

ANDOVER TREES UNITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1167574

Details

Other names ATU

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-06-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF WOODLAND IN ANDOVER.THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN ANDOVER AND THE TEST VALLEY AREA INCLUDING BY PROMOTING THE WOODLAND AS A MEANS FOR THE COMMUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT WIDER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SUCH AS: SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ECOLOGY AND THE MITIGATING NEED FOR TREES.

Activities: Our aim is to create a new Woodland for all in Andover, Hampshire as a recreational and educational green space. We aim to engage with all schoolchildren and the wider community in Andover. The resulting woodland will provide a resource for all to learn about and care for our natural environment.Membership of Andover Trees United is open to anyone supporting our aims and objectives.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£147,912	£115,228	-	-
2024-03-31	£104,340	£116,254	-	-
2023-03-31	£109,702	£142,351	-	-
2022-03-31	£147,625	£89,906	-	-
2021-03-31	£47,978	£9,560	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
WENDY LORNE DAVIS	Chair	2018-10-29
Alex Lucy Marshall		2023-08-07
Susan Jane Risdale		2021-09-11
Timothy Martin Rolt		2018-10-01

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Principal address

Westcott
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Andover SP11 7NH

Trustees

Wendy L Davis
Daniel J Lobb
Alex Marshall
Susan Risdale
Tim Rolt
Elizabeth B Scrace (Treasurer)

Structure, governance and management

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Risk Management

The trustees are responsible for identifying and managing risks to the charity. The trustees consider that they have complied with the Charity Commission's guidance on managing risk. When appropriate, systems or procedures are established to mitigate risks faced by the charity. Where risk cannot be eliminated the charity purchases insurance cover.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

Organisational structure

The trustees meet monthly, with responsibility for day-to-day delivery of the charity's activities delegated to a management team of volunteers, at least 3 of whom are trustees, who meet fortnightly.

Objectives and activities

The charity's constitution sets out the objectives as:

- The conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment for the public benefit by the establishment and maintenance of woodland in Andover.
- The advancement of education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Andover and the Test Valley area including by promoting the woodland as a means for the community to learn about wider environmental issues such as: sustainability, climate change, ecology and the mitigating need for trees.



The main activities during the year April 1st 2024 – March 31st 2025 were:

- Construction of the interior fixtures and fittings woodland classroom and community space continued, with many elements reaching completion; landscaping around The Cabin was the most significant activity. The renovation of a woodland management site office was started and is due to be completed May 2025.
- Sessions for young people of all ages were arranged over the year: Nature Explorers – school holiday sessions; Nature-Nurture – a year-long series of activities for Andover Young Carers group; a September Peace Day procession in collaboration with Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots UK; two Plant4thePlanet days training junior school-age children as Climate Justice Ambassadors were held in February and March and a number of evening meetings for Scouting and Guiding groups took place over summer 2024. (These activities enabled two of our youth team to gain the experience and confidence necessary for them to lead their own Nature Explorers sessions in 2025.) Two-to-five students from Harrow Way continued to join the Monday workday sessions across the year and three work experience days were arranged for thirty students from Andover College's art department in February and March
- The annual tree planting weeks were arranged again this year at the Bury Hill nature reserve allowing participation by all schools in the Andover area in planting trees. 1000 children and young people aged 5-18 took part.
- Our erstwhile Youth Engagement Officer was trained as a Forest School Leader allowing weekly Forest School sessions to be offered to home-schooled children, with weekend sessions for other interested children. Sadly, these ceased in early March, following the resignation of the newly-trained staff member who had been running the sessions.
- Again, this year a group of archaeologists joined us for two weeks during June and July 2024 when they discovered more evidence of Bronze Age activity in the wood. The archaeologists provided sessions for both schools and adults to get involved.
- Craft workshops in mosaic making, woodwork and a variety of willow crafts were held in the Cabin. A number of volunteers joined singing workshops led by Jackie Oates followed by a concert in Harmony Woods, when we were joined by Whitchurch-based Mayfly Morris dancers.
- An ecology intern was appointed again for 2024-25, which allowed a detailed survey of the wildlife and plants in the Diamond Wood along with monthly citizen science days. Findings were presented to the general public at the Guildhall in February.
- Additional community engagement: We continued to contribute to Andover Vision, took part in town centre events, entered the Andover Carnival procession and, during late summer 2024, a survey of visitors to the woods allowed analysis of reasons for their visits as well as their awareness of Andover Trees United.
- In Spring 2025 planting of wildflower seeds started with the aim of creating a new wildflower meadow in the eastern side of the woods.
- Through both practical help in the woods and funding, the relationship with Andover-based businesses continued to grow.

Achievements and performance:

- During 2024-25 the charity continued to pursue its objective of establishing woodland in Andover with the planting of young trees. The school planting programme continued at the site within the Test Valley Borough Council Bury Hill nature reserve. Wildflower planting within Harmony Woods continued within the Habitats Trail and the newly-constructed Dragon Garden, designed and created (2023) in memory of Sandy Burnfield.



