

VINTERS VALLEY PARK TRUST CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1169118

Details

Other names	VINTERS VALLEY NATURE RESERVE
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-09-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Vinters Lodge Lodge Road Maidstone ME14 5EH
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Activities

Objects: 3.1 TO MANAGE AND IMPROVE THE WHOLE OF VINTERS VALLEY PARK (PARK) AS AN OPEN SPACE FOR QUIET, INFORMAL RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE PUBLIC3.2 TO CONSERVE THE WILDLIFE WITHIN THE PARK3.3 TO PRESERVE, CONSERVE, MAINTAIN, RESTORE AND ENHANCE AND PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC SUCH FEATURES OF THE PARK THAT ARE OF SPECIAL LANDSCAPE, HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST.

Activities: To manage and improve the whole of Vinters Valley Park as an open space for quiet, informal recreation or other leisure time occupation of the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public.To conserve the wildlife within the ParkTo preserve, conserve, maintain, restore and enhance for the benefit of the public.

Classification

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

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£89,173	£42,069	-	-
2023-12-31	£56,849	£35,080	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,141	£39,817	-	-
2021-12-31	£49,143	£35,313	-	-
2020-12-31	£36,648	£33,982	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARTIN COX	Chair	2020-04-09
ANNE BRINDLE		2020-08-13
CHRISTOPHER BERNARD SHEPPARD		2021-07-08
Gary Cooke		2017-01-19
Nicola Fissenden		2022-02-10
PAUL WALSH		2020-08-13
PETER JOHN FRANK LOTT		2021-03-15

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Accounts

VINTERS VALLEY PARK TRUST CIO

(No: 1169118)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Vinters Valley Park Trust CIO

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1169118

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basis of report**

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

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examiner's statement**

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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

02/06/2025

Name:

Peter Acott

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCCA

Address:

SHPD Accountants, 10 Littlebourne Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5QP



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Vinters Valley Park Trust

1169118

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1 January 2024	To	Period end date 31 December 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	15,615	90	-	15,705	17,140
Grants	7,500		-	7,500	7,000
Gift Aid	3,264		-	3,264	3,143
Legacy	45,243		-	45,243	1,014
Other income	13,057	828	-	13,885	27,388
Bank interest	3,577		-	3,577	1,164
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	88,255	918	-	89,173	56,849
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	88,255	918	-	89,173	56,849
A3 Payments					
Utilities	554		-	554	143
Travelling, mileage	90		-	90	43
Print, stationery, office, telecoms	576		-	576	1,205
Maintenance, fuel, uniform, tools	6,123	72	-	6,195	5,284
Disposables, bird food & bat expenditure	472		-	472	216
Insurance	2,259		-	2,259	2,222
General & volunteer expenditure	5,084	475	-	5,559	336
Gross wages inc pension contributions	26,004		-	26,004	25,271
Bank charges	360		-	360	360
			-	-	-
Sub total	41,522	547	-	42,069	35,080
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	41,522	547	-	42,069	35,080
Net of receipts/(payments)	46,733	371	-	47,104	21,769
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	102,929	7,501	-	110,430	88,661
Cash funds this year end	149,662	7,872	-	157,534	110,430

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	11,106	-	-
	Deposit account	138,149	7,872	-
	Cash	406	-	-
	Total cash funds	149,662	7,872	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Martin Cox	02/06/2025
		Christopher Sheppard	02/06/2025



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date		Period end date		
From	1 st	January	2024	To	31 st	December 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Vinters Valley Park Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1169118

Charity's principal address

Vinters Lodge
 Lodge Road
 Maidstone
Postcode ME14 5EH

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	M Cox	Chair		
2	G Cooke			Kent County Council
3	A Brindle			
4	P Walsh			
5	PJ Lott			Vinters Residents Association
6	CB Sheppard			Boxley Parish Council
7	N Fissenden			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees may be appointed from Boxley Parish Council, Kent County Council, Maidstone Borough Council, Vinters Park Residents Association, Grove Green Community Hall CIO. Additional Trustees may be appointed by resolution of a properly convened meeting of the Trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- i) To manage and improve the whole of Vinters Valley Park ("Park") as an open space for quiet, informal recreation or other leisure time occupation of the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public
- ii) To conserve the wildlife within the Park
- iii) To preserve, conserve, maintain, restore and enhance and promote understanding and appreciation for the benefit of the public such features of the Park that are of special landscape, historical or architectural interest

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We employ a warden to undertake such maintenance as required to keep the Reserve in a safe and desirable condition for the public to enjoy and who carries out his duties as outlined in the management plan drawn up by a management committee and approved by the Trustees.

The Warden is supported by many volunteers to carry out this maintenance and works to improve the Reserve and make it more accessible.

Relocation of reptiles into the reserve to preserve them from loss of the previous habitat due to development.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The 30th anniversary commemorative stone has been placed. The stone has been provided by a local company.

Maintenance work continues led by the Warden and carried out by a regular team of volunteers. Various storms throughout 2024 have caused damage to mature trees. Action has been taken to protect visitors from any harm.

Visitor numbers are beginning to increase. Notices of special events (dawn chorus, bat watch, tree identification etc) continue to be notified on social media and on our website – vintersvalley.co.uk

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The CIO's policy is to maintain a reserves level to ensure funds are readily available should there be major storm damage to the Park and also to enable payment of any legally required redundancy to the warden should the Charity have to be wound up.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Martin Cox

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

02/06/2025

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**Independent
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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

26/04/2024

Name:

Peter Acott

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCCA

Address:

SHPD Accountants, 10 Littlebourne Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5QP



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1 January 2023	To	Period end date 31 December 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	15,543	1,597	-	17,140	15,777
Grants	7,000	-	-	7,000	6,500
Gift Aid	3,143	-	-	3,143	3,250
Legacy	1,014	-	-	1,014	-
Other income	26,895	493	-	27,388	477
Bank interest	1,164	-	-	1,164	137
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	54,759	2,090	-	56,849	26,141
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	54,759	2,090	-	56,849	26,141
A3 Payments					
Utilities	143	-	-	143	194
Travelling, mileage	43	-	-	43	47
Print, stationery, office, telecoms	1,144	61	-	1,205	655
Maintenance, fuel, uniform, tools	4,072	1,212	-	5,284	11,614
Disposables, bird food & bat expenditure	216	-	-	216	128
Insurance	2,222	-	-	2,222	2,097
General & volunteer expenditure	336	-	-	336	1,810
Gross wages inc pension contributions	22,937	2,334	-	25,271	22,912
Bank charges	360	-	-	360	360
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,473	3,607	-	35,080	39,817
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	31,473	3,607	-	35,080	39,817
Net of receipts/(payments)	23,286	(1,518)	-	21,769	(13,676)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	79,643	9,018	-	88,661	102,337
Cash funds this year end	102,929	7,501	-	110,430	88,661

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	7,822	-	-
	Deposit account	94,701	7,501	-
	Cash	406	-	-
	Total cash funds	102,929	7,501	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
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Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F


Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Martin Cox	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	26/04/24	

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Basis of independent examiner's statement

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

- In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

27/06/2023

Name:

Peter Acott

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:

FCCA

Address:

SHPD Accountants, 10 Littlebourne Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5QP



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Vinters Valley Park Trust CIO		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2022	Charity no (if any)	1169118
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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Signed: **Date:** 27/06/2023

Name: Peter Acott

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: FCCA

Address: SHPD Accountants, 10 Littlebourne Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5QP



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Vinters Valley Park Trust CIO

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	15,727	50	-	15,777	17,448
Grants	6,500	-	-	6,500	7,500
Gift Aid	3,250	-	-	3,250	3,363
Other income	254	223	-	477	20,675
Bank interest	137	-	-	137	157
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,868	273	-	26,141	49,143
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,868	273	-	26,141	49,143
A3 Payments					
Utilities	194	-	-	194	187
Travelling, mileage	47	-	-	47	70
Print, stationery, office, telecoms	655	-	-	655	718
Maintenance, fuel, uniform, tools	9,357	2,257	-	11,614	9,612
Disposables, bird food & bat expenditure	128	-	-	128	321
Insurance	2,097	-	-	2,097	2,408
General & volunteer expenditure	1,730	80	-	1,810	295
Gross wages inc pension contributions	21,650	1,262	-	22,912	20,369
Advance PAYE/NI payment	-	-	-	-	1,003
Bank charges	360	-	-	360	330
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	36,218	3,599	-	39,817	35,313
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Bat/bird monitoring equipment & cameras	-	-	-	-	206
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	206
Total payments	36,218	3,599	-	39,817	35,519
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 10,350	- 3,326	-	- 13,676	13,624
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	89,993	12,344	-	102,337	88,713
Cash funds this year end	79,643	9,018	-	88,661	102,337

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	8,218		-
	Deposit account	71,019	9,018	-
	Cash	406		-
	Total cash funds	79,643	9,018	-

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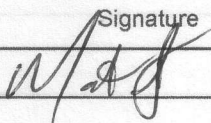
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Categories	Details (if any)	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Tractor	All funds	-	-
	Bat/bird monitoring equip & cameras	Restricted funds	-	-
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			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name Martin Cox	Date of approval 8/7/2023
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 st January 2022	To	31 st December 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Vinters Valley Park Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1169118

Charity's principal address 66 College Road
Maidstone
Postcode ME15 6SJ

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	M Cox	Chairman		
2	G Cooke			Kent County Council
3	A Brindle			Maidstone Borough Council
4	P Walsh			
5	PJ Lott			Vinters Residents Association
6	CB Sheppard			Boxley Parish Council
7	N Fissenden		Feb 22 – Dec 22	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- i) To manage and improve the whole of Vinters Valley Park ("Park") as an open space for quiet, informal recreation or other leisure time occupation of the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public
- ii) To conserve the wildlife within the Park
- iii) To preserve, conserve, maintain, restore and enhance and promote understanding and appreciation for the benefit of the public such features of the Park that are of special landscape, historical or architectural interest

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We employ a warden to undertake such maintenance as required to keep the Reserve in a safe and desirable condition for the public to enjoy and who carries out his duties as outlined in the management plan drawn up by a management committee and approved by the Trustees.

We have many volunteers who help the warden to carry out this maintenance and works to improve the Reserve and make it more accessible.

Relocation of reptiles into the reserve to preserve them from loss of the previous habitat due to development.

Work on the Reserve is carried out by the Warden and carried out by a regular team of volunteers.

Visitor numbers are bound to increase and school visits have started up again after the Covid restrictions. Notices of special events (dawn chorus, bird watch, tree identification etc) continue to be notified on social media.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The 30th anniversary celebrations took place a year later than plan in July 2022, with events taking place within the reserve.

The site of a 30th anniversary commemorative stone has been agreed which should be in place during 2023. The stone has been provided by a local company.

Maintenance work continues led by the Warden and carried out by a regular team of volunteers.

Visitor numbers are beginning to increase and school visits have started up again after the Covid restrictions. Notices of special events (dawn chorus, bat watch, tree identification etc) continue to be notified on social media.

Section E

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Section F

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Marlin Cox

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

21/03/2023

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The CIO's policy is to maintain a reserves level to ensure funds are readily available should there be major storm damage to the Park and also to enable payment of any legally required redundancy to the warden should the Charity have to be wound up.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information


Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Martin Cox

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

27/06/2023

VINTERS VALLEY PARK TRUST CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1169118

Accounts

VINTERS VALLEY PARK TRUST CIO

(No: 1169118)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE**

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

VINTERS VALLEY PARK TRUST CIO

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- Trustees' annual report
- Chairman's report



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Vinters Valley Park Trust CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2021

Charity no
(if any)

1169118

Set out on pages

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

15/06/2022

Name:

Peter Acott

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:

FCCA

Address:

SHPD Accountants, 10 Littlebourne Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5QP



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Vinters Valley Park Trust CIO

No (if any)
1169118

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	15,342	2,106	-	17,448	16,638
Grants	6,500	1,000	-	7,500	13,231
Gift Aid	3,363	-	-	3,363	4,051
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	1,942
Other income	20,675	-	-	20,675	233
Bank interest	157	-	-	157	553
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	46,037	3,106	-	49,143	36,648
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	46,037	3,106	-	49,143	36,648
A3 Payments					
Utilities	187	-	-	187	239
Travelling, mileage	70	-	-	70	64
Print, stationery, office, telecoms	718	-	-	718	372
Maintenance, fuel, uniform, tools	6,131	3,481	-	9,612	6,010
Disposables, bird food & bat expenditure	321	-	-	321	145
Insurance	2,408	-	-	2,408	2,567
General & volunteer expenditure	295	-	-	295	391
Gross wages inc pension contributions	20,369	-	-	20,369	19,643
Advance PAYE/NI payment	1,003	-	-	1,003	-
Replacement tools from insurance claim	-	-	-	-	1,777
Bank charges	330	-	-	330	360
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,832	3,481	-	35,313	31,568
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Bat/bird monitoring equipment & cameras	-	206	-	206	2,414
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	206	-	206	2,414
Total payments	31,832	3,687	-	35,519	33,982
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,205	(581)	-	13,624	2,666
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	75,788	12,925	-	88,713	86,047
Cash funds this year end	89,993	12,344	-	102,337	88,713

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	22,031	-	-
	Deposit account	67,556	12,344	-
	Cash	406	-	-
	Total cash funds	89,993	12,344	-
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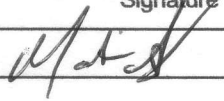
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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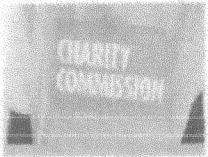
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Tractor	All funds	-	-
	Bat/bird monitoring equip & cameras	Restricted funds	-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Martin Cox	15/06/2022



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

1st January 2021

To

31st December 2021

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

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	M Cox	Chairman	11.9.21 to 31.12.21	
2	V G Davies	Chairman	11.2.21 to 11.9.21	Boxley Parish Council
3	R Jones	Chairman	01.01.21 to 11.2.21	
4	G Cooke			Kent County Council
5	A Brindle			Maidstone Borough Council
6	P Walsh			
7	G Miles		01.01.21 to 06.09.21	
8	PK Overland		01.01.21 to 17.09.21	Grove Green Community Hall Trust
9	PJ Lott		15.3.21 to 31.12.21	Vinters Residents Assoc
10	CB Sheppard		08.07.21 to 31.12.21	Boxley Parish Council
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Reserve reached its 30th anniversary in September, although the celebrations have been postponed to 2022 due to the pandemic.

Much of the delayed maintenance work from 2020 was carried out by the Warden and his team of volunteers during the year, notably the erection of a new 230m chestnut paling fence along one of our boundaries. The materials were funded by grants. Other work has included repairs and replacement of handrails, fencing and a bridge as well as stream clearance. Footpaths have been repaired with additional stone, which has been donated by a local company, Gallagher Aggregates.

Visitor numbers declined as the year progressed, although these are still around 10% higher than pre Covid.

Following the better weather for breeding in 2020, good numbers of juvenile lizards were seen during September in various parts of the Reserve. During late Spring, a small number of reptiles were re-homed from Rochester in one of the conservation fields. We will continue to monitor reptile activity.

A pair of Canada Geese produced five goslings although four developed a wing deformity caused by too much bread during their early development. The story appeared on the local ITV news and have become ambassadors for a 'no bread' policy. Buzzards were regularly seen and two male Mandarin Ducks made the lake their home in October. Overall, 100 different species of birds have been recorded in the Reserve.

Our first extensive autumn survey of small mammals revealed a high population of mice and voles indicating the success of wildlife habitat management policies. It is planned to carry out a spring and autumn survey in future.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

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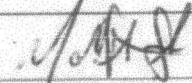
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Martin Cox

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

15/6/2022

Vinters Valley Nature Reserve

"Maidstone's Hidden Gem"

Celebrating



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2021 - 2022

When I was voted in to the position of Chairman of the Trust in September 2021, I had no secretary and was short of a couple of Trustees. I was not taking on this responsibility as a Maidstone Borough Councillor, as the position from the Council on the Trust had been re-allocated. I had been on the Trust prior to this re-shuffle but was proud to be asked to continue as a member of the public. I was very pleased to be encouraged to take over from Vic who had stepped in as Chairman following the stepping down of Richard.

The Reserve has been in good hands, at the helm, we are still lucky enough to have The Warden - Steve Songhurst. Together with the team of volunteers we have seen the steady progress of the Management plan. The main objectives guiding the management of the nature reserve include:

- (a) To protect & conserve the wildlife living within the nature reserve.
- (b) To manage the nature reserve for the benefit of the public, as an open space for quiet informal recreation and the enjoyment of nature.
- (c) To protect / restore, for the benefit of the public, such features of the reserve as are of special landscape, historical, or architectural interest.

All of the above is overseen by The Management Committee lead by Harry and Paul. To all these special people, I feel sure that the users and Trustees of the Reserve would like me to extend our heartfelt thanks for the superb work they do.

One of the ongoing 'deliberations' that has been taking place involving KCC and MBC planning has been how, and by what method, should the water that flows from the Bearsted Road system down through the reserve. I would like to give special mention to Peter Lott and Anne Brindle for keeping the Trustees aware of progress, issues and then outcome. At the time of writing we are told that the work up in the grounds of the Crematorium will start soon and the water quality will start to improve.

During the COVID pandemic, visitor and user numbers have not fallen, we see new "Friends" and dog walkers using the reserve in ever increasing numbers. The paths have again taken a beating and once again the amazing support from local business has come to our aid.

In the last 18 months we have taken delivery of close to 40 tonnes of stone chippings that cover our paths. I feel sure that many take the paths for granted. I ask us all to acknowledge this and other truly wonderful support for our Nature Reserve from Gallagher Group.



Vinters Valley Nature Reserve
Maidstone's hidden gem

Vinters Valley Park Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Headquarters: Vinters Lodge, Lodge Road, Maidstone, ME14 5EH



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When the weather was cold, we put bird food out in several areas, the cost of which has steadily increased. In conversation with our immediate neighbour 'Notcutts' we asked if, in a similar way that human food is donated as we shop, we could ask their customers to donate bird feed as they buy theirs for home. Thank you, a truly wonderful response, please keep giving. And a huge thank you to Notcutts for the bird seed and white sunflower hearts they have donated and for encouraging this 'bird seed food bank'.

Due, once again to COVID we were unable to formally open the 30th Anniversary Walk. We will be rectifying this on 2nd July 2022 with our public AGM in the Reserve itself. There is a great day of seeing, doing and contributing. We also have a photography and art competition 'New Beginnings'. Local people from schools and the community will enter. We would like to thank Gallagher Civil Engineers and quarry department for their kind donation of a commemorative obelisk to mark the occasion.

We have also welcomed two new members of the Trust. Nikki Fissenden as a Trustee and Ann Neal our new Secretary. Both have hit the ground running with valuable contribution to our meetings and day to day running.

Acknowledgements:

My thanks go to Harry Lowder, our Honorary Management Committee Chair, and his Honorary committee members who have worked so hard to keep the Reserve running smoothly. To all of you who are involved with the Reserve thank you. To our Warden, Steve Songhurst and his teams of volunteers who became the Thursday Gang thank you.

I want to give a special thank you to Ben Kirby who is the Honorary Vice Chair of the Management Committee and heads up the PR Media and IT committee. Ben created the 30th Anniversary Logo, he wears many hats all of which benefit the Reserve. Thank you Ben for all you do....

