Green Party in October.

Community willow cutting was again held in January and bundles distributed to residents for their own garden and craft projects.

In May ElmsWild held an open afternoon at Lukeswood to welcome families who had recently moved to the village – “Walk, Talk and Eat Cake”.

Wildlife/conservation activities and achievements

The annual cut and rake at Kiln Meadow, Town Field and the orchard at Lukeswood were carried out successfully in September.

Work continued on establishing a wildflower meadow and on restoring the ancient hedges at Town Field.

With help from the RSPB, ElmsWild joined Operation Turtle Dove, with the aim of encouraging turtle doves to feed and breed at Lukeswood.

Volunteers helped to build a stag beetle stumpery and a reptile hibernaculum at Lukeswood.

Trustees were pleased to be able to record the presence of Wasp Spiders at Lukeswood.

Trustees recorded a good year for orchids, with four varieties present at Lukeswood.

Craft activities

Trustees held two willow weaving sessions at Lukeswood, led by local experts and open to residents to join in.

An open community event, “Hands On at Lukeswood”, provided a carousel of craft activities, suitable for all ages.

Our Crafty Christmas event was this year devoted to raising funds for St Nicholas Hospice Care.

Other achievements

With the help of a Locality Budget grant Trustees installed a new wheelchair friendly picnic bench at Lukeswood, which will help to make our woodland more accessible to all members of the community.

A new sign was installed at the southern end of Lukeswood to welcome visitors approaching from this direction on the public right of way.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold £5964 at this year end and aim to hold at least £3000 to meet running costs and any unforeseen expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Our main sources of income this year have been: donations from local organisations and individuals; fundraising events; parish council grant; County Council Locality Budget grant.

The funds raised have gone towards:

- Basic running costs which allow us to keep our sites open for everyone to enjoy, including insurance.
- Maintaining/developing the woodland, orchards and wildspace, including the tools and equipment required to do this.
- Provision of new equipment to facilitate conservation work in the village.
- Provision of facilities to enhance accessibility of our community woodland

Section F

Other optional information


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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mary Jo Feeney	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	29/05/2026	



Charity Name ElmsWild	No (if any) 1152850
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2024	To	Period end date 31/07/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,674	-	-	1,674	2,027
Fund-raising events	598	-	-	598	1,025
Grants	625	-	-	625	394
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,897	-	-	2,897	3,446
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,897	-	-	2,897	3,446
A3 Payments					
Insurance	245	-	-	245	240
Rental	175	-	-	175	175
Administration	26	-	-	26	-
Professional fees	344	-	-	344	737
Repairs & maintenance	418	-	-	418	1,400
Events expenses	188	-	-	188	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,396	-	-	1,396	2,552
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Tools & equipment	1,187	-	-	1,187	625
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,187	-	-	1,187.00	625
Total payments	2,583	-	-	2,583	3,177
Net of receipts/(payments)	314	-	-	314	269
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,650	-	-	5,650	5,381
Cash funds this year end	5,964	-	-	5,964	5,650

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account & cash	5,964	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,964	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

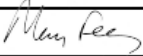
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land 6.6 acres at Lukeswood	Restricted	-	-
	Trees planted	Restricted	-	-
	Tools, equipment & storage	Restricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARY FEENEY	29/05/2026

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CONFIRMATION

The Trustees confirm that:

No guarantees have been given by ElmsWild CIO where any potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

There is no debt outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by ElmsWild CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

Signature:



Print Name:

MARY JO FEENEY

Date of Approval:

29/05/2026



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

ElmsWild

On accounts for the year
ended

31 July 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1152850

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

05/12/2025

Name:

MICHAEL JOHN MAWSON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Address:

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Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
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Charity name ElmsWild

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1152850

Charity's principal address

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Elmswell	
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution (Foundation Model) Adopted 8 April 2013
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Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

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Our activities included:

- Activities with people of all ages, including children from our local nursery and uniform groups, and joint activities with other community groups (e.g. talks and displays, hedge planting, willow cutting and distribution). This benefits people by providing opportunities for informal learning, encouraging people's positive interaction with the natural environment, and for community cohesion.
- Events open to the whole community including craft sessions, where possible using material from our own woodland, Apple Day and work parties. This benefits people by providing opportunities to learn and share new skills, and to enhance their local environment.
- Continuing development and maintenance of the community woodland and orchard at Lukeswood, wildlife area at Kiln Meadow, and wildflower meadow at Town Field (keeping paths and rides open, maintaining trees and hedges, maintaining wildflower areas). This benefits people by providing open green space where they can walk, take healthy exercise, be close to nature, and share these experiences with children, families, and other community members.
- Creating and improving wildlife habitats (hedgerows, trees, wildflower areas, grassland, ponds) and surveying local wildlife. This benefits people by providing opportunities to explore nature on their doorstep and contribute to its conservation.
- Maintaining and improving other local natural areas (e.g. public garden, mini wildflower meadows and scattered orchard). This benefits people by providing pleasant open/green spaces for recreation and enjoyment.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The Trustees are very grateful for the contribution of volunteers who help maintain our wildlife and woodland sites and who also assist with community events and educational activities. In particular the Trustees would like to acknowledge:

- Help received from volunteers from BT, who have assisted with community hedge planting activities.
- Help received from local developers Bloor, who provided a volunteer team for hedge planting and donated items such as water storage containers.
- The help and cooperation received from members of the Trefoil Guild towards community activities, and especially for keeping our first aid equipment up to date.
- Continuing advice and assistance given by members of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society, Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk Butterfly Conservation.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the yearEducational activities

Members of ElmsWild continued to facilitate educational and recreational visits by local groups, including Elmswell Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, Elmswell Toddlers and Trefoil Guild.

