

TARA SANCTUARY AND NATURAL BURIAL GROUND

England & Wales · Charity number 1166710

Details

Other names	TARA SANCTUARY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-04-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	70 Falmouth Road Bristol BS7 8PX
Phone	07814 068341
Email	tarasanctuary@gmail.com
Website	www.tarasanctuary.org.uk

Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(1) TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A NATURAL BURIAL SITE OR SITES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO BE OPEN TO THOSE OF ANY OR NO RELIGION;(2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF BUDDHISM BY PROMOTING BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY AND PRACTICES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF RETREATS, WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON REFLECTION ON DEATH, TRANSIENCE AND THE PRECIOUSNESS OF HUMAN LIFE; AND(3) THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY DEVELOPING AND NURTURING THE FLORA, FAUNA AND BIODIVERSITY OF THE NATURAL BURIAL SITE OR SITES.

Activities: We are currently instructing a graphic designer to work on our branding, and looking for suitable land for the sanctuary and burial ground.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- Gloucestershire
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-04	£2,864	£254	-	-
2024-04-04	£2,653	£144	-	-
2023-04-04	£874	£144	-	-
2022-04-04	£54	£144	-	-
2021-04-04	£324	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SUSANNA WELLS COHN	Chair	2016-04-22
Rachel Fuller		2018-12-20
STEPHEN SHEARD		2016-04-22

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Financial Overview

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There were no bank charges.

Our expenses totalled £254 for the web site hosting, and a fine for late filing to HMRC.

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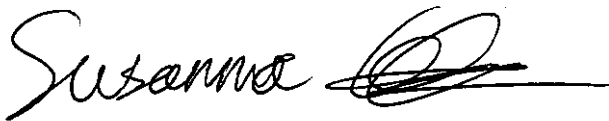
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Dated: 14 April 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

	2025	2024
Income		
Donations	£0	£0
Investment Income	£2,864	£2,653
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Expenditure		
Charitable Activities	£254	£144
Professional Services	£0	£0
Bank Charges	£0	£0
	£254	£144
Net Income	£2,610	£2,509

Balance Sheet as at 5 April

	2025	2024
Current Assets		
Debtors & Prepayments		
Cash at Bank and In Hand	£150,940	£148,330
	£150,940	£148,330
Current Liabilities		
Short-term Creditors		
Independent Examiner's Fee	£0	£0
Net Assets	£150,940	£148,330
Represented by		
Funds Brought Forward	£148,330	£145,821
Prior Year Adjustment to creditors		
Surplus for year	£2,610	£2,509
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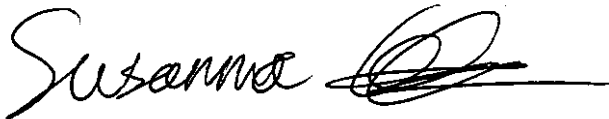
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	2024	2023
Income		
Donations	£0	£0
Investment Income	£2,653	£874
	£2,653	£874
Expenditure		
Charitable Activities	£144	£144
Professional Services	£0	£0
Bank Charges	£0	£0
	£144	£144
Net Income	£2,509	£730

Balance Sheet as at 5 April

	2024	2023
Current Assets		
Debtors & Prepayments		
Cash at Bank and In Hand	£148,330	£145,821
	£148,330	£145,821
Current Liabilities		
Short-term Creditors		
Independent Examiner's Fee	£0	£0
Net Assets	£148,330	£145,821
Represented by		
Funds Brought Forward	£145,821	£145,091
Prior Year Adjustment to creditors		
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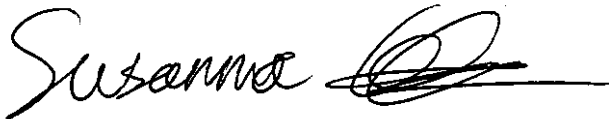
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Income		
Donations	£0	£0
Investment Income	£874	£54
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Expenditure		
Charitable Activities	£144	£144
Professional Services	£0	£0
Bank Charges	£0	£0
	<hr/> £144	£144
Net Income	£730	-£90
Funds B/F	£145,341	£145,431
Funds C/F	<hr/> £146,071	£145,341

Balance Sheet as at 5 April

	2023	2022
Current Assets		
Debtors & Prepayments		
Cash at Bank and In Hand	£145,821	£145,091
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Current Liabilities		
Short-term Creditors		
Independent Examiner's Fee	£0	£0
Net Assets	£145,821	£145,091
Represented by		
Funds Brought Forward	£145,091	£145,181
Prior Year Adjustment to creditors		
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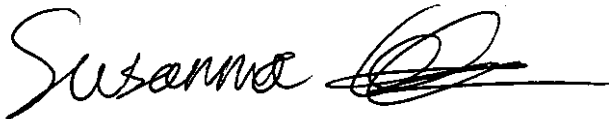
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	2022	2021
Income		
Donations	£0	£96
Investment Income	£54	£227
	<hr/> £54	<hr/> £324
Expenditure		
Charitable Activities	£144	£0
Professional Services	£0	£0
Bank Charges	£0	£0
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Net Income	-£90	£324
Funds B/F	£145,431	£145,108
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Balance Sheet as at 5 April

	2022	2021
Current Assets		
Debtors & Prepayments		
Cash at Bank and In Hand	£145,091	£145,181
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Current Liabilities		
Short-term Creditors		
Independent Examiner's Fee	£0	£0
Net Assets	£145,091	£145,181
Represented by		
Funds Brought Forward	£145,181	£144,858
Prior Year Adjustment to creditors		
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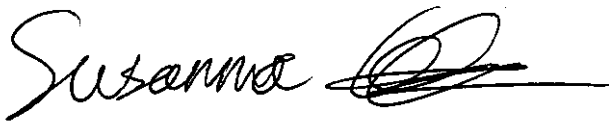
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	<hr/> £324	<hr/> £407
Expenditure		
Charitable Activities	£0	£100
Professional Services	£0	£0
Bank Charges	£0	£1
	<hr/> £0	<hr/> £101
Net Income	£324	£307
Funds B/F	£145,108	£144,801
Funds C/F	<hr/> £145,431	<hr/> £145,108

Balance Sheet as at 5 April

	2021	2020
Current Assets		
Debtors & Prepayments		
Cash at Bank and In Hand	£145,181	£144,858
	<hr/> £145,181	<hr/> £144,858
Current Liabilities		
Short-term Creditors		
Independent Examiner's Fee	£0	£0
Net Assets	£145,181	£144,858
Represented by		
Funds Brought Forward	£144,858	£144,551
Prior Year Adjustment to creditors		
Surplus for year	£324	£557
	<hr/> £145,181	<hr/> £145,108

Susanna Cohn Chair
of the Trustees
Dated: