



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From January 2022**

**To December 2022**

**Charity name:** Grange Area Trust

**Charity registration number:** 1167347

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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 accounts.	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><li>• To organise 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 and wildlife habitat protection</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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	
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		

## 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of Nature Trails through the fields were organised for young children during the year. They were well attended and enjoyed 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. These were particularly enjoyed by all who attended since they were the first organised since the pandemic and lockdowns. Those who attended felt it was good to get back to normality.</li> </ul>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	A further calendar was produced showing views of Widmer Fields and sold during the run up to Christmas. This 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

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:

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, the annual calendar 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

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Trust's governing document is the Constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (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. S/he understands the organisation's purposes and rules set out in its Constitution. S/he understands that knowingly to make a false statement is a criminal offence under section 11 of the Charities Act 1993 S/he understands that the charity's funds are held in its name in bank or building society account in England or Wales S/he will comply with his/her responsibilities as a trustee as set out in the Charity Commission's guidance "The Essential Trustee (CC3) S/he is not prevented from acting a trustee because s/he:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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>○ has an IVA, debt relief order and/or a bankruptcy order</li> <li>○ has been removed as a trustee in England, Scotland or Wales (by the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator)</li> <li>○ is a disqualified company director</li> <li>○ is a designated person for the purposes of anti-terrorism legislation</li> <li>○ is on the sex offenders' register</li> <li>○ has been found in contempt of court for making (or causing to be made) a false statement</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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:

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

Charity name	The Grange Area Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1167347
Charity's principal address	Brambles, Grange Road, Widmer End, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP15 6AD



### **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	Hugh McCarthy			
7	Robert Pangborn			
8	Colin Stevens		Elected 17.03.22	
9	Colin Wingfield			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

#### 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

<b>Signature(s)</b>	Linda Marchant	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Linda Marchant	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Honorary Secretary	
<b>Date</b>		

GRANGE AREA TRUST - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE PERIOD 12 MONTHS COMMENCING 1 JANUARY 2022

INCOME

Donations

Standing Orders	4,293.00
Others	11,605.43

Donations total	15,898.43
Calendars	1,127.00
Quiz nights	2,135.00
Gift-Aid (21/22 tax year)	1,076.39
Total	20,236.82

OUTGOINGS

Field maintenance and related	19,693.38
Insurances	925.56
Development Committee	101.98
Administration	228.34
Quiz nights	1,322.05
Subscriptions	45.00
Total	22,316.31

OUTGOINGS EXCESS OF INCOME

2,079.49

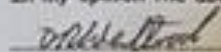
Cash at bank 1 January 2022	29,748.00
Excess Outgoings	2,079.49
Cash at bank 1 January 2023	27,668.51



Michael Kenyon, Hon. Treasurer

Date 17/2/23.

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 15 MARCH 2023