Forest School visits to Lukeswood by children and staff from Street Farm Nursery continued, including a graduation celebration for children and parents.

Officers from Suffolk County Council (Ecology, Archaeology, Rights of Way) visited Lukeswood as part of a professional development day.

Community activities and events

In September Trustees were pleased to host Apple Day again at Lukeswood, where we welcomed stalls and activities from many village organisations and local crafters. Community willow cutting was held in January and bundles distributed to residents for their own garden and craft projects. ElmsWild volunteers gave a talk to the ElmsWild Gardening Club. ElmsWild played a major role in organising and implementing a large-scale hedge planting project at Blackbourne community centre to enclose new playing fields and amenity land. This involved two community and two volunteer planting days.

Wildlife/conservation activities

The annual cut and rake at Kiln Meadow, Town Field and the orchard at Lukeswood were carried out successfully in September.

Work continued on establishing a wildflower meadow at Town Field.

Work began on restoring the ancient hedges at Town Field.

The tree nursery next to the village library was maintained and saplings transferred to the new Blackbourne hedge.

Conservation work was facilitated by the acquisition of small hand tools, made possible by a grant from Mid Suffolk District Council's Pride in your Place fund.

Craft activities

Trustees held three willow weaving sessions at Lukeswood, led by local experts and open to residents to join in.

ElmsWild Spoon Club, after initial success, was unfortunately disbanded due to the small numbers attending regularly.

Other achievements

ElmsWild Trustees discussed with Elmswell Parish Council strategies for hedge and grassland management at various sites in the village with the aim of supporting biodiversity in our community.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold £5650 at this year end and aim to hold at least £2500 to meet running costs and any unforeseen expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Our main sources of income this year have been: donations from local organisations and individuals, and Elmswell parish council; fundraising events; District Council Pride in your Place grant.

The funds raised have gone towards:

- Basic running costs which allow us to keep our sites open for everyone to enjoy, including insurance.
- Maintaining/developing the woodland, orchards and wildspace, including the tools and equipment required to do this.
- Provision of new equipment to facilitate conservation work in the village.

Section F

Other optional information

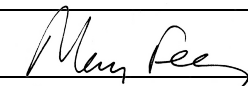
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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mary Jo Feeney	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	28/05/2024	



Charity Name ElmsWild	No (if any) 1152850
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2023	To	Period end date 31/07/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,027	-	-	2,027	1,886
Fund-raising events	1,025	-	-	1,025	984
Grants	394	-	-	394	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,446	-	-	3,446	3,870
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,446	-	-	3,446	3,870
A3 Payments					
Insurance	240	-	-	240	436
Rental	175	-	-	175	175
Administration	-	-	-	-	29
Professional fees	737	-	-	737	640
Repairs & maintenance	1,400	-	-	1,400	377
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,552	-	-	2,552	1,657
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Tools & equipment	625	-	-	625	1,438
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	625	-	-	625.00	1,438
Total payments	3,177	-	-	3,177	3,095
Net of receipts/(payments)	269	-	-	269	775
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,381	-	-	5,381	4,606
Cash funds this year end	5,650	-	-	5,650	5,381

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account & cash	5,650	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,650	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

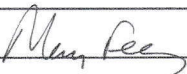
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land 6.6 acres at Lukeswood	Restricted	-	-
	Trees planted	Restricted	-	-
	Tools, equipment & storage	Restricted	-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARY FEENEY	28/05/2025

ElmsWild Charity No. 1152850

Receipts and Payments Accounts

CONFIRMATION

The Trustees confirm that:

No guarantees have been given by ElmsWild CIO where any potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

There is no debt outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by ElmsWild CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

Signature:



Print Name:

MARY JO FEENEY

Date of Approval:

28/05/2025



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

ElmsWild

On accounts for the year
ended

31 July 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1152850

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

10/10/2024

Name:

MICHAEL JOHN MAWSON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Address:

5 BORLEY CRESCENT
ELMSWELL, BURY ST. EDMUNDS
SUFFOLK IP30 9UG

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Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

ELMSWILD

England & Wales - Charity number 1152850

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	08	2022	To	31	07	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

