



Ecological
Land Trust

Annual Report

1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Ecological Land Trust

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Number: 1158032

Registered Office: Unit 2, Wildgoose Space, 228 Mina Road, Bristol
BS2 9YP

Trustees

L Beighton (chair)

O Rodker

H Westphely

Governance

Governing Document: Constitution

Date: 23rd January 2023

The Ecological Land Trust has a relationship with the Ecological Land Cooperative (Community Benefit Society no. 30770R registered with the FCA under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014) and raises funds for environmental conservation work on the Cooperative's small farm sites.

The Trust also receives funds on behalf of the Ecological Land Cooperative. These are held in the Ecological Land Trust's bank account until they are drawn down by the cooperative.

Charitable Aims

"To promote sustainable development (as defined below) for the benefit of the public by:

- a. the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources;
- b. the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic development and regeneration.

To advance the education of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large.

Sustainable Development means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Activities

The Ecological Land Trust has been engaged in supporting the charitable work of the Ecological Land Cooperative to conserve and protect the natural environment.

The Trust continues to hold funds for the development of the Cooperative's site in Cornwall due to begin in 2023.

The Trust received the donation of a farm in Carmarthenshire in June 2022 – Maesgwyn Isaf. The ongoing maintenance and management of this farm will be carried out by the Ecological Land Cooperative.

In Autumn 2022, the Ecological Land Cooperative ran a crowdfunding campaign on behalf of the Ecological Land Trust. The Trust will use the funds to ensure that the maintenance and renovation work at Maesgwyn Isaf is carried out.

The Trust also received funding to carry out ecological surveys at Ecological Land Cooperative sites in 2023.

The Trustees had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The Ecological Land Trust was effective in its purpose of supporting the promotion of sustainable development as per its Objects. It did this by securely holding funds for the renovation of a farm; the development of a new farm and the carrying out of ecological surveys on existing farms. Each of these areas seek to support new entrants to ecological farming to gain affordable access to land and to ensure that ecological principles are upheld in farming practices.

Finances

The Trust does not seek to hold funds in reserve at this time.

The Trust was the recipient of the donation of Maesgwyn Isaf farm in June 2022.

There was a relatively high cash balance at the end of the financial year due to the funds raised for the maintenance and renovation of Maesgwyn Isaf farm being held in the account prior to being spent in the subsequent financial period.

Risks

The relationship between the ELT and the ELC has become more complex following the acquisition of Maesgwyn Isaf. The Trustees and the Directors of the ELC are working together to ensure greater clarity moving forward.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:



Oli Rodker

24th October 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Ecological Land Trust

No (if any)
1158032

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2022


To

Period end date
31/12/2022

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	6,439	43,571	-	50,010	963
Grants	-	2,500	-	2,500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,439	46,071	-	52,510	963
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,439	46,071	-	52,510	963
A3 Payments					
Hosting (office)	-	-	-	-	1,500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,500
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Farm donation	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	1,500
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,439	46,071	-	52,510	537
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,336	21,000	-	24,336	-
Cash funds this year end	9,775	67,071	-	76,846	537

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	Cash in bank	9,775	67,071	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,775	67,071	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		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				
	Maesgwyn Isaf Farm*	General	-	500,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities			Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Oli Rodker	24/10/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Ecological Land Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1158032

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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

Signed: A Gray

Date: 31/10/2023

Name: Anne Gray

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

AAT

Address:

Kingfisher House, Hurstwood Grange, Hurstwood Lane, Haywards Heath
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.