Our Honorary Treasurer, Anne Newman, has worked hard to give us regular useful reports and has dealt with the regular volume of transactions. Anne thank you for all your hard work and great support you have given me as new Chairman.

However, it is an undeniable fact that it is, has and will prove hard to keep asking for our users' support, as they too will see general expenses increase with national inflation hitting the headlines.

We are grateful to those Friends and supporters who faithfully and regularly give much needed funds, not only in the form of financial donations but also through the clever ways that, through spending online, can donate funds to nominated charities such as ours.



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Vinters Valley Nature Reserve

"Maidstone's Hidden Gem"

Celebrating



But we will remain upbeat. In 2021-22 we have received much needed grants from different sources which have enabled our Warden to achieve and plan for many things.

Our special thanks go to the following who granted us £6500 in much needed funds: Boxley Parish Council

We must also thank Boxley Timber & Fencing Supplies Ltd, Gallagher Construction Ltd, Haynes Agricultural Ltd for services and goods in kind.

Trustees:

To those who served as Trustees thank you.

All of you, Trustees, Treasurer, Management Committee, Warden, T Gangs and Secretaries my thanks to you all, it has been a privilege to act as Chair and Trustee for the Trust in this my first year.



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Maidstone's hidden gem

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VINTERS VALLEY PARK TRUST CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1169118

Accounts

VINTERS VALLEY PARK TRUST CIO

(No: 1169118)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

VINTERS VALLEY PARK TRUST CIO

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Vinters Valley Park Trust CIO		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2020	Charity no (if any)	1169118
Set out on pages	1 - 2		

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

11/02/2021

Name:

Peter Acott

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:

FCCA

Address:

SHPD Accountants, 10 Littlebourne Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5QP



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Vinters Valley Park Trust CIO

No (if any)
1169118

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2020	To	Period end date 31/12/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	16,536	102	-	16,638	19,813
Grants	2,281	10,950	-	13,231	6,725
Gift Aid received	3,301	750	-	4,051	3,105
Legacy	-	-	-	-	13,949
Insurance claim	1,942	-	-	1,942	-
Other income	233	-	-	233	42,344
Bank interest	553	-	-	553	145
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,846	11,802	-	36,648	86,081
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of tractor	-	-	-	-	1,500
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,500
Total receipts	24,846	11,802	-	36,648	87,581
A3 Payments					
Utilities	239	-	-	239	194
Travelling/mileage	64	-	-	64	140
Print, stationery, office, telecomms	372	-	-	372	782
Maintenance, fuel, uniform, tools	5,958	52	-	6,010	9,906
Disposables, bird food & bat expenditure	145	-	-	145	258
Insurance	2,567	-	-	2,567	2,006
General & volunteer expenditure	391	-	-	391	435
Gross wages & pension contributions	19,643	-	-	19,643	18,513
Replacement tools from insurance claim	1,777	-	-	1,777	-
Bank charges	360	-	-	360	190
Sub total	31,516	52	-	31,568	32,424
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Tractor	-	-	-	-	3,610
Bat/bird monitoring equipment & cameras	14	2,400	-	2,414	-
Sub total	14	2,400	-	2,414	3,610
Total payments	31,530	2,452	-	33,982	36,034
Net of receipts/(payments)	(6,684)	9,350	-	2,666	51,547
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	82,472	3,575	-	86,047	34,500
Cash funds this year end	75,788	12,925	-	88,713	86,047

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	8,563	-	-
	Deposit account	66,819	12,925	-
	Cash	406	-	-
	Total cash funds	75,788	12,925	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK	OK	OK
Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £


Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Tractor	All funds		
Bat/bird monitoring equipment & cameras	Restricted funds		
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Richard Jones	11/02/2021



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	1 st	January	2020	To	31 st	December	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Vinters Valley Park Trust CIO

