



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 07	Month 04	Year 2023		Day 08	Month 04	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Friends of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1163812

Charity's principal address

C/O Loggerheads Country Park

Loggerheads

Denbighshire

Postcode

CH7 5LH

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	Julie Masters	Retiring Chair	Up to 13/10/23	
2	Robert Moore			
3	Ron Williams			
4	Michael Skuse			
5	Nick Ward	Treasurer and Membership Secretary		
6	John Roberts	General Secretary		
7	Christine Evans			
8	Michael Smart			
9	Helen Roberts			
10	Rajan Madhok			
11	Martyn Holland	New Chair	From 13/10/23	
12	David Smith			
13	Paula Smith		From 13/10/23	
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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

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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)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation model constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Approved by members at AGM; recommended by Trustees having demonstrated a commitment to the Charity's objectives.

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.

<p>The Charity's day to day business is conducted by a Committee comprising all of its Trustees who meet on a regular basis.</p> <p>The Charity works closely with the staff of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) – a statutory body charged with caring for this nationally designated landscape. It receives support and advice from the full-time team whilst maintaining its independence.</p> <p>The Charity is a member of both Flintshire and Denbighshire Voluntary Services Councils and receives advice and support where appropriate.</p> <p>No major risks to the Charity are currently anticipated.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

<p>To discover, enjoy and protect the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.</p> <p>To assist in the safeguarding and improvement of its amenities for the benefit of the public, either alone or in co-operation with others with the same or related objectives.</p>

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)

The Charity has arranged a series of visits, walks and lectures for its members which have also been open to members of the general public. These have included events of wide-ranging interest relevant to the protection and sustainability of the special landscape of the AONB, embracing archaeology, natural history, local history and heritage as well as pure enjoyment of the landscape and countryside.

The Charity has a current membership of over two hundred individuals.

The Trustees are fully aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The Charity produces a quarterly newsletter produced by the Trustees on a voluntary basis.

The Charity has its own website.

The Charity is now a member of the Alliance of Welsh Designated Landscapes.

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 Charity is run on an entirely voluntary basis but freely acknowledges the help and support it receives from the AONB's paid full time staff.

The Charity remains a shareholder in the Corwen Electricity Co-operative on behalf of the AONB. The donated asset comprised four thousand shares with a nominal value of £1 each.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A full and varied programme of events, visits and talks of relevance to its members as supporters of the AONB and its objectives.

Giving members the opportunity to gain a much closer understanding of the AONB and the importance of its protected landscape status.

Assisting relevant organisations with small scale financial support.

Communicating its activities and performance clearly to members through its newsletter and website.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity had no reserves during the financial year. The Charity is committed to supporting worthwhile projects in keeping with its objectives but has resolved to always retain a minimum of £3000 in its accounts to meet unforeseen contingencies.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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 Charity benefitted initially from an establishment grant from the AONB's Sustainable Development Fund.

Members subscriptions – deliberately set at a modest £10 per annum for individuals (£12 if not paying by Direct Debit) – is now its principal source of income but further grant aid may be sought in the future if the Charity wishes to broaden the scope of its activities in support of its objectives,

The Charity is registered for Gift Aid.

Section F

Other optional information

The Charity has received additional funding from the Sustainable Development Fund which has enabled it to engage paid administrative support for 5 hours per week.

The Charity is mindful that consultation is underway regarding a Welsh Government proposal to make an extended area based on the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley a national park. The future direction of the Charity will need to take account of the outcome of this initiative.

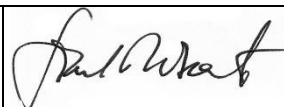
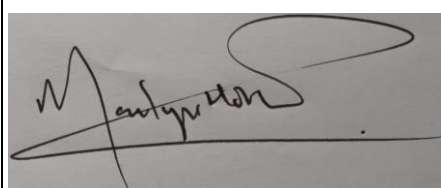
Section G

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)

Martyn Holland

John Roberts

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Secretary

Date

02/02/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Friends of Clwydian Range & Dee Valley

No (if any)
1163812

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
4/7/2023

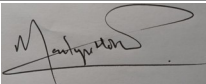
To

Period end date
4/8/2024

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					
Subscriptions / donations from members	2,031	-	-	2,031	-
Share interest from Corwen Electricity	642	-	-	642	-
Donations (Offa's Dyke walk)	22	-	-	22	-
Gift Aid	390	-	-	390	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,085	-	-	3,085	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,085	-	-	3,085	-
A3 Payments					
1. Printing, postage, stationary	102	-	-	102	-
2. Event expenses	531	-	-	531	-
3. Admin assistant	1,172	2,668	-	3,840	-
4. Web hosting	14	-	-	14	-
5. Public liability insurance	365	-	-	365	-
6. Prizes, donations, projects	1,277	-	-	1,277	-
7. Translation	-	-	-	-	-
8. Membership of other organisations	170	-	-	170	-
9. Miscellaneous	50	-	-	50	-
Sub total	3,681	2,668	-	6,349	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,681	2,668	-	6,349	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 596	- 2,668	-	- 3,264	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,255	3,293	-	15,548	-
Cash funds this year end	11,659	625	-	12,284	-

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,659	625	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
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)
	Donated shares in Corwen Electricity Cooperative (4000no with nominal value £1)	n/a	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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
			Martyn Holland	2/2/2025
		N Ward.	Nick Ward	2/2/2025