ElmsWild

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1152850

Charity's principal address

Rose Cottage, School Road
 Elmswell
 Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
Postcode IP30 9EA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Victor Boardman	Treasurer		
2	Mary Jo Feeney	Chair		
3	Keith Harvey			
4	John Ibbetson	Vice-Chair		
5	Lisa Jane Pratt		To 26 May 2023	
6	Hugh Geoffrey Spencer		From 12 Sept 2022	
7	Janet Mary Spencer		From 12 Sept 2022	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution (Foundation Model) Adopted 8 April 2013
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>ElmsWild has a Health & Safety policy and a Safeguarding policy, copies of which are given to all existing and new Trustees. Site and activity risk assessments are maintained. All are reviewed annually and circulated to all Trustees. Safety advice is given to all volunteers. Safeguarding training is undertaken by all Trustees.</p> <p>ElmsWild is a member of The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) and Community Action Suffolk.</p> <p>ElmsWild receives advice and support from Orchards East on matters relating to the community orchard.</p> <p>All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the parish of Elmswell, Suffolk, by the development of native species woodland, orchards and wildlife areas. (2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Trustees planned and carried out the year's activities having due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, which was discussed at trustee meetings.

Our activities included:

- Activities with people of all ages, including children from our local nursery and uniform groups, and joint activities with other community groups (e.g. village festival and exhibition, tree-planting, willow cutting and distribution). This benefits people by providing opportunities for informal learning, encouraging people's positive interaction with the natural environment, and for community cohesion.
- Events open to the whole community, including craft sessions, Apple Day and work parties. This benefits people by providing opportunities to learn and share new skills, and to enhance their local environment.
- Continuing development and maintenance of the community woodland and orchard at Lukeswood, wildlife area at Kiln Meadow, and wildflower meadow at Town Field (keeping paths and rides open, maintaining trees and hedges, maintaining wildflower areas). This benefits people by providing open green space where they can walk, take healthy exercise, be close to nature, and share these experiences with children, families, and other community members.
- Creating and improving wildlife habitats (hedgerows, trees, wildflower areas, grassland, ponds) and surveying local wildlife. This benefits people by providing opportunities to explore nature on their doorstep and contribute to its conservation.
- Maintaining and improving other local natural areas (e.g. public garden, mini wildflower meadows and scattered orchard), and planting trees at various sites within the village. This benefits people by providing pleasant open/green spaces for recreation and enjoyment.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The Trustees are very grateful for the contribution of volunteers who help maintain our wildlife and woodland sites and who also assist with community events and educational activities. In particular the Trustees would like to acknowledge:

- Help received from volunteers from BT, who have assisted with conservation work at Lukeswood.
- The help and cooperation received from members of the Trefoil Guild towards community activities, and especially for keeping our first aid equipment up to date.
- The help and support received from the staff of Street Farm Nursery.
- Continuing advice and assistance given by members of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society, Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk Butterfly Conservation.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the yearEducational activities

Members of ElmsWild continued to facilitate educational and recreational visits by local groups, including Elmswell Rainbows, Elmswell Toddlers and Trefoil Guild.

Regular visits to Lukeswood by children and staff from Street Farm Nursery Forest School continued; a Halloween party and graduation celebration were also held for children and parents at Lukeswood.

Community activities and events

In September Trustees were very pleased to host Apple Day at Lukeswood again after several years' cancellations due to pandemic restrictions. Community willow cutting was held in January and bundles distributed to residents for their own garden and craft projects. ElmsWild volunteers provided an information stall at the Village Exhibition in July and a craft demonstration stall at the Village Ukulele Festival also in July.

Wildlife/conservation activities

In May Trustees were very pleased to welcome a volunteer team from BT who carried out various conservation tasks at Lukeswood and the wildflower areas in the village.

The annual cut and rake at Kiln Meadow, Town Field and the orchard at Lukeswood were carried out successfully in September.

Work continued on establishing a wildflower meadow at Town Field, by sowing patches with wildflower seed, particularly Yellow Rattle.

Trustees planted a "Sandringham" apple variety in the orchard in memory of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

The summer of 2022 was extremely hot and dry, which meant that Trustees had to take extra precautions against fire risk. Several recently planted trees were lost to drought at this time. The donation from local builders Bloor Homes of two large water containers to harvest rainwater will help to mitigate against these conditions in future.

A tree nursery was established on land next to the village library, which was used to hold 500 saplings for planting out later in the year.

The purchase of 3 trail cameras, thanks to a Locality Budget grant, enabled us to identify deer, foxes and badgers at Lukeswood.

A small group of 9 trees and shrubs was planted on land next to houses at Clayfields, using biodegradable tree shelters.

Following the discovery at Kiln Meadow of a dead sparrowhawk, subsequently tested by DEFRA and identified as suffering from bird flu, Trustees alerted other local organisations and put up warning notices at all sites.

Craft activities

Trustees held five spoon carving and willow weaving sessions at Lukeswood, led by local experts and open to residents to join in.

Wherever possible, events made use of material from our own woodland.

These activities were greatly facilitated by the purchase of a new event gazebo, tools, and tables, enabled by Locality Budget grants from our county council and district council councillors.