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1169118

Charity's principal address 3 The Medlars

Woodlands, Maidstone

Kent

Postcode

ME14 5RZ

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	R Jones	Chairman	18.03.20 to 31.12.20	Fellow trustees
2	V G Davies	Chairman	To 18.3.20 (Chair)	Boxley Parish Council
3	P J Lott		To 19.07.20	Vinters Residents Association
4	P K Overland		Whole period	Grove Green Community Hall Trust
5	G Cooke		Whole period	Kent County Council
6	G Miles		Whole period	Fellow trustees
7	R Hinder		To 13.08.20	Maidstone Borough Council
8	A Brindle		13.08.20 to 31.12.20	Maidstone Borough Council
9	P Joslyn		13.08.20 to 31.12.20	Fellow trustees
10	P Walsh		13.08.20 to 31.12.20	Fellow trustees
11	M Cox		13.08.20 to 31.12.20	Fellow trustees
12	V G Davies		Whole period	Boxley Parish Council
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18				
19				
20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees may be appointed from Boxley Parish Council; Kent County Council; Maidstone Borough Council; Vinters Park Residents Association; Grove Green Community Hall CIO. Additional Trustees may be appointed by resolution of a properly convened meeting of the Trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- i) To manage and improve the whole of Vinters Valley Park (“Park”) as an open space for quiet, informal recreation or other leisure time occupation of the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public
- ii) To conserve the wildlife within the Park
- iii) To preserve, conserve, maintain, restore and enhance and promote understanding and appreciation for the benefit of the public such features of the Park that are of special landscape, historical or architectural interest

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We employ a warden to undertake such maintenance as required to keep the Reserve in a safe and desirable condition for the public to enjoy and who carries out his duties as outlined in the management plan drawn up by a management committee and approved by the Trustees.

Fencing along Huntsmans Lane was repaired with the help of a local construction firm, and much of the wood used to repair steps was also donated.

Paths eroded by the increased footfall have been strengthened by Ragstone grit (donated) where required.

The access path from Bargrove Road entrance has been amended so that there are passing places for pedestrians to meet the social distancing rules.

The entrance to the reserve in New Cut Road was upgraded.

Relocation of reptiles into the reserve to preserve them from loss of the previous habitat due to development.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Contribution made by volunteers:

We have many volunteers who help the warden to carry out this maintenance and works to improve the Reserve and make it more accessible. Due to Covid-19 we have split the usual Tuesday gang into a Tuesday and Thursday gang. Their contribution under the supervision of our warden has been very helpful.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

As a result of the pandemic, the Reserve saw visitor numbers increase considerably, especially during the first lockdown in May. Many of these visitors were visiting for the first time which generated much interest in the reserve, this increased footfall has impacted on the condition of paths and steps which have had to be repaired.

When restrictions allowed, many volunteers worked tirelessly to repair steps and paths as well as general damage caused by vandals. With help from the local PCSO, the vandalism has now ceased.

Birds continue to frequent the reserve and a juvenile Gadwall was seen in September. Canada geese, ducks and tawny owls successfully raised young this year. A number of buzzards are regularly seen over the reserve.

The reserve remains no 4 in Kent for the number (631) of fly species recorded on one site.

Two bat recording devices have been purchased with a grant from a local trust which has shown there are many bat hotspots in the reserve and in the summer they are very active in the afternoons.

Two wildlife cameras have also been purchased using a grant received. These will provide valuable answers to the movement of small mammals across the reserve.

The Trust received over £13,000 in grants from a variety of organisations during the year, but because of the pandemic some of this will be spent in 2021 on renewing the Fullingpitts Wood boundary fence with the public footpath and the Anniversary Trail.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The CIO's policy is to maintain a reserves level to ensure funds are readily available should there be major storm damage to the Park and also to enable payment of any legally required redundancy to the warden should the Charity have to be wound up.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

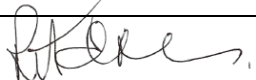
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Richard Jones	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	11/02/21	



CHAIRMANS REPORT 2020-2021

When I assumed the position of Chair in March 2020, I had no idea what was around the corner for us all.

The Reserve has been buffeted by the pressures caused by Covid-19, with hundreds of new visitors, the incredibly hot weather and extreme flooding in the Valley.

