



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	08	2021		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 year

Educational 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.

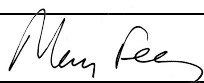
Section G

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
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/08/2021	To	Period end date 31/07/2022
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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	2,502	-	-	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))			

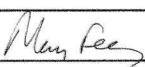
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	09/05/2023

ElmsWild Charity No. 1152850

Receipts and Payments Accounts

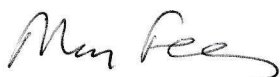
CONFIRMATION

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

ElmsWild

On accounts for the year
ended

31/07/22

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:

20/08/22

Name:

MICHAEL JOHN LAWSON

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

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.