ElmsWild Spoon Club was inaugurated in April for residents wishing to develop their skills in green woodworking.

Other achievements

ElmsWild renewed the agreement with Elmswell Pools Land charity to manage Town Field for a period of 3 years (instead of one) which will allow for longer-term management planning.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold £5381 at this year end and aim to hold at least £2000 to meet running costs and any unforeseen expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Our main sources of income this year have been: donations from local organisations and individuals, and Elmswell parish council; fundraising events; County and District Council Locality Budget grants.

The funds raised have gone towards:

- Basic running costs which allow us to keep our sites open for everyone to enjoy, including insurance.
- Maintaining/developing the woodland, orchards and wildspace, including the tools and equipment required to do this.
- Provision of new equipment to facilitate community events and activities.

Section F

Other optional information

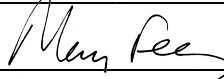
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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mary Jo Feeney	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	22/05/2024	



ElmsWild		No 1152850		CC16a	
Receipts and payments accounts					
For the period from	01/08/2022	To	31/07/2023		

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,886	-	-	1,886	2,502
Fund-raising events	984	-	-	984	115
Grants	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,870	-	-	3,870	2,617
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,870	-	-	3,870	2,617
A3 Payments					
Insurance	436	-	-	436	292
Rental	175	-	-	175	150
Administration	29	-	-	29	-
Professional fees	640	-	-	640	111
Repairs & maintenance	377	-	-	377	1,175
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,657	-	-	1,657	1,728
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Tools & equipment	1,438	-	-	1,438	608
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,438	-	-	1,438.00	608
Total payments	3,095	-	-	3,095	2,336
Net of receipts/(payments)	775	-	-	775	281
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,606	-	-	4,606	4,325
Cash funds this year end	5,381	-	-	5,381	4,606

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account & cash	5,381	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,381	-	-

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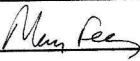
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land 6.6 acres at Lukeswood	Restricted	-	-
	Trees planted	Restricted	-	-
	Tools, equipment & storage	Restricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARY FEENEY	22/05/2024

ElmsWild Charity No. 1152850

Receipts and Payments Accounts

CONFIRMATION

The Trustees confirm that:

No guarantees have been given by ElmsWild CIO where any potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

There is no debt outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by ElmsWild CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

Signature:



Print Name:

MARY JO FEENEY

Date of Approval:

22/05/2024



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

ElmsWild

On accounts for the year
ended

31 July 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1152850

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

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

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

09/10/23

Name:

MICHAEL JOHN MAWSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Address:

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ELMSWELL, BURY ST. EDMUNDS
SUFFOLK IP30 9UG

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

ELMSWILD

England & Wales - Charity number 1152850

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	08	2021	To	31	07	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

ElmsWild

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1152850

Charity's principal address

Rose Cottage, School Road
 Elmswell
 Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
Postcode IP30 9EA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Victor Boardman	Treasurer		
2	Mary Jo Feeney	Chair		
3	Keith Harvey			
4	John Ibbetson	Vice-Chair		
5	Maria Sol Indurain		To 25/04/2022	
6	Lisa Jane Pratt			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution (Foundation Model)
Adopted 8 April 2013

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

ElmsWild has a Health & Safety policy and a Safeguarding policy, copies of which are given to all existing and new Trustees. Site risk assessments for the sites for which we are responsible and activity risk assessments are maintained. All are reviewed annually and circulated to all Trustees. Safety advice is given to all volunteers. Safeguarding training is undertaken by all Trustees.

ElmsWild is affiliated to the Green Light Trust.

ElmsWild is a member of The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) and Community Action Suffolk.

ElmsWild receives advice and support from Orchards East on matters relating to the community orchard.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

- (1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the parish of Elmswell, Suffolk, by the development of native species woodland, orchards and wildlife areas.
- (2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

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

Trustees planned and carried out the year's activities having due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, which was discussed at trustee meetings.

Our activities included:

- Activities with people of all ages, including children from our local nursery and uniform groups, and joint activities with other community groups, including Elmswell Art Club and Stowmarket Eco Futures. This benefits people by providing opportunities for informal learning, encouraging people's positive interaction with the natural environment, and for community cohesion.
- Events open to the whole community (general work parties, willow cutting and distribution, litter picks, open wild gardens, wildflower meadow maintenance and creation). This benefits people by providing opportunities to learn and share new skills, and to enhance their local environment.
- Continuing development and maintenance of the community woodland and orchard at Lukeswood, wildlife area at Kiln Meadow, and new wildflower meadow at Town Field (keeping paths and rides open, maintaining trees and hedges, maintaining wildflower areas). This benefits people by providing open green space where they can walk, take healthy exercise, be close to nature, and share these experiences with children, families, and other community members. This is increasingly important in our expanding village where green space is becoming scarcer.
- Creating and improving wildlife habitats (hedgerows, trees, wildflower areas, grassland, ponds) and surveying local wildlife. This benefits people by providing opportunities to explore nature on their doorstep and contribute to its conservation.
- Maintaining and improving other local natural areas (e.g. public garden, mini wildflower meadows and scattered orchard). This benefits people by providing pleasant open/green spaces for recreation and enjoyment.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The Trustees are very grateful for the contribution of volunteers who help maintain our wildlife and woodland sites and who also assist with community events and educational activities. In particular the Trustees would like to acknowledge:

- Help received from volunteers from Anglian Water, who have assisted with conservation work at Kiln Meadow.
- The help and cooperation received from members of the Trefoil Guild towards community activities, and especially for keeping our first aid equipment up to date.
- The help and support received from the staff of Street Farm Nursery.
- Continuing advice and assistance given by members of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society, Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk Butterfly Conservation.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the yearEducational activities

Members of ElmsWild continued to facilitate educational activities and visits by local groups and organisations, including Guides, Scouts, Elmswell Toddlers and Trefoil Guild.

Regular visits to Lukeswood by children and staff from Street Farm Nursery Forest School continued; a Christmas party and graduation celebration were also held for children and parents at Lukeswood.

Community activities and events

Although Trustees decided to cancel Apple Day again due to uncertainty about government restrictions, we were nevertheless able to organise a variety of community activities, especially events associated with the Great Big Green Week in September 2021 (art exhibition in association with Elmswell Art Club, a wild garden open afternoon, seed scattering at Town Field, Forest School open morning, litter pick with Elmswell Scouts, distribution of packets of wildflower seeds, air quality action at the railway level crossing). We also held a willow cutting event and distributed bundles to members of the public who were interested in using willow for a variety of garden and craft projects. Trustees contributed an information stall at an Eco Fair organised by the Stowmarket Eco Futures group.

Wildlife/conservation activities

The annual cut and rake at Kiln Meadow was again carried out with the assistance of volunteers from Anglian Water.

A new rotational mowing regime was started in the orchard (one quarter of the site per year) in order to protect and encourage overwintering invertebrates.

Work started to establish a wildflower meadow at Town Field, using Yellow Rattle seed.

Trustees were pleased to accept donations of trees at Lukeswood as part of the Queen's Green Canopy scheme and the Mid Suffolk District Council Tree for Life project.

Volunteers continued the programme of tree guard removal at Lukeswood in order to remove plastic from the environment.

An extension was made to the willow bed along with a protective 'fedge'.

Other achievements

ElmsWild renewed for a further year the agreement with Elmswell Poor Lands charity to manage Town Field which is being developed as a wildflower meadow.

Members of ElmsWild, along with other volunteers, have continued to maintain the Elmswell Memorial Garden and to keep it open for the local community to enjoy.

Trustees were pleased to receive a generous donation from a local resident, which was used to provide a picnic bench at Lukeswood for use by the local community.

Several new volunteers have been welcomed to the group. Occasional Saturday work parties have been started to allow volunteers who are unable to attend on weekdays to join in.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold £4606 at this year end and aim to hold at least £1000 to meet running costs and any unforeseen expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Our main sources of income this year have been donations from local organisations and individuals, and the parish council.

The funds raised have gone towards:

- Basic running costs which allow us to keep our sites open for everyone to enjoy, including insurance.
- Maintaining/developing the woodland, orchards and wildspace, including the tools and equipment required to do this.
- Provision of equipment such as a picnic bench.
- Development of a new wildflower meadow at Town Field.
- Holding community events and activities


Section F Other optional information

The lifting of Coronavirus lockdowns has allowed work parties, visits and community events to recommence.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mary Jo Feeney	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	09/05/2023	



Charity Name
ElmsWild

No. (if any)
152250

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/08/2021 To 31/07/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,502	-	-	2,502	2,227
Fund-raising events	115	-	-	115	90
Grants	-	-	-	-	500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,617	-	-	2,617	2,817
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,617	-	-	2,617	2,817
A3 Payments					
Insurance	292	-	-	292	218
Rental	150	-	-	150	150
Administration & professional fees	111	-	-	111	-
Repairs & maintenance	1,175	-	-	1,175	390
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,728	-	-	1,728	758
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Tools & equipment	608	-	-	608	795
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	608	-	-	608.00	795
Total payments	2,336	-	-	2,336	1,553
Net of receipts/(payments)	281	-	-	281	1,264
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,325	-	-	4,325	3,061
Cash funds this year end	4,606	-	-	4,606	4,325

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account & cash	4,606	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,606	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

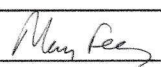
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land (6.6 acres at Lukeswood)	Restricted	-	-
	Trees planted	Restricted	-	-
	Tools, equipment & storage	Restricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARY FEENEY	09/05/2023

ElmsWild Charity No. 1152850

Receipts and Payments Accounts

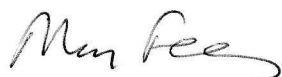
CONFIRMATION

The Trustees confirm that:

No guarantees have been given by ElmsWild CIO where any potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