But as has happened so many times before, everyone rallied round and the Reserve has endured all that was thrown at it.

In May 2020, when exercise was allowed after the first lockdown, the Reserve was visited by a huge number of people new to our green space, a massive increase in visitor numbers from that normally expected. The switchback of lockdown and release might have caused us problems but with our volunteers and Warden, we have steered a careful path through most of the issues that arose.

We also had a great success with catching the vandals who had caused so much damage in the Reserve in 2019 and 2020. The Trustees wrote to the Chief Constable and as a direct result of this letter, he put in place police personnel who, working with our Warden, were able to catch these miscreants "red handed".

In July 2020 we also had a visit from Helen Whately the local MP who wished to support us by a visit to the Reserve to see for herself what was available to the local community.

Towards the end of 2020, we had great concerns for the health of the lake, our "jewel in the crown", as wildfowl had died in 2019. South East Water has since offered to organise testing of the water, free of charge, on a regular basis, we hope to see the benefits of this from 2021 onwards. We believe this will help us to identify any measures to improve water quality.

Acknowledgements:

My thanks go to Harry Lowder our Honorary Management Committee Chair and his Honorary committee members who have worked to keep the Reserve running smoothly.

To all of you who are involved with the Reserve thank you. To our Warden, Steve Songhurst and his teams of volunteers who became 2 T Gangs, Tuesday and Thursday, thank you.

I want to give a special thank you to Ben Kirby who is the Honorary Vice Chair of the Management Committee and heads up the PR Media and It committee. Ben created the 30th Anniversary letterhead I am using, Ben wears many hats for the benefit of the Reserve. Thank you Ben for all you do.

Financial pressures continue.

We are grateful to those Friends and supporters who faithfully and regularly give much needed funds.

Our Honorary Treasurer Anne Newman, has worked hard to give us regular useful reports and has dealt with the regular volume of transactions.

Anne thank you for all your hard work.

However, it is an undeniable fact that Trust annual expenses on average exceed its income by around £8,000.



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It is a welcome fact that we have a surplus over expenses this year, but this is because we are holding grants received yet to be expended.

But we must remain upbeat. In 2020 we have received a variety of much needed grants from different sources which have enabled our Warden to achieve and plan for many things.

Our special thanks go to the following who between them granted us over £13,000 in much needed funds: Boxley Parish Council, The Cobtree Foundation, Kent Community Foundation, Kent Combined Members, Pamela Champion Foundation, Waitrose, Chapman Foundation, Blakemore Group, Go Green Go Wild (MBC)..

We must also thank Boxley Timber & Fencing Supplies Ltd, Gallagher Construction Ltd, Haynes Agricultural Ltd and BAM Construction Ltd for gifts in kind.

Projects which will use some of these grants in 2021 are the renewal of the fence on Fullingpitts Wood up to the A249, and the creation of the Anniversary Trail.

Trustees:

In 2020 we welcomed 4 new Honorary Trustees, Councillors Martin Cox and Anne Brindle, Paul Walsh and Paul Joslyn and said goodbye to Peter Lott who had served for many years, and Bob Hinder.

To those who served as Trustees thank you. To our Trustee Honorary Secretary Charlotte McClymont and to the Honorary Secretary of the Management Committee Yasmin Franziska, thank you for your efforts.

The Reserve celebrates its 30th Anniversary in 2021.

We had hoped to have a full programme of events to promote all the Reserve has to offer. Covid has put a stop to most of these. There are so many pressures now with an emphasis on Covid-19 where funders, for some reason, continue to ignore the contribution our green space has to the health and mental wellbeing of its local community.

However, we have already been successful in receiving grants totalling £5,300 towards the 30th Fund, some of which will be used to create an Anniversary Trail.

All of you, Trustees, Treasurer, Management Committee, Warden, T Gangs and Secretaries my thanks to you all, it has been a privilege to act as Chair and Trustee for the Trust.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Jones'.

RICHARD JONES

Chair of Trustees



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