



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.01.2022
To 31.12.2022

Period start date
Period end date

Charity name: Headley Down Nature Reserve Trust

Charity registration number: 1169644

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	A) To preserve, enhance, conserve, restore and promote the natural and man-made features of the Headley Down Nature Reserve and neighbourhood areas relevant to their ecology, geology, archaeology and history. B) To promote and develop interest, research, appreciation and knowledge relating to the Headley Down Nature Reserve and neighbourhood areas for the education and benefit of the public.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The general maintenance of the nature reserve and pathways has continued, carried out mainly by the Trustees but with volunteer help when possible. This year, despite drought conditions in the summer, we were able to keep all our newly planted trees alive, though unfortunately we lost some primroses and small shrubs. Lottery funding allowed us to purchase a stronger brush/grass cutting machine, more suitable for slopes. In June, our bronze bear, Montgomery, was stolen from his plinth in the heart of Erie Wood. The bolts fixing him to a concrete base were sawn off with an angle grinder and he was carried away. Despite huge local support and publicity, we were unable to recover him. Due to popular demand from children and adults, we decided to replace him with the same model, Monty II. Our insurance unfortunately did not cover the cost of a purchase price rise and essential increased security measures. However, local

		fundraising through a GoFundMe campaign and in the collection box at the One Stop reached the target of £1000, so the new Monty is due to be installed January 2023. The projects for 2022 listed in last year's report have all been completed: 1. Substantial bird feeding stations have been designed, constructed and installed by one of the trustees, and donations for bird food continue to be received from a local resident. 2. An information panel, designed by one of the trustees, was installed in the Heart of Erie Wood with a map showing the number, location, family name and variety of each tree. 3. When all the trees we planted to create Erie Wood had been adopted, there were still other families wanting a tree. They were therefore given the option to adopt one of the newly planted trees in Maple Spinney. The families contributed to the cost of plaques and posts and trustees installed them. 4. A bench with a chainsaw carving (Betty the Badger) was designed and installed near the recently planted Heather area at the Maple Way end of the reserve. Also, a new sturdier bench has been installed to replace the one that was broken last year. 5. Our main project has been the clearing and planting of Beech Bank, now completed. Twenty Beech and Hornbeam trees are now growing well, together with different varieties of Hazel, and the bank sown with wildflower seeds and grass. We have completed monitoring forms for these projects, and for our first year under the three year scheme from the EHDC Supporting Communities Fund, which pays for insurance, internet management and mower servicing. Our projects for the coming year include: 1. The installation of 'Wildlife Friends', ie seven animal chainsaw sculptures, already designed and ordered thanks to funding from the One Stop Community Partnership. 2. The installation of 'Freddy the Fox bird watching bench', already designed and ordered thanks to funding from East Hants District Councillors. 3. Working with Green Up Britain, a local
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		charity, to clear and plant another area of the nature reserve and install a new loop of pathway.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission. This has involved the purchase of insurance, the employment of contractors with appropriate qualifications and insurance, having a designated Safeguarding Officer and reviewing Safeguarding Policies and Risk Assessments. The chair of our charity is DBS checked and has a certificate.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	We are pleased to report that the projects and goals set out last year have been achieved and our relationship with the local community has grown stronger. We worked on a regular basis with a Duke of Edinburgh Volunteer who joined us for clearing and planting, helping him gain his Bronze Medal. Two more young people have asked if they can do the same this year. The local Beavers planted bulbs round the tree they had adopted and also painted some nest boxes for us to install on the nature reserve. Several sacks of daffodil bulbs donated by a local resident have been planted by trustees and volunteers. In August, our volunteers organised and ran a Children's Scavenger Hunt on the nature reserve, working in conjunction with the staff at the