There is no debt outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by ElmsWild CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

Signature:



Print Name:

MARY JO FEENEY

Date of Approval:

09/05/2023



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

On accounts for the year ended Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

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

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

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

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

Name: MICHAEL JOHN MAWSON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: 5 BORLEY CRESCENT
ELMSWELL BURY ST EDMUNDS,
SUFFOLK IP30 9UG

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

ELMSWILD

England & Wales - Charity number 1152850

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	08	2020	To	31	07	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

ElmsWild

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1152850

Charity's principal address

Rose Cottage, School Road
 Elmswell
 Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
Postcode IP30 9EA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Victor Boardman	Treasurer		
2	Mary Jo Feeney	Chair		
3	Keith Harvey			
4	John Ibbetson	Vice-Chair		
5	Maria Sol Indurain			
6	Lisa Jane Pratt			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution (Foundation Model) Adopted 8 April 2013
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>ElmsWild has a Health & Safety policy and a Safeguarding policy, copies of which are given to all existing and new Trustees. Site risk assessments for the sites for which we are responsible and activity risk assessments are maintained. All are reviewed annually and circulated to all Trustees. Safety advice is given to all volunteers. Safeguarding training is undertaken by all Trustees.</p> <p>ElmsWild is affiliated to the Green Light Trust.</p> <p>ElmsWild is a member of The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) and Community Action Suffolk.</p> <p>ElmsWild receives advice and support from Orchards East on matters relating to the community orchard.</p> <p>All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the parish of Elmswell, Suffolk, by the development of native species woodland, orchards and wildlife areas. (2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Trustees planned and carried out the year's activities having due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, which was discussed at trustee meetings.

Our activities included:

- Events open to the whole community (general work parties, wildflower meadow creation, willow cutting and distribution). This benefits people by providing opportunities to learn new skills, and to enhance their local environment.
- Activities with people of all ages, including children from our local nursery and uniform groups (learning about wildlife, craft activities). This benefits people by providing facilities for learning outside the classroom, learning about nature, and encouraging people's positive interaction with the natural environment.
- Development and maintenance of the community woodland and orchard at Lukeswood and wildlife area at Kiln Meadow (keeping paths and rides open, maintaining trees and hedges, maintaining wildflower areas). This benefits people by providing natural areas where they can walk, take healthy exercise, be close to nature, and share these experiences with children, families, and other community members. It has been particularly important during the pandemic restrictions to provide natural areas where people can enjoy outside exercise.
- Creating and improving wildlife habitats (hedgerows, wildflower areas, woodpiles, ponds) and surveying local wildlife. This benefits people by providing opportunities to explore nature on their doorstep and contribute to its conservation.
- Maintaining and improving other local natural areas (e.g. public garden, mini wildflower meadows and scattered orchard), and establishing a new project at Town Field This benefits people by providing pleasant open/green spaces for recreation and enjoyment.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The Trustees are very grateful for the contribution of volunteers who help out at our wildlife and woodland sites and who also help with community events and educational activities. In particular the Trustees would like to acknowledge:

- Help received from teams of volunteers from Anglian Water and Thomas & Young, who have assisted with conservation work.
- The help and cooperation received from members of the Trefoil Guild towards community activities.
- The help and support received from the staff of Street Farm Nursery.
- Continuing advice and assistance given by members of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society, Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk Butterfly Conservation.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the yearEducational activities

Whenever Covid restrictions permitted members of ElmsWild continued to facilitate educational activities and visits by local groups and organisations, including Rainbows, Elmswell Toddlers and Trefoil Guild. Visits to Lukeswood by children and staff from Street Farm Nursery Forest School continued wherever possible.

Community activities and events

It was difficult to hold community events during the year and our annual Apple Day was unfortunately cancelled due to the government restrictions. However, we were able to cut willow and distribute bundles to members of the public who were interested in using willow for a variety of garden and craft projects.

Wildlife/conservation activities

Work parties were suspended at various times during the year in order to comply with government restrictions. However, essential maintenance work was continued at all sites by volunteers working alone. ElmsWild adopted TCV guidelines for safe working during the pandemic. The annual cut and rake at Kiln Meadow was again carried out with the assistance of volunteers from Anglian Water. A group of volunteers from Thomas & Young helped with maintenance of the mini wildflower meadows.

In March Trustees were delighted to find a rare fungus at Lukeswood, *Caloscypha fulgens*, which was confirmed as only the second record for Suffolk by the County Recorder.

Trustees started a programme of tree guard removal at Lukeswood in order to remove plastic from the environment.

Other achievements

ElmsWild negotiated and signed an agreement with Elmswell Poor Lands charity to manage Town Field, an historic field in the village, with the aim of establishing a wildflower meadow.

Members of ElmsWild, along with other volunteers, have continued to maintain the Elmswell Memorial Garden and to keep it open for the local community to enjoy.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold £4325 at this year end and aim to hold at least £1000 to meet running costs and any unforeseen expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Our main sources of income this year have been donations from local organisations and parish council, along with a Locality Budget grant from Mid Suffolk Council.