- Further opportunities for education in the natural environment continued with seven partnership schools, who reinstated their tree nurseries and participated in wildflower propagation and planting, and as part of the Nature-Nurture and Nature Explorer projects.
- As Nature and Community Officer with responsibility for children's and young people's learning in nature, Joanna Oliver-Hawkins completed her Forest Schools Leadership training in October 2024. For adults, training was given in the form of scything, wildflower propagation, tree planting and aftercare, citizen science activities, species identification and traditional green crafting.
- A survey of visitors to the wood has allowed analysis of the reasons for their visits and provides a base for planning future developments within the wood.
- The town centre allotment lease continued where, on a regular basis, volunteers are able to propagate wildflowers and nurture saplings for later transfer to woodland.
- As part of our developing woodland management for the whole of the Diamond Wood, which includes creating a further area of wildflower meadow in the eastern end of the wood, volunteers began planting wildflower seeds in March 2025 (to provide the many young plants needed to plant in this meadow during autumn 2025).
- Work on the woodland classroom and community space continued, largely being landscaping work to provide all-weather pathways and hardstanding around The Cabin.
- The renovation of a second-hand container to provide a woodland management site office was started in November, due for completion May 2025.
- Following the award of the King's Award for Voluntary Service in November 2023, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire Mr Nigel Atkinson Esq. visited 19th April 2024 to present the award and to formally open the Cabin. A celebration lunch was held which 70 volunteers, some with many years of service to the charity, attended.
- Collaborations with national and international environment groups – the Woodland Trust, Dr Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, youth-led UNEP Plant-for-the-Planet – continued.
- The development of strong relationships with local businesses and local authorities continued, in particular practical volunteering help, funding and other support from North Wessex Downs National Landscapes, Abel & Cole, the Coop, Jewsons, SimplyHealth, Stannah, Nationwide Building Society, Test Valley Borough Council and Hampshire County Council councillors. We were particularly grateful for significant donations from the Foresters Arms and from Andover Ladies Circle.
- Of the fundraising efforts undertaken during the year, a Supper and Auction of Promises evening, sponsored walk and Festive Draw organised by volunteers and supported by many local businesses and individuals were particularly successful.
- The Ecology Intern Programme continued with the appointment of a 4th successive intern.
- The two Nature and Community Officers, one full-time and one part-time, and one part-time Admin. Officer continued with delivery of the 'Branching Out' 2022-2027 strategy and in widening the scope of community activities which are available. This was made possible by the 2022-2027 National Lottery 'Reaching Communities' Grant.
- The strong community-led management team continued to work well.



Financial review

The incoming resources in 2024-25 amounted to £147,912 (2023-24 £104,340) and total resources expended amounted to £115,228 (2023-24 £116,254) leading to an excess of income over expenditure for the year of £32,684 (2023-24 [deficit] -£11,914).

The charity maintains one Unrestricted General Fund and five Unrestricted Designated Funds, and at 31 March 2025 fourteen Restricted Funds. The total funds balance was £102,313 of which the balance of Restricted Funds at 31 March 2025 was £79,552. No funds were in deficit at 31 March 2025 and sufficient funds are held to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with any restrictions.

Reserves policy

It is a recommendation from the Charities Commission that Reserves should be sufficient to cover a period long enough for the Charity to decide on a way forward should it lose its major funding.

Until March 2027, the reserves required by the charity to ensure the charity can continue for a minimum period of 6 months is £5,000. This amount is required to ensure that free monies are available in each financial year to meet any reasonably foreseeable contingency.

After that time, for the charity to be able to continue at its current capacity for 6 months, free reserves would need to be £25,000. If this level of funding were to be unavailable or to appear unlikely, a re-evaluation of staffing levels would be undertaken by the Trustees. If this were to occur, it is anticipated that a minimum of £20,000 would be sufficient to allow the charity to continue with its main charitable aims, although at reduced levels, for 12 months.

The Trustees will take all necessary steps to ensure that at no time would it be possible for the cessation of one or more funding streams to present a challenge to the future of the organization that could not be managed so as to continue to provide a service.

In reviewing the potential costs that could arise should a significant reduction in income occur, the Trustees have determined that the current 'free' reserves of £10,000 should increase each year by £5,000 to ensure that by March 2027 they stand at £20,000. This is roughly equivalent to 4 months of the charity's basic running costs at current staffing levels (1 full-time officer) or 12 months with reduced staffing levels (1 part-time support officer).

Declaration

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

THANK YOU

The Trustees would also like to take this opportunity to formally thank all volunteers and supporters who have given generously of their time over the past 12 months and without whom few of the achievements described in this report would have been possible.

Signed on 4th September 2025 on behalf of the charity's trustees


Wendy Davis
Trustee

Andover Trees United
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31 March 2025

