



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 09	Month August	Year 2023		Day 08	Month August	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Hedgerley Wood Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1153322

Charity's principal address

Hedgerley Wood House

Red Lane

Chinnor, Oxon

Postcode

OX39 4BW

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	Peter Armstrong	[Founding trustee]	N/A	HWT board
2	Anuradha Vittachi	[Founding trustee]	N/A	HWT board
3	Emma Chown		N/A	HWT board
4	Florence Miller		N/A	HWT board
5	William Finnegan	Chair	N/A	HWT board
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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
Expert on education, climate, global development	Simon Maxwell	20 West Drive, Brighton, BN2 0GD
Expert on Healthcare	Dr Ros Taylor	c/o the Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted
Expert on education, psychology, climate	Christopher Robertson	37 Staverton Road, London, NW2 5EY
Expert on education, global development	Dr Joe Smith	The Geography Discipline, Open University, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA

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)	CIO – Foundation registered 09 Aug 2013
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Unanimous appointment by the HWT board

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.

The founding trustees have had 18 years' experience running a worldwide non-profit NGO network, and are able now to apply that expertise as appropriate to the much smaller charity that is HWT.

New trustees are provided with a trustee handbook and required to complete Declaration of Eligibility and Declaration of Interests. HWT has also developed a Complaints Policy, Reserves Policy, Privacy Policy, and Legitimate Interest Assessment (GDPR).

Section C Objectives and activities

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

TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) DISEASE, HUNGER, POVERTY, THE NEED FOR EDUCATION, THE IMPACT ON HEALTH OF INEQUALITY, AND THE PROTECTION 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)

In Year 10, HWT has once more achieved all its learning objectives: enabling the public, and/or relevant professionals interfacing with the public, to deepen their knowledge, understanding and skills of topics outlined in our mission statement. We hosted regular meetings at new OneClimate Centre (film screenings, hybrid discussions using Zoom for experts); created and showcased new documentaries; created 4 WhatsApp groups to promote community environmental action; supported local orgs including the Council with films & demonstrations; created the Mycelium Map showcasing environmental groups and their events.

Details of HWT’s work are included on our website www.hedgerleywood.org.

The trustees have discussed and had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteers supported our work in every sense, in particular through helping to prepare for and host events and providing input to and spreading awareness about the Mycelium Map.

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Trust not only focuses on increasing public knowledge by doing the work as detailed above, but also by widely disseminating the useful results of the work done.

- As a matter of course, the Trust publishes the work on its website; enables its partners to do so on their websites; disseminates these outputs via our social media networks [e.g, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube], and encourages our partners to do the same.

The educational value of HWT's projects has been ensured in 3 ways:

1. HWT delivers projects for and with established charities and other organisations with the capacity to ensure the educational value of the materials being developed. The Trust's work has received enthusiastic endorsements from all the organisations it has worked with. There are frequent repeat requests.
2. HWT has a panel of advisers with recognised expertise in areas of academic enquiry relevant to the work of the Trust, and the necessary knowledge, experience and gravitas. Trustees have consulted in-depth with our advisor Dr Ros Taylor.
3. The founding trustees have decades of public education experience themselves, covering both school-based and digital education:
 - Peter Armstrong was a distinguished senior executive at the BBC, producing and commissioning award-winning documentaries raising public awareness and knowledge about global development, and is winner of the BAFTA Lifetime Achievement Award for interactivity.
 - Anuradha Vittachi is a qualified teacher (PGCE, University of Oxford) carrying through those pedagogic practices in her work as an author, lecturer, TV documentary-maker and award-winning digital editor, using media to serve public education on global development.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In 2018, HWT adopted a reserves policy outlining purpose, governance, and determination of reserves. At the Winter 2018 Board Meeting, the HWT board agreed unanimously to keep £4,000 in reserve.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

The principal source of funds has been donations raised at our events.

These funds have enabled the Trust to carry out the work as detailed above.

Section F

Other optional information

The Trustees are pleased to be able to report that Trust's objectives, pertaining to the work and to the finances needed to support that work, have been so successfully achieved in this year.

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) William Finnegan

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	05/07/2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Hedgerley Wood Trust

1153322

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
09/08/2023

To

Period end date
08/08/2024

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 and grants received	624	-	-	624	6,498
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	624	-	-	624	6,498
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	624	-	-	624	6,498
A3 Payments					
Office and software costs	9,611	-	-	9,611	6,945
Insurance	309	-	-	309	-
Bank fees	5	-	-	5	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,925	-	-	9,925	6,945
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fixed Assest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,925	-	-	9,925	6,945
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,301	-	-	- 9,301	- 447
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,370	-	-	17,370	17,817
Cash funds this year end	8,069	-	-	8,069	17,370

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	Cooperative bank	8,069	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,069	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Anuradha Vittachi Armstrong	ANURADHA VITACHI ARMSTRONG	18 NOV 24
	P. W. Cole	PETER ARMSTRONG	18 NOV 24