



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From January 2021  
2021**

**To December**

**Charity name: Grange Area Trust**

**Charity registration number: 1167347**

### **Objectives and Activities**

|  | SORP reference     |  |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document  | Para 1.17          | <p>(1) For the benefit of the public to provide and maintain a village green in Widmer Fields and, if so decided, to acquire and provide further pieces of land within the area of benefit for the use of the inhabitants of the area without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political religion or other opinion for informal recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.</p> <p>(2) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in and around the area of benefit.</p> <p>(3) To advance the education of the public, in particular but not exclusively, in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in and around the area of benefit.</p> |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To ensure the land management plan is followed.</li><li>• To organise the management of volunteer groups to work on the land</li></ul>   |

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| accounts.  |           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To organises the programme for bramble/nettle control, grassland and woodland management, scrub encroachment, footpaths control, botanical surveys.</li> <li>• To set up nature trails, places bird and bat boxes, recommends siting of</li> <li>• kissing gates, and wildlife habitat protection</li> <li>• To fundraise and make grant applications to raise funding from individuals and organisations to cover annual running costs.</li> <li>• To raise awareness of the Trust by effective public presentations, leaflets, notices, press releases, newsletters, etc.</li> </ul> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The Grange Area Trust upholds its objective to the advancement of protection and improvement of the environment for the benefit of wildlife, plants and the public.   |

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|  | SORP reference |  |
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| Policy on grant making   | Para 1.38      |  |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38      |  |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | Para 1.38      | The charity been a small group of dedicated volunteers who have willingly given of their time and a number of residents have expressed interest in supporting the trust's work. It is recognised that the trust requires more volunteers to carry out this work. |
| Other  |                |  |

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## Achievements and Performance

|   | SORP reference |   |
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| 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      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of Nature Trails through the fields were organised for young children during the year as a Wellbeing trail for adults. They were well attended and enjoyed and were particularly important during the pandemic. even when it was raining! The trustees are keen to engage young people in recognising the privilege it is to have this wonderful area of land available to them and hopefully encourage them to become volunteers in the future.</li> <li>Two successful fund-raising quiz nights took place in the spring and the autumn. They were home based as our Village Hall was closed due to the pandemic. Residents who took part enjoyed this interlude during a very difficult time.</li> </ul> |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against | Para 1.41 | As with 2020. fundraising was reduced due to Covid restrictions. However, the printing of a calendar |
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| objectives set   |           | showing views of Widmer Fields and sold during the run up to Christmas also generated a pleasing number of donations in addition to the funds raised for the calendar. |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | As above.  |
| Investment performance against objectives                    | Para 1.41 |  |
| Other  |           |  |

## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 |  |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 | Reserves are held in case any unforeseen emergency arises. This is vital as there is a substantial number of trees on Widmer Fields Village Green which could be affected by storms. The Trust has no regular income apart from donations and fund raising events. |
| Amount of reserves held  | Para 1.22 | £10,000  |
| 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:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 | Funds are raised by donations from individual residents, grants from public bodies, such as the local parish councils, and quiz nights.  |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 |  |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity                         | Para 1.46 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accidents to volunteers working on the land.</li> <li>• A reduction in donations which are necessary for maintaining the land.</li> <li>• Ageing volunteers.</li> <li>• Ash Die Back</li> </ul> |
| Other   |           |  |

## Structure, Governance and Management

|   |           |  |
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| Description of charity's trusts:  |           |  |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)   | Para 1.25 | The Trust's governing document is the Constitution.  |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)   | Para 1.25 | Charitable Incorporated Organisation   |
| 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 | <p>Trustees come from a variety of backgrounds. They share a common desire to protect green spaces around Buckinghamshire. They each have strengths which are useful to the Trust, e.g. company directors, accountancy, environmental, administrative, marketing, IT, local council representation. There is a staggered retirement programme which is detailed in the Constitution.</p> <p>There is full board discussion and approval before the appointment of any Trustee. A likely candidate must generally serve for a period of at least two years on one of the sub-committees - Development or Land Management, provide a CV and undertakes a short interview. On appointment, the new Trustee makes a written declaration stating that:</p> <p>S/he is willing to act as a trustee of the Grange Area Trust.</p> <p>S/he understands the organisation's purposes and rules set out in its Constitution.</p> <p>S/he understands that knowingly to make a false statement is a criminal offence under section 11 of the Charities Act 1993</p> <p>S/he understands that the charity's funds are held in its name in bank or building society account in England or Wales</p> <p>S/he will comply with his/her responsibilities as a trustee as set out in the Charity Commission's guidance "The Essential Trustee (CC3)</p> <p>S/he is not prevented from acting as a trustee because s/he:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o has an unspent conviction shown at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/automatic-disqualification-rules-for-charity-trustees-and-charity-senior-positions">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/automatic-disqualification-rules-for-charity-trustees-and-charity-senior-positions</a></li> <li>o has an IVA, debt relief order and/or a bankruptcy order</li> <li>o has been removed as a trustee in England, Scotland or Wales (by the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator)</li> <li>o is a disqualified company director</li> </ul> |

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o is a designated person for the purposes of anti-terrorism legislation</li> <li>o is on the sex offenders' register</li> <li>o has been found in contempt of court for making (or causing to be made) a false statement</li> <li>o has been found guilty of disobedience to an order or direction of the Charity Commission</li> </ul> <p>and is provided with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the Constitution</li> <li>• A copy of the up-to-date Annual Report and Accounts</li> <li>• A Charity Commission Trustees' Handbook</li> <li>• Copies of the trust's policy documents</li> </ul> |
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### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| 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>GAT consists of two sub-committees, Development Committee and Land Management Committee, who have trustees, volunteers and expert consultants serving on them and each has a Chairman who reports back to the main board of Trustees. Proposals from these sub-committees are brought to the main board of Trustees for ratification. They each meet three times during the year.</p> <p>There are no paid staff working for GAT. There is an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Secretary.</p> |
| Relationship with any related parties   | Para 1.51 |  |
| Other   |           |  |

## Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name                |  |
| Other name the charity uses |  |
| Registered charity number   |  |
| Charity's principal address |  |
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## 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 | Judy Weaver     | Chairman of Trustees and Chairman of Development Committee |                                   |   |
| 2 | Malcolm Bristow |  |                                   |   |
| 3 | Brian Dugan     |  |                                   |   |
| 4 | Peter Dwelly    |  |                                   |   |
| 5 | David Field     | Chairman of Land Management Committee                      |                                   |   |
| 6 | Ronald Gaffney  |  |                                   |   |
| 7 | Hugh McCarthy   |  |                                   |   |
| 8 | Robert Pangborn |  |                                   |   |
| 9 | Colin Wingfield |  |                                   |   |

## Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name |  |  |
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## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year |  |
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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity   |  |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects |  |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets                         |  |

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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#### 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

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signature(s)**

Linda Marchant



**Full name(s)**

Linda Marchant

**Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Honorary Secretary

**Date**

16.05.2022

**GRANGE AREA TRUST - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 12 MONTHS COMMENCING 1 JANUARY 2021**

**INCOME**

**Donations**

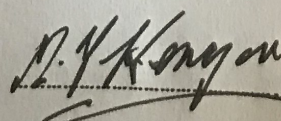
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| Hughenden Parish Council           | 500.00   |           |
| Hazlemere Parish Council           | 500.00   |           |
| Roland Callingham Foundation Grant | 700.00   |           |
| Standing Orders                    | 4,941.00 |           |
| Others                             | 2,664.84 |           |
| Donations total                    |          | 9,305.84  |
| Calendars                          |          | 643.00    |
| Gift-Aid (20/21 tax year)          |          | 1,470.37  |
| Total                              |          | 11,419.21 |

**OUTGOINGS**

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| Field maintenance and related | 7,584.64 |          |
| Insurances                    | 968.19   |          |
| Development Committee         | 50.00    |          |
| Administration                | 207.86   |          |
| Calendars                     | 423.00   |          |
| Subscriptions                 | 45.00    |          |
| Total                         |          | 9,278.69 |

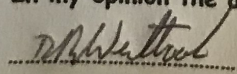
**INCOME EXCESS OF OUTGOINGS**

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| Cash at bank 1 January 2021 | 27,607.48 | 2,140.52 |
| Excess income               | 2,140.52  |          |
| Cash at bank 1 January 2022 | 29,748.00 |          |

 Michael Kenyon, Hon. Treasurer

Date 22/3/22

In my opinion the above statements give a fair and true view of the financial position of the Trust.

 D B Westbrook, F.C.C.A. Hon Auditor. Date 31 MARCH 2022