



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From January 2024**

**To December 2024**

**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 and we are actively recruiting. Over the past year we have welcomed several new volunteers into our Land Management team.
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. 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>• A successful fund-raising quiz night took place in the autumn and further quizzes are planned for 2025.</li> <li>• Widmer Fields are particularly enjoyed by dogs and their walkers and two very successful social events were organised by the dog walking community to fund raise and promote interest in supporting the Grange Area Trust</li> </ul>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Building on the success of previous years, 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	The Trust's financial position remains sound. It's Bank Balance increased by nearly £6000 year on year from £28,228 at end 2023 to £35,019 at end 2024 – helped by a one off sale of surplus equipment totalling £3,800.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in case of any unforeseen emergency and to provide for the replacement of capital assets. This is vital as there is a substantial number of trees on Widmer Fields Village Green, many of which are suffering from Ash dieback. We have had to employ tree surgeons to remove two trees that were considered a risk over the course of 2024. 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 and Trustees.</li> <li>• Ash Die Back affecting many of the mature trees on GAT land</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 will usually serve for a period of time 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> <li>○ has been found guilty of disobedience to</li> </ul>

		<p>an order or direction of the Charity Commission</p> <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	See above
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	Piranor Barn, North Road, Widmer End, Buckinghamshire, HP15 6NE



**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	Colin Stevens	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	Laura Air		Elected during 2024	
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

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## 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

Signature(s)

Joanna Davinson

Full name(s)

Joanna Davinson

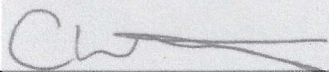
Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Honorary Secretary

Date

**Grange Area Trust**  
**Accounts for the period to 31st December 2024**

Year to date movement:	£	£
	Year to	Year to
	31.12.24	31.12.23
<b>Income:</b>		
Income from donations:		
Standing orders	4,310.70	4,165.00
Justgiving	313.79	245.05
Other	757.84	1,715.50
Hazlemere Fete donations	246.66	230.60
Current year calendar sales	405.00	756.00
Previous year calendar sales	250.00	65.00
Gift Aid	1641.02	831.56
HPC/R Callingham grants	1,300.00	500.00
Quiz	880.00	745.00
Dog Walkers events	572.50	455.00
Equipment sales	3,800.00	
Interest received	509.39	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>14,986.90</b>	<b>9,708.71</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Calendars 2023		464.19
Calendars 2024	775.00	650.00
Subscriptions	45.00	95.00
Hazlemere Fete	95.00	125.00
Insurances	271.86	252.48
Leaflets		132.00
Scalpings	1,752.00	1,695.06
Land management expenses *	1,986.46	1,904.77
Equipment repairs/replacement **	4,220.27	3,830.85
Administration	50.00	0.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>9,195.59</b>	<b>9,149.35</b>
<b>Excess of income over expenses</b>	<b>5,791.31</b>	<b>559.36</b>
<b>Bank balance at 1st January 2024</b>	<b>28,227.87</b>	<b>27,668.51</b>
<b>Bank balance at 31st December 2024</b>	<b>34,019.18</b>	<b>28,227.87</b>
<b>In current account</b>	<b>22,378.16</b>	<b>18,227.87</b>
<b>In Long term deposit account (matures 14/2/25)</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Outstanding (Gift aid received 21.2.25)</b>	<b>1,641.02</b>	
	<b>34,019.18</b>	<b>28,227.87</b>



C Wetherell Hon Treasurer Date: 24/04/2025

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



D.B. Westbrook F.C.C.A. Date: 24/04/2025