The funds raised have gone towards:

- Basic running costs which allow us to keep our sites open for everyone to enjoy.
- Purchase of PPE to facilitate safe working during the pandemic.
- Maintaining/developing the woodland, orchards and wildspace, including the tools and equipment required to do this.
- Development of a new wildflower meadow at Town Field.
- Holding community events and activities

Section F

Other optional information


The Coronavirus pandemic and successive lockdowns have continued to be a challenge during the year. Workparties were suspended from December 2020 until April 2021 and in-person Board meetings could not be held from November 2020 to March 2021. Some community events also had to be cancelled. However, essential maintenance work continued, with volunteers working individually. This has meant that all of our sites remained open for local people to enjoy access to open space. Trustees remained in regular contact through email and phone calls; Board meetings were held outside at Lukeswood during the summer months.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mary Jo Feeney	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	09/05/2022	



Charity Name
ElmsWild

No (if any)
1152450

Receipts and payments accounts

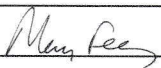
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For the period from 01/08/2020 To 31/07/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	2,227	-	-	2,227	1,665
Grants	500	-	-	500	500
Fund-raising events	90	-	-	90	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,817	-	-	2,817	2,165
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,817	-	-	2,817	2,165
A3 Payments					
Insurance	218	-	-	218	218
Rental	150	-	-	150	-
Administration & professional fees	-	-	-	-	35
Repairs & maintenance	390	-	-	390	1,170
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	758	-	-	758	1,423
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Tools & equipment	795	-	-	795	372
Trees & shrubs	-	-	-	-	533
Sub total	795	-	-	795.00	905
Total payments	1,553	-	-	1,553	2,328
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,264	-	-	1,264	- 163
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,061	-	-	3,061	3,224
Cash funds this year end	4,325	-	-	4,325	3,061

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account & cash	4,325	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,325	-	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Land (6.6 acres at Lukeswood)	Restricted	-	-
	Trees planted	Restricted	-	-
	Tools, equipment & storage	Restricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			MARY FEENEY	09/05/2022

ElmsWild Charity No. 1152850

Receipts and Payments Accounts

CONFIRMATION

The Trustees confirm that:

No guarantees have been given by ElmsWild CIO where any potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

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Signature:



Print Name:

MARY JO FEENEY

Date of Approval:

09/05/2022



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

On accounts for the year ended Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

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

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Signed:

Date:

Name: MICHAEL JOHN MAWSON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: 5 BORLEY CRESCENT
ELMSWELL BURY ST. EDMUNDS,
SUFFOLK IP30 9UG

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

ELMSWILD

England & Wales - Charity number 1152850

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	08	2019		31	07	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

ElmsWild

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1152850

Charity's principal address

Rose Cottage, School Road
 Elmswell
 Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
Postcode IP30 9EA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Victor Boardman	Treasurer		
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3	Keith Harvey			
4	John Ibbetson	Vice-Chair		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution (Foundation Model)
Adopted 8 April 2013

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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ElmsWild is a member of The Conservation Volunteers and Community Action Suffolk.

ElmsWild receives advice and support from Orchards East on matters relating to the community orchard.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

- (1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the parish of Elmswell, Suffolk, by the development of native species woodland, orchards and wildlife areas.
- (2) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

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

Trustees planned and carried out the year's activities having due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, which was discussed at trustee meetings.

Our activities included:

- Events open to the whole community (general work parties, wildflower meadow creation, Community Apple Day, Wassail, fruit tree planting). This benefits people by providing opportunities to learn new skills, and to enhance their local environment.
- Activities with people of all ages, including children from our local nursery and uniform groups (learning about wildlife, craft activities). This benefits people by providing facilities for learning outside the classroom, learning about nature, and encouraging people's positive interaction with the natural environment.
- Development and maintenance of the community woodland and orchard at Lukeswood and wildlife area at Kiln Meadow (keeping paths and rides open, maintaining trees and hedges, maintaining wildflower areas). This benefits people by providing natural areas where they can walk, take healthy exercise, be close to nature, and share these experiences with children, families, and other community members.
- Creating and improving wildlife habitats (hedgerows, wildflower areas, woodpiles, ponds) and surveying local wildlife. This benefits people by providing opportunities to explore nature on their doorstep and contribute to its conservation.
- Maintaining and improving other local natural areas (e.g. public garden), establishing mini wildflower meadows and a scattered orchard. This benefits people by providing pleasant open/green spaces for recreation and enjoyment.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The Trustees are very grateful for the contribution of volunteers who help out at our wildlife and woodland sites and who also help with community events and educational activities. In particular the Trustees would like to acknowledge:

- Help received from teams of volunteers from BT and Anglian Water, who have assisted with conservation work at both Lukeswood and Kiln Meadow.
- The help and cooperation received from staff, governors and parents of Elmswell Primary School.
- The contribution made by the Trefoil Guild towards joint fund-raising activities.
- The help and support received from the staff of Street Farm Nursery.
- Continuing advice and assistance given by members of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society, Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service, and Suffolk Butterfly Conservation.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the yearEducational activities

Members of ElmsWild have continued to carry out educational activities with local groups and organisations, including local Guides and Beavers who all visited Lukeswood to carry out a range of activities.