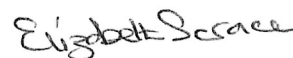
Charity No 1167574

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Local Authority grants	7350	31640	38990	14400
Grants and donations	9958	77736	87695	74264
Fundraising	17106	300	17406	14891
Other income	3814	0	3814	750
Interest income	0	8	8	35
	<u>38228</u>	<u>109684</u>	<u>147912</u>	<u>104340</u>
Expenditure				
Trees planting and site maintenance	670	2901	3571	5424
Environmental Studies	0	0	0	0
Equipment	1820	0	1820	1010
Small equipment	49	13	62	0
Equipment hire	0	0	0	0
Staff and Intern	0	57948	57948	59567
Volunteer costs	1066	0	1066	656
Staff & volunteer training	0	770	770	2450
Transport	3789	0	3789	3152
Youth Work	3305	1052	4357	1886
Events	527	0	527	1541
Property running costs	608	0	608	108
Administration & publicity	1497	0	1497	1015
Insurance	2222	0	2222	3523
Vehicle running costs	0	4586	4586	3489
Community cabin and landscaping	0	14816	14816	30647
Woodland site office	0	14452	14452	0
Fundraising costs	3137	0	3137	1786
	<u>18690</u>	<u>96538</u>	<u>115228</u>	<u>116254</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	<u>19538</u>	<u>13146</u>	<u>32684</u>	<u>-11914</u>
Transfer between funds	-2798	2798		
Balance at 1 April 2024	6021	63608	69629	81543
Balance at 31 March 2025	<u>22761</u>	<u>79552</u>	<u>102313</u>	<u>69629</u>
Cash at bank	22686	79552	102238	69487
Cash in hand	75	0	75	142
	<u>22761</u>	<u>79552</u>	<u>102313</u>	<u>69629</u>

The receipts and payments account was approved by the Board of Trustees on 13 August 2025 and was signed on its behalf by:

Wendy Davis
 Trustee


Elizabeth Scrace
 Treasurer



Andover Trees United
Statement of assets and liabilities
At 31 March 2025

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£			£
Cash at bank	22686	79552	102238	69487
Cash in hand	75		75	142
	<u>22761</u>	<u>79552</u>	<u>102313</u>	<u>69629</u>
 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
Buildings				
Community Cabin		154299	154299	139483
Site office		14452	14452	0
Total cost		<u>168751</u>	<u>168751</u>	<u>139483</u>
 Equipment				
Equipment	124	15210	15334	13514
Motor vehicle	0	15512	15512	15512
	<u>124</u>	<u>30722</u>	<u>30846</u>	<u>29026</u>
 Accounts receivable				
	<u>0</u>	<u>6637</u>	<u>6637</u>	<u>2895</u>
 Current liabilities				
Suppliers	330	235	565	450
NEST	0	176	176	265
HMRC	0	621	621	505
	<u>330</u>	<u>1032</u>	<u>1362</u>	<u>1220</u>

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees of Andover Trees United (charity No 1167574) on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on page 1.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

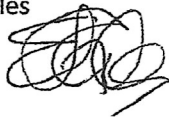
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in the report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs E Giles

Signed



29th August 2025

Date

Mrs Emma Giles
8 Aster Court
Floral Way
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The main activities during the year were:

- The completion of the construction of the woodland classroom and community space. Final certification of completion is due to be achieved during 2024.
- Planting of approximately 1500 tree whips by 1000+ children from 25 schools and several hundred adults at the Test Valley Borough Council Bury Hill nature reserve. Hedgerows at the Diamond Wood were extended. All tree plantings added to the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.
- Approximately 1000 wildflower plants, raised by ATU volunteers from seed, were planted in the newly constructed 'Dragon Garden' in Harmony Woods.
- The continuation of the programme to broaden the availability of volunteering opportunities to work in the natural environment, by delivering weekly workdays at Harmony Woods and the allotment as well as monthly weekend workdays. Volunteer opportunities continue to include regular sessions for the extensive citizen science programme. Coppicing at nearby Trinley Estate resumed and several training days saw returning and new volunteers take part.
- A new 'Nature/ Nurture' project, devised and led by the Nature & Community Officers, offered nature-based activities to children and young people in new collaborations with a number of local organisations; school holiday 'Nature Explorer' session led by the Nature & Community Officers were introduced; volunteer-led activities in the wood continued to support many local scouting and guiding groups.
- A regular programme of monthly craft sessions was introduced from January 2024. Details of these can be found on the website.
- An intern position continued to be offered during 2023-24 which allowed us to continue to run the annual programme of citizen science 'Nature in Harmony' events.
- Early in 2024 a group of volunteers undertook tree planting as a fundraising activity.

Achievements and performance

- During 2023-24 the charity continued to pursue its objective of establishing a woodland in Andover with the planting of young trees. The school planting programme continued at the site within the Test Valley Borough Council Bury Hill nature reserve. Wildflower planting within Harmony Woods continued within the newly constructed Dragon Garden designed in memory of Sandy Burnfield. Further opportunities for education in the natural environment continued with the four core partnership schools as part of the 4-year 6 Trees and 6 Flowers development programme and as part of the new Nature/ Nurture and Nature Explorer projects. As Nature and Community Officer with responsibility for children's and young people's learning in nature, Joanna Oliver-Hawkins began her Forest Schools Leadership training in the autumn of 2023. For adults, training was given in the form of coppicing, wildflower propagation, tree planting, citizen science activities and species identification.
- Representing Andover Trees United Trustees, Wendy Davis was invited by Henry Oliver, Director of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape to speak at their Annual Forum in October.
- Design work for improved interpretation of the wood to help visitors to appreciate how to sensitively access the site was an ongoing priority. (The resulting signs are due to be installed 2024-25.)
- The town centre allotment lease continued where, on a regular basis, volunteers are able to propagate wildflowers and nurture saplings for later transfer to the woodland.
- Following the signing of a lease with Hampshire County Council, plans for calcareous grassland restoration have been drawn up as part of our developing woodland management for the whole of the Diamond Wood.
- Work continued on the woodland classroom and community space.
- In November 2023 the charity was awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service.
- Collaborations with national and international environment groups – the Woodland Trust, Dr Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, youth-led UNEP Plant-for-the-Planet – continued.
- The development of strong relationships with local businesses and organisations continued, in particular volunteering, funding and support from North Wessex Downs National Landscape, Abel & Cole, the Coop, Jewsons, SimplyHealth, Stannah, Nationwide Building Society.
- The Ecology Intern Programme continued with the appointment of a 3rd successive intern.
- The two full time Nature and Community Officers and one part time Admin Officer continued with delivery of the 'Branching Out' strategy and in widening the scope of community activities which are available. This was made possible by the National Lottery 'Reaching Communities' Grant.
- The strong community-led management team continued to work well.

Financial review

The incoming resources in 2023-24 amounted to £104340 (2022-23 £109703) and total resources expended amounted to £116254 (2022-23 £142352) leading to an excess of expenditure over income for the year of £11914 (2022-23 deficit £32649). The charity maintains one Unrestricted General Fund and five Unrestricted Designated Funds, and at 31 March 2024 fourteen Restricted Funds. The total funds balance was £69629 of which the balance of Restricted Funds at 31 March 2024 was £63608. No funds were in deficit at 31 March 2024 and sufficient funds are held to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with any restrictions.

Reserves policy

It is a recommendation from the Charities Commission that Reserves should be sufficient to cover a period long enough for the Charity to decide on a way forward should it lose its major funding.

Until 2027, the reserves required by the charity to ensure the charity can continue for a minimum period of 6 months is £5000. This amount is required to ensure that free monies are available in each financial year to meet any reasonably foreseeable contingency.

After that time, for the charity to be able to continue at its current capacity for 6 months, free reserves would need to be £15000. If this level of funding were to be unavailable or to appear unlikely, a re-evaluation of staffing levels would be undertaken by the Trustees. If this were to occur, it is anticipated that a minimum of £10000 would be sufficient to allow the charity to continue with its main charitable aims for 12 months.

The Trustees will take all necessary steps to ensure that at no time would it be possible for the cessation of one or more funding streams to present a challenge to the future of the organisation that could not be managed so as to continue to provide a service.

In reviewing the potential costs that could arise should a significant reduction in income occur, the Trustees have determined that the current 'free' reserves of £5000 should increase each year to ensure that by 2027 they stand at £10000. This is equivalent to the 4 months of the charity's basic running costs.

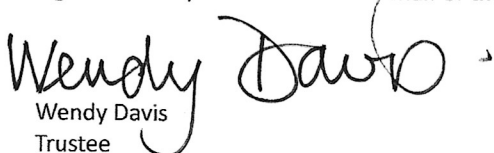
Declaration

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THANK YOU

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Signed on 2 September 2024 on behalf of the charity's trustees


Wendy Davis
Trustee

Andover Trees United
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Charity No 1167574

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Local Authority grants	150	14250	14400	9525
Grants and donations	2068	72196	74264	90427
Fundraising	8101	6789	14891	9749
Other income		750	750	0
Interest income	28	7	35	2
	<u>10347</u>	<u>93993</u>	<u>104340</u>	<u>109703</u>
Expenditure				
Trees planting and site maintenance	2694	2729	5424	2006
Transport	3152	0	3152	3504
Equipment	124	887	1010	16643
Equipment hire	0	0	0	635
Events	458	1082	1541	14793
Staff and Intern	0	59567	59567	44187
Property running costs	108	0	108	0
Staff & volunteer training	345	2105	2450	
Volunteer costs	642	14	656	1417
Insurance	3523	0	3523	3043
Administration & publicity	1015	0	1015	1150
Study Centre	0	30647	30647	52179
Vehicle running costs	989	2500	3489	1588
Environmental Studies	0	0	0	0
Youth Work	0	1886	1886	65
Fundraising costs	1038	748	1786	1142
	<u>14088</u>	<u>102166</u>	<u>116254</u>	<u>142352</u>
Excess of expenditure over income	<u>-3740</u>	<u>-8173</u>	<u>-11914</u>	<u>-32649</u>
Transfer between funds	-1837	1837		0.00
Balance at 1 April 2023	11599	69944	81543	114192
Balance at 31 March 2024	<u>6022</u>	<u>63608</u>	<u>69629</u>	<u>81543</u>
Cash at bank	5879	63608	69487	81478
Cash in hand	143	0	143	65
	<u>6022</u>	<u>63608</u>	<u>69629</u>	<u>81543</u>

The receipts and payments account was approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 August 2024 and was signed on its behalf by:

Wendy Davis
Trustee

Wendy Davis

Elizabeth Scrace
Treasurer

Elizabeth Scrace

Andover Trees United
Statement of assets and liabilities
At 31 March 2024

	2024			2023
	UnRestricted	Restricted	Total	
	£			£
Cash at bank	5879	63608	69487	81478
Cash in hand	143		143	65
	<u>6022</u>	<u>63608</u>	<u>69629</u>	<u>81543</u>
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
Building	<u>0</u>	<u>139483</u>	<u>139483</u>	108836
Equipment	124	13390	13514	13021
Motor vehicle	0	15512	15512	14995
	<u>124</u>	<u>28902</u>	<u>29026</u>	<u>28016</u>
Accounts receivable	<u>2895</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2895</u>	<u>0</u>
Current liabilities				
Suppliers	450	0	450	4194
NEST		265	265	0
HMRC	0	505	505	303
	<u>450</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>1220</u>	<u>4497</u>

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Mrs E Giles

Date 3rd August 2024

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ANDOVER TREES UNITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1167574

Accounts

ANDOVER TREES UNITED
Registered Charity Number 1167574
Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023



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Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

Organisational structure

The trustees meet bi-monthly, with responsibility for day-to-day delivery of the charity's activities delegated to a management team of volunteers, at least 3 of whom are trustees, who meet fortnightly.

Objectives and activities

The charity's constitution sets out the objectives as:

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- The advancement of education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Andover and the Test Valley area including by promoting the woodland as a means for the community to learn about wider environmental issues such as: sustainability, climate change, ecology and the mitigating need for trees.

The main activities during the year were:

- The completion of the construction of the exterior of the woodland classroom and community space. (The interior of the building is due to be completed by mid-November 2023.)
- Planting of approximately 1500 tree whips by 1000+ children from 25 schools and several hundred adults at the Test Valley Borough Council Bury Hill nature reserve. Approximately 750 tree whips planted into new hedgerows at the Diamond Wood and a number of special commemorative trees. All tree plantings added to the Queen's Green Canopy initiative and included:
 - one of the 'Tree of Trees' that had stood outside Buckingham Palace as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
 - a magnificent Silver Birch from the 2022 Chelsea Flower Show, which we dedicated to former Trustee and Andover Mayor Barbara Long
 - a tree that had belonged to the late Paul Sartin, planted in his memory by fellow musicians, family and friends.
- A new fence constructed from timber surplus to the Cabin build was installed to protect the 2012 Diamond Jubilee planting including the tree planted by Princess Anne. The fence also supports a new pictorial timeline of the creation of the community wood 2012-2022.
- Approximately 1000 wildflower plants, raised by ATU volunteers from seed, were planted in the community orchard on Hedge End Rd, as well as new areas of wildflower seeded in Harmony Woods.
- The continuation of the programme to broaden the availability of volunteering opportunities to work in the natural environment, by delivering weekly workdays at Harmony Woods and the allotment as well as monthly weekend workdays. Volunteer opportunities continue to include regular sessions for the extensive citizen science programme. Coppicing at nearby Trinley Estate resumed and several training days saw returning and new volunteers take part.
- The '6 Trees & 6 Flowers' partnership with five local schools to develop an environmental education programme, was reduced to four post-pandemic. Supported by Dr Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots programme, the remaining 4 core schools received funding to undertake field study trips to investigate what lives in Harmony Woods.
- A new 'Nature/ Nurture' project, devised and led by the Nature & Community Officers, offered nature-based activities to children and young people in new collaborations with a number of local organisations; volunteer-led activities in the wood continued to support many local scouting and guiding groups.
- During the year, supported by a number of charitable foundations, we worked with professional musicians and artists to offer workshops and performance opportunities for children and young people via our partner schools as well as for the wider local community. Detailed reports of these projects can be found on our website.
- Using surplus timber felled locally for the cabin build, a series of woodworking craft workshops sponsored by National Lottery & Ikea provided an opportunity to learn skills and construct a variety of products including stools and birdboxes. A detailed report can be found on our website.
- The 3-year 'One Ash' project culminated in an exhibition, curated by CAS, of over 100 pieces crafted from the 'One Ash' by 30 professional and amateur workers-with-wood from across the UK. A detailed report can be found on our website.
- Former ecology intern, Alex, completed her ATU-collaborative internship to People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) which investigated the effects of climate change on the at-risk Small Heath butterfly. An intern position continued to be offered during 2022-23, which allowed us to continue to run the annual programme of citizen science 'Nature in Harmony' events.
- The Nature in Harmony Exchange programme for young people 14-17 years and the link with the Corcovado project in Costa Rica has been maintained with a number of the group travelling to Costa Rica to volunteer during the summer of 2022. Organised and accompanied by ATU volunteers, the trip was funded by the young people themselves, who had also undertaken to offset the flights' carbon emissions by finding ways of reducing their own and their families' carbon footprints.

Achievements and performance

- During 2022-23 the charity continued to pursue its objective of establishing a woodland in Andover with the planting of young trees, the construction of a second wildlife pond and new area for native chalk-loving wildflowers. These form part of a dedicated Habitats Trail. The school planting programme continued at a new site within the Test Valley Borough Council Bury Hill nature reserve. Wildflower planting also extended beyond the Diamond Wood to include the Hedge End Rd

community orchard. Further opportunities for education in the natural environment continued with the four core partnership schools as part of the 4-year 6 Trees and 6 Flowers development programme and as part of the new Nature/ Nurture project and, for adults, in the form of coppicing, wildflower propagation, tree planting, citizen science activities and species identification.

- Improved interpretation in the wood helps visitors to appreciate how the wood has developed.
- The town centre allotment lease continued where, on a regular basis, volunteers are able to propagate wildflowers and nurture saplings for later transfer to the woodland.
- A lease was signed with Hampshire County Council to transfer the management of the whole of the Diamond Wood to Andover Trees United.
- Work continued on the woodland classroom and community space with the external structure completed so that the building is now secured.
- Collaborations with national and international environment groups – the Woodland Trust, Dr Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, youth-led UNEP Plant-for-the-Planet – were resumed.
- The development of strong relationships with local businesses continued, in particular volunteering and funding from Abel & Cole, the Coop, SimplyHealth, Stannah, Wessex Woodland and BeWiser.
- The Ecology Intern Programme continued with the appointment of a 3rd successive intern.
- Two full time Nature and Community Officers and one part time Admin Officer were appointed during the year which has started to deliver the 'Branching Out' strategy and widen the scope of community activities which are available. This was made possible by a National Lottery 'Reaching Communities' Grant.
- A Landrover was purchased allowing the charity to transport trees, tools and equipment as part of its day-to-day work. This was made possible by a National Lottery 'Reaching Communities' Grant.
- The strong community-led management team continued to work well.
- The completion of 10 successful years was marked with a series of music and arts workshops, a celebration concert in Harmony Woods in July 2022 and an exhibition at Chapel Arts Centre of the arts and crafts pieces made from a single Ash tree.

Financial review

The incoming resources in 2022-23 amounted to £109702 (2021-22 £147625) and total resources expended amounted to £142351 (2021-22 £89906) leading to an excess of expenditure over income for the year of £32649 (2021-22 surplus £57719). The charity maintains one Unrestricted General Fund and six Unrestricted Designated Funds, and at 31 March 2022 thirteen Restricted Funds. The total funds balance was £81543 of which the balance of Restricted Funds at 31 March 2023 was £69944. No funds were in deficit at 31 March 2023 and sufficient funds are held to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with any restrictions.

Declaration

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

THANK YOU

The Trustees would also like to take this opportunity to formally thank all volunteers and supporters who have given generously of their time over the past 12 months and without whom few of the achievements described in this report would have been possible.

Signed on 30 August 2023 on behalf of the charity's trustees

Wendy Davis
Trustee

Andover Trees United
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31 March 2023

Charity No 1167574

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Local Authority grants	3525	6000	9525	44000
Grants and donations	5091	85336	90427	50600
Fundraising	1805	7944	9749	30275
Other income		0	0	22750
Interest income		2	2	0
	<u>10421</u>	<u>99281</u>	<u>109702</u>	<u>147625</u>
Expenditure				
Trees planting and site maintenance	850	1156	2006	3415
Transport	0	3504	3504	2721
Equipment	0	16643	16643	2838
Equipment hire	0	635	635	1042
Events	394	14399	14793	3300
Staff and Intern	0	44187	44187	7199
Volunteer costs	1417	0	1417	2261
Insurance	3043	0	3043	1387
Administration & publicity	1150	0	1150	1034
Study Centre	0	52179	52179	56657
Vehicle running costs	1588	0	1588	0
Environmental Studies	0	0	0	7008
Youth Work	0	65	65	611
Fundraising costs	0	1142	1142	433
	<u>8442</u>	<u>133909</u>	<u>142351</u>	<u>89906</u>
Excess of expenditure over income	<u>1979</u>	<u>-34628</u>	<u>-32649</u>	<u>57719</u>
Transfer between funds	0	0		0.00
Balance at 1 April 2022	9620	104572	114192	56473
Balance at 31 March 2023	<u>11599</u>	<u>69944</u>	<u>81543</u>	<u>114192</u>
Cash at bank	11534	69944	81478	114137
Cash in hand	65	0	65	55
	<u>11599</u>	<u>69944</u>	<u>81543</u>	<u>114192</u>

The receipts and payments account was approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 August 2023 and was signed on its behalf by:

Wendy Davis
Trustee

Elizabeth Scrace
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Independent Examiner's Report

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Mrs E Giles

Signed

Date 6th August 2023

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ANDOVER TREES UNITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1167574

Accounts



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Registered Charity Number 1167574

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2022

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Trustees

John Baxter
Wendy L Davis
Daniel J Lobb
Susan Risdale appointed 11 September 2021
Tim Rolt
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Structure, governance and management

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Objectives and activities

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The main activities during the year April 2021 – March 2022 were as follows:

- The main timber frame and roof for the woodland classroom and community space have been constructed, a process overseen by the Carpenters' Fellowship involving over 100 traditional timber framers and volunteers. For a variety of reasons, the building could not be completed during 2021-22 but work is planned to restart in June 2022. Although the final phase will not be finished until 2023, it is expected to be weathertight and usable by the end of this year.
- Winter tree planting saw over 1500 trees planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project. More than 1000 were planted by 1200 children from 27 schools in Andover and the surrounding villages, supported by 100s of local residents and schools' staff. The ambition for 10000 children to plant 10000 trees over a decade was realised, culminating in March in a special planting of 30 oak and ash trees with representatives of almost all participating school in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire.
- Hundreds of wildflower plants were raised from seed and planted in the wood. A 'Habitats Trail' including an extension to the wildlife pond and a 'chalk scrape' area for native wildflowers was constructed. A drainage system was installed from the Cabin to the ponds which, once connected to guttering, will see all rainwater that falls on the roof carried to the ponds.
- The management team maintained the programme to broaden availability of volunteering opportunities to work in the natural environment, by delivering weekly workdays at Harmony Woods and the Vigo Rd allotment, as well as monthly weekend workdays.
- Volunteer opportunities were further broadened to include regular 'Nature in Harmony' sessions, an extensive citizen science programme, devised by Ecology Intern Alex Marshall.
- Continuing the '6 Trees & 6 Flowers' partnership with five local schools to develop an environmental education programme, funding to undertake field study trips to Harmony Woods to investigate what lives in Harmony Woods was granted by Dr Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots programme.
- The charity continued to develop the intern ecologist role, supporting Alex in a successful application to People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) for a funded internship that investigated the effects of climate change on the at-risk Small Heath butterfly. In addition, Alex secured funding to run the citizen science 'Nature in Harmony' and 'Habitats Trail' projects. Funding was also secured to continue the ecology internship programme, allowing a new intern to take over April 2022- March 2023.
- In addition to the internship, the charity has supported young people to develop their skills and interests in the natural world by offering work experience to Sparsholt students, providing weekly volunteering opportunities to Harrow Way students and by delivering dedicated sessions to local guiding and scouting groups.
- The newly established Nature in Harmony Exchange programme for young people 14-17 years continued into its 2nd year and the link with the Corcovado Foundation in Costa Rica has been maintained. As the founding students continued into their 2nd year, they were joined by a new 'year 1' cohort.
- Artistic collaborations were developed with: CAS (UnderEarth); storyteller Amanda Kane-Smith (Test Valley Tales); place-based artist James Aldridge, sound artist Justin Wiggan and musician Paul Sartin (Voices in Harmony and Living by the Ash Tree Waters); and London-based world music educators Musiko Musika.

Achievements and performance

- During 2021-22 the charity continued to pursue its objective of establishing a woodland in Andover with the planting of young trees, the construction of a second wildlife pond and a new area for native chalk-loving wildflowers. The school planting programme returned in full after the Covid19 restrictions, over an extended period to cater for increased numbers of children taking part.
- Further opportunities for education in the natural environment continued with the five partnership schools as part of the 4-year *6 Trees and 6 Flowers* pilot programme. These included field study trips

to Harmony Woods, propagating wild flowers from seed and 2 artist-led programmes which commenced in March and will continue across the summer months: 'Living by the Ash Tree Waters' and 'Voices in Harmony'. As these projects develop, they will be extended into the wider community.

- The town centre allotment lease continued where, on a regular basis, volunteers are able to propagate wildflowers and nurture saplings for later transfer to the woodland.
- Negotiations with Hampshire County Council for the change from a licence agreement for Harmony Woods to a lease to manage the whole of the Diamond Wood continued to progress.
- Work started on the woodland classroom and community space with the timber structure completed during the summer and roofing in early winter of 2021. Unforeseen circumstances meant that the building could not be completed (but phase 2 work will restart in June 2022 for completion by November 2022).
- The development of strong relationships with local businesses continued, in particular volunteering and funding from Abel & Cole, the Coop, Waitrose, Ocado, SimplyHealth, Stannah, Virgin Media, Wessex Woodland and Middleton Estate.
- The strong community-led management team continued to work well.
- Funding was secured (Nov. 2021) from The National Lottery (TNL) Reaching Communities Programme to help realise the first 5 years of the 'Branching Out' strategy (devised by public consultation 2020-21).
- At the end of the financial year (Feb/ March), thanks to TNL funding, one full-time and one temporary part-time employee were engaged together with a part-time administrator to assist with the development of the charity and the delivery of the Branching Out strategy and programme of community engagement events.

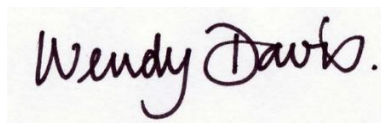
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Declaration

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

Signed on 5 September 2022 on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Wendy Davis." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy Davis
Trustee

Andover Trees United
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31 March 2022

Charity No 1167574

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
Income				
Local Authority grants		44000	44000	8684
Grants and donations	300	50300	50600	18828
Fundraising	4770	25505	30275	20300
Other income		22750	22750	166
Interest income		0	0	0
	<u>5070</u>	<u>142555</u>	<u>147625</u>	<u>47978</u>
Expenditure				
Trees planting and site maintenance	280	3063	3343	2637
Transport	0	2721	2721	1032
Equipment	1024	1814	2838	1116
Equipment hire	0	1042	1042	90
Events	0	3300	3300	0
Staff and Intern	1120	6079	7199	2018
Volunteer costs	559	1702	2261	331
Insurance	1387	0	1387	782
Administration & publicity	1034	0	1034	811
Study Centre	0	56657	56657	0
Allotment, Jonathans Wood	72	0	72	78
Environmental Studies	0	7008	7008	213
Youth Work	0	611	611	391
Fundraising costs	433	0	433	61
	<u>5910</u>	<u>83996</u>	<u>89906</u>	<u>9560</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	<u>-840</u>	<u>58559</u>	<u>57719</u>	<u>38418</u>
Transfer between funds	-73	73		
Balance at 1 April 2021	10533	45940	56473	18055
Balance at 31 March 2022	<u>9620</u>	<u>104572</u>	<u>114192</u>	<u>56473</u>
Cash at bank	9565	104572	114137	56423
Cash in hand	55	0	55	50
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Signed

Date 6 September 2022

Andrew Dance

Damhsa, Church Lane, Goodworth Clatford, Andover SP11 7HL

ANDOVER TREES UNITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1167574

Accounts

ANDOVER TREES UNITED

Registered Charity Number 1167574

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Under-16 Youth Advisor

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trees.

All activities were reduced during 2020-21 by the government's Covid19 restrictions however within these restrictions the main activities during the year were:

- Planting of approximately 1000 tree whips and 28 different British native trees as standards, one for each school; the latter will form a small arboretum. Due to Covid19, only half the number of children were able to join in. Usually, the children plant for us but last winter, a generous team of adult volunteers planted trees for the children.
- We continued the programme to broaden the availability of volunteering opportunities to work in the natural environment, by delivering weekly workdays at Harmony Woods, the local allotment and nearby mature woodland as well as monthly weekend opportunities. In the forthcoming year these opportunities will be broadened into an extensive citizen science programme, devised and led by ecologist and intern, Alex Marshall. We are indebted to her for initiating what we hope will become an annual series of events.
- We continued the partnership with five local schools to develop an environmental education programme. Supported by Dr Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots programme, the 5 core schools received funding to undertake field study trips to Harmony Woods to investigate what lives in Harmony Woods.
- We continued the ecologist volunteer role, supporting Alex in a successful application to People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) for a funded internship that in spring and summer 2021 will investigate the effects of climate change on the at-risk Small Heath butterfly. In addition, we secured funding to allow Alex to run the citizen science 'Nature in Harmony' projects. Data collected in 2020 has been analysed and will be published by September 2021.
- We are continuing the first year of the newly established Nature in Harmony Exchange programme for young people 14-17 years and the link with the Corcovado project in Costa Rica has been maintained.

Achievements and performance

- During 2020-21 the charity continued to pursue its objective of establishing a woodland in Andover with the planting of young trees and the establishment of the arboretum. The number of schools taking part in the planting season was reduced due to Covid19 restrictions. Further opportunities for education in the natural environment continued with the five partnership schools as part of the 4-year 6 Trees and 6 Flowers development programme. The management of mature woodland close to the Harmony Woods site providing opportunities for skill development for adult volunteers was continued; the town centre allotment lease continued where, on a regular basis, volunteers are able to propagate wildflowers and nurture saplings for later transfer to the woodland.
- Negotiations with Hampshire County Council for the change from a licence agreement for Harmony Woods to a lease to manage the whole of the Diamond Wood continued to progress.
- Planning permission for conversion of the temporary steel containers into a site-sensitive, woodland classroom and community space having been granted by Test Valley Borough Council and with sufficient funds raised, work to process the timber for the frame will start in June 2021. The end of August 2021 is scheduled for the start of construction, with the Carpenters Fellowship leading a traditional frame raising.
- The development of strong relationships with local businesses continued, in particular volunteering and funding from Abel & Cole, the Coop, SimplyHealth, Stannah, Wessex Woodland and Middleton Estate.
- The strong community-led management team continued to work well.
- Public consultation for a 10-year development programme started in June 2020. The major areas of the resulting proposals were developed by smaller groups over the following months with the expectation that the plans will start to be rolled out from January 2022 and will form the next 5-year business plan.

Financial review

The incoming resources in 2020-21 amounted to £47978 (2019-20 £27865) and total resources expended amounted to £9560 (2019-20 £29414) leading to a surplus for the year of £38417 (2019-20 deficit £1728). The charity maintains one Unrestricted General Fund and six Unrestricted Designated Funds, and at 31 March 2021 twelve Restricted Funds. The total funds balance was £56473 of which the balance of Restricted Funds at 31 March 2021 was £45940. No funds were in deficit at 31 March 2021 and sufficient funds are held to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with any restrictions.

Declaration

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

Signed on 1 September 2021 on behalf of the charity's trustees

Wendy Davis
Trustee

Andover Trees United
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31 March 2021

Charity No 1167574

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
Income				
Local Authority grants		8684	8684	
Grants and donations	1000	17828	18828	12974
Fundraising	3354	16946	20300	14710
Other income		166	166	
Interest income		0	0	1
	<u>4354</u>	<u>43624</u>	<u>47978</u>	<u>27685</u>
Expenditure				
Trees planting and site maintenance	0	2637	2637	1372
Transport	0	1032	1032	4079
Equipment	0	1116	1116	2262
Equipment hire	0	90	90	618
Events	0	0	0	1966
Staff and Intern	1602	416	2018	9164
Volunteer costs	0	331	331	1466
Insurance	782	0	782	755
Administration & publicity	811	0	811	2044
Study Centre (2017 Pond building)	0	0	0	3749
Allotment, Jonathans Wood	78	0	78	73
Environmental Studies	0	213	213	
Youth Work	0	391	391	872
Fundraising costs	61	0	61	993
	<u>3334</u>	<u>6226</u>	<u>9560</u>	<u>29413</u>
Excess of income over expenditure	<u>1020</u>	<u>37397</u>	<u>38417</u>	<u>-1728</u>
Transfer between funds	-1353	1353		
Balance at 1 April 2020	10866	7190	18056	19784
Balance at 31 March 2021	<u>10533</u>	<u>45940</u>	<u>56473</u>	<u>18056</u>
Cash at bank	10483	45940	56423	18006
Cash in hand	50	0	50	50
	<u>10533</u>	<u>45940</u>	<u>56473</u>	<u>18056</u>

The receipts and payments account was approved by the Board of Trustees on 1 September 2021 and was signed on its behalf by:

Wendy Davis
Trustee

Elizabeth Scrace
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees of Andover Trees United (charity No 1167574) on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on page 1.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in the report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date September 2021

Andrew Dance

Damhsa, Church Lane, Goodworth Clatford, Andover SP11 7HL