



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Gunton Woodland Burial Park

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December, 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1156621

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

21/8/25

Name:

Benjamin Lynes

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

FCA

Address:

Number Sixty One, Alexandra Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1PL.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Gunton Woodland Burial Trust

1156621

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01 January 2024

To

Period end date
31 December 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations received	2,422	-	-	2,422	3,760
Gift Aid	862	-	-	862	488
Burial Fees	49,100	-	-	49,100	44,165
Ashes fees	51,200	-	-	51,200	37,800
Plaques and seats	28,624	-	-	28,624	24,700
Grave digging	23,160	-	-	23,160	25,415
Ash scattering	2,700	-	-	2,700	1,176
Interment fees	39,055	-	-	39,055	41,866
Grant income	922	34,881	-	35,803	4,362
Insurance	250	-	-	250	398
Refunds	329	-	-	329	-
Interest	462	-	-	462	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	199,087	34,881	-	233,968	184,130
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan receipts	-	-	-	-	350
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	350
Total receipts	199,087	34,881	-	233,968	184,480
A3 Payments					
Donations	250	-	-	250	400
Catering	-	-	-	-	27
Park maintenance	5,721	-	-	5,721	3,533
Staff costs	102,297	-	-	102,297	85,599
Association fees	434	-	-	434	490
Insurance	2,423	-	-	2,423	2,094
Advertising	5,476	-	-	5,476	7,003
FDMS charges	2,014	-	-	2,014	1,695
Loan interest	1,524	-	-	1,524	994
Rent	2,701	-	-	2,701	1,455
Grave digging	13,340	-	-	13,340	13,495
Office costs	5,533	-	-	5,533	6,975
Seats and plaques	10,678	-	-	10,678	10,190
Plot refund	-	-	-	-	250
Administration	3,247	-	-	3,247	1,950
Independent examination	1,701	-	-	1,701	1,620
Sub total	157,339	-	-	157,339	137,770
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase of fixed assets	4,239	72,069	-	76,308	35,478
Loan repayments	10,000	-	-	10,000	1,800
Sub total	14,239	72,069	-	86,308	37,278
Total payments	171,578	72,069	-	243,647	175,048
Net of receipts/(payments)	27,509	- 37,188	-	- 9,679	9,432
A5 Transfers between funds	- 37,188	37,188	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	116,016	-	-	116,016	106,584
Cash funds this year end	106,337	- 0	-	106,337	116,016

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	Barclays community account	30,337	-	-
	Barclays reserve account	17,000	-	-
	Barclays premium account	59,000	-	-
	Total cash funds	106,337	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

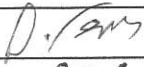

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Office building	Unrestricted	92,446	-
	Road and car parks	Unrestricted	110,345	-
	Burial park equipment	Unrestricted	27,504	-
	Trees and shrubs	Unrestricted	47,699	-
	Tool shed	Unrestricted	5,679	-
	Site development	Unrestricted	39,488	-
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			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Loans	Unrestricted	17,000	
	Deferred income	Unrestricted	244,995	
	Independent examiners fee	Unrestricted	1,785	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	David Ferns	13/8/2025
	Christopher Songer	

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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	Mr Christopher Songer	Treasurer		
2	Mr David Ferns	Chairman		
3	Mrs Pauline Dugan			
4	Mr Henry Hill		Resigned 01/01/2024	
5	Mrs Kay Bruce			
6	Mr Stephen Chivers			
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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
Independent Examiner	Cunninghams	61 Alexandra Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1PL

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

Julie Syder : Burial Park Manager

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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

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

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

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At the discretion of the serving 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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

To provide and maintain for the benefit of the public and for the advancement of the Christian faith and education woodland sites for the burial of the dead.

To support financially and otherwise Christian churches, other charities and community groups engaged in a ministry or providing services and/or support to the dying and bereaved.

The Trust continued in its desire to create a Natural Woodland Burial site for the benefit of the local community. The site is open for public access at all times with certain restrictions (Dogs to be on leads) We have continued to maintain and develop the fledgling woodland area and provided a peaceful setting for the scattering, and interment of ashes along with a full burial if desired.

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The Finances of the Trust do not yet allow for the making of grants until all outstanding loans are re-paid. We are reliant, and extremely grateful, for our volunteers who support the work of the trust. The volunteers come from the Gunton Woodland Community Project (A neighbouring woodland community trust) and also our Trustees who staff the office as required.

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

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The year has been busy with income remaining steady and above budget.

Apart from continuous business or regular maintenance of the park our main project has been the development of what we term 'Phase 2' to this end we planted 6000 trees in January and February. We then had a major capital expenditure on creating an access roadway and Carpark and then continued our planting programme in December. Tree planting is planned to be completed early 2025.

The increasing workload necessitated employment of an additional groundsman who started employment in February. Concern over the safety of groundsmen working in a large area resulted in provision of radios and bodycams to provide reassurance in the face of aggressive dogwalkers. Vandalism is a constant problem and CCTV was installed at the advice of local police.

In other matters our monthly family coffee mornings remain popular and income from this allowed a charitable donation of £250 to MND charity. As an interesting diversion we also arranged and supervised our first Muslim Burial.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trust aims to protect prepayments made whilst building up funds to repay long term loans. It is the Trusts' long term aim to maintain reserves for future expansions and long term maintenance of the Burial Park, after which any surplus funds will be used for grants to local charities at the discretion of the Trustees and in line with Charity Commission guidelines.

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.

Section F

Other optional information


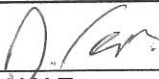
Section G

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)	Christopher Songer
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer
	Chairman

Date

13/8/2025