Children and staff from Street Farm Nursery have continued to use Lukeswood as the base for their popular and successful Forest School activities.

At our Apple Day our fruit ID and information service was again very popular with residents from Elmswell and surrounding villages.

Community activities and events

Our Apple Day was again held in September and was well attended and enjoyed by the public. This event featured games and children's activities, local craft stalls, and refreshments provided by the Trefoil Guild. The ElmsWild Stall featured nestboxes and craft items made from materials from the woodland, e.g. willow.

In January we held a Wassail celebration at Lukeswood for families who had attended a workparty to extend some of our mini wildflower meadows, including a campfire and a bring-and-share lunch.

ElmsWild had stalls at two community events in the village – Elmsfest and the St John's Church Christmas Fair – with crafts and decorations made from natural materials from our wildlife sites.

Wildlife/conservation activities

Weekly work parties continued until March with conservation work carried out at both sites. At Lukeswood a regular regime of mowing has kept open rides and paths, while the annual cut and rake at Kiln Meadow was again carried out with the assistance of volunteers from Anglian Water. A group of volunteers from BT helped with raking at Lukeswood and also worked on various habitat improvement projects.

New nestboxes were installed at Kiln Meadow.

In December 50 saplings were planted at Lukeswood, mainly to improve hedgerows.

Our ElmsWild Flowers project has proved very popular with local residents and we extended all of the mini meadows. We sowed Yellow Rattle seed in the orchard at Lukeswood to encourage more wildflowers to emerge.

We started a Scattered Orchard project in the village, planting two areas with five fruit trees each. This was carried out with the assistance of a Locality Budget grant from Mid Suffolk District Council.

Minor tree work and repairs to fencing were required after one of the Black Poplars fell down. The tree may regenerate from the horizontal.

Other achievements

Members of ElmsWild, along with other volunteers, have continued to maintain the Elmswell Memorial Garden and to keep it open for the local community to enjoy.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold £3061 at this year end and aim to hold at least £1000 to meet running costs and any unforeseen expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Our main sources of income this year have been donations from local organisations and parish council, along with a Locality Budget grant from Mid Suffolk Council.

The funds raised have gone towards:

- Basic running costs which allow us to keep our sites open for everyone to enjoy.
- Maintaining/developing the woodland, orchard and wildspace, including the tools and equipment required to do this.
- Establishment of mini wildflower meadows and a Scattered Orchard in the village.
- Holding community events and activities

Section F

Other optional information


The Coronavirus pandemic and the national lockdown have meant that this has been a difficult year for us. Workparties were suspended from March until June and formal Board meetings could not be held in April, May and June. Some planned community events also had to be cancelled. However, essential maintenance work continued, with volunteers working individually. This has meant that all of our sites could remain open for local people to enjoy much-needed fresh air and access to open space. Trustees remained in regular contact through email and phone calls; Board meetings resumed in July and were held outside at Lukeswood.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mary Jo Feeney	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	24/05/2021	



Charity Name ElmsWild	No. (if any) 1152359
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2019	To	Period end date 31/07/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,665	-	-	1,665	2,138
Grants	500	-	-	500	-
Fund-raising events	-	-	-	-	100
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,165	-	-	2,165	2,238
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,165	-	-	2,165	2,238
A3 Payments					
Insurance	218	-	-	218	218
Membership & affiliations	-	-	-	-	38
Administration & professional fees	35	-	-	35	105
Repairs & maintenance	1,170	-	-	1,170	848
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,423	-	-	1,423	1,209
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Tools & equipment	372	-	-	372	345
Trees & shrubs	533	-	-	533	160
Sub total	905	-	-	905.00	505
Total payments	2,328	-	-	2,328	1,714
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 163	-	-	- 163	524
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,224	-	-	3,224	2,700
Cash funds this year end	3,061	-	-	3,061	3,224

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account & cash	3,061	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,061	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

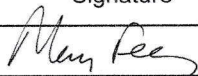
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land (6.6 acres at Lukeswood)	Restricted	-	-
	Trees planted	Restricted	-	-
	Tools, equipment & storage	Restricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARY FEENEY	24/05/2021

ElmsWild Charity No. 1152850

Receipts and Payments Accounts

CONFIRMATION

The Trustees confirm that:

No guarantees have been given by ElmsWild CIO where any potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

There is no debt outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by ElmsWild CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the CIO.

Signature:



Print Name:

MARY JO FEENEY

Date of Approval:

24/05/2021



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

ElmsWild

On accounts for the year
ended

31/07/20

Charity no
(if any)

1152850

Set out on pages

(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention ~~(other than that disclosed below*)~~

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

20/08/20

Name: MICHAEL JOHN MAWSON

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.