



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 2024/25

From 9 April 2024 To 8 April 2025

Charity name: Friends of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley

Charity registration number: 1163812

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To discover, enjoy and protect the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). To assist in safeguarding and improving its amenities for the benefit of the public, either alone or in co-operation with others with the same or related objectives.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Visits, walks and lectures of wide ranging interest and of direct relevance to the Charity's purposes, including archaeology, natural history, local history and culture – as well as pure enjoyment of the landscape and countryside. We also produce regular newsletters to keep our membership fully informed. We have our own website. We are active members of the Alliance of Welsh Designated Landscapes.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All Trustees are aware of Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. Periodic information from the CC is circulated to Trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Charity considers grant making on a case by case basis, with small grants made in approved cases where the purposes of the Charity are demonstrated.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All our Trustees are volunteers and the executive functions of the Charity are mainly carried out by them.
Other		Our budget enables us to support the Trustees with a self-employed part time member of staff (5 Hours per week)

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Regular visits talks and lectures on matters relevant to the protected landscape of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley. Bilingual newsletter ('Views') which gives up to date information about developments and initiatives regarding the National Landscape. A membership of circa 250 – the Charity keeps them up to date and gives them an opportunity to closely identify with the landscape, its biodiversity, ecology and culture. The Charity has supported Welsh Government's proposal to create a National Park in North East Wales and has provided information to members about this development.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Satisfactory and secure – see Annual Accounts in separate document.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No separate reserve account. The Charity has an agreed policy that it will always hold at least £3000 in its account to meet unforeseen contingencies.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Our main source of funding is members' subscriptions – deliberately set at a modest sum of £10 (£12 if not paying by direct debit) to encourage membership.</p> <p>We received a grant of £3360 from the National Landscape's Sustainable Development Fund to support the employment of our part time member of staff.</p> <p>We are registered for Gift Aid.</p> <p>The Charity remains a shareholder in the Corwen Electricity Cooperative on behalf of the National Landscape. The donated asset comprised 4,000 shares with a nominal value of £1. Dividends have been received.</p> <p>We have held a donation which the National Landscape has been unable to accept and ensured that this has been spent in accordance with Charity objectives and those of the donor.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
		There are no current risks. However, if the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	were to become a substantial part of the proposed national park in North East Wales, the Charity's role would need to be adapted to account for this. Its underlying objectives would remain the same.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO model constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Approved by members at the AGM. Existing Trustees identify new appointees who demonstrate a commitment to the Charity's purposes. We are currently seeking to recruit new trustees, with the aim of reducing the age profile of the cohort to safeguard future endeavour.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Charity works through its Committee of Trustees which meets on a regular basis.</p> <p>The Charity is a member of the Alliance of Welsh Designated Landscapes.</p> <p>We are members of both Denbighshire and Flintshire Voluntary Services Councils and have access to appropriate advice.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>We work closely with the management and staff of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape (aka AONB) – a statutory body charged with caring for this nationally designated landscape. We receive support and advice from the full time team whilst maintaining full independence.</p>

Other		
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1163812
Charity's principal address	Loggerheads Country Park Loggerheads Denbighshire 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	Martyn Holland	Chair		
2	Nicholas Ward	Treasurer & Membership Sec.		
3	John Roberts	General Secretary		
4	Dr Christine Evans			
5	Dr Rajan Madhok			
6	Julie Masters			
7	Prof. Robert Moore			
8	Helen Roberts			
9	Michael Skuse			
10	Michael Smart			
11	David Smith			
12	Pauline Smith		Resigned February 25 due to work commitments	
13	Ronald Williams			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Small unspent residual amount of memorial donation held on behalf of the National Landscape to be spent on conservation work at Moel Famau. Discussions ongoing.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	See above
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Separately noted in the accounts. Close contact maintained with donor.

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

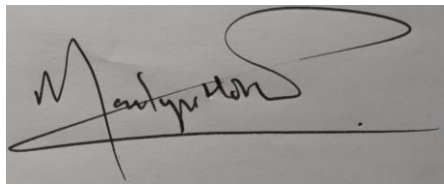

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Other optional information

Declarations

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 Ivor Roberts
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	General Secretary
Date	4 th February 2026	



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No (if any)
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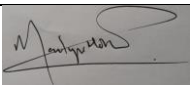

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	09/04/2024		08/04/2025

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	2,081	-	-	2,081	-
Share interest from Corwen Electricity	433	-	-	433	-
Gift Aid	412	-	-	412	-
Grant from Sustainable Dev. fund	-	3,360	-	3,360	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,926	3,360	-	6,286	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,926	3,360	-	6,286	-
A3 Payments					
1. Printing, postage, stationary	382	-	-	382	-
2. Event expenses	232	-	-	232	-
3. Admin assistant	1,360	3,360	-	4,720	-
4. Web hosting & IT fees	279	-	-	279	-
5. Public liability insurance	-	-	-	-	-
6. Prizes, donations, projects	300	-	-	300	-
7. Translation	-	-	-	-	-
8. Membership of other organisations	160	-	-	160	-
9. Miscellaneous	85	-	-	85	-
Sub total	2,798	3,360	-	6,158	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,798	3,360	-	6,158	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	128	-	-	128	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,659	625	-	12,284	-
Cash funds this year end	11,787	625	-	12,412	-

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	11,788	625	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Martyn Holland	30/01/2026	
		Nick Ward	30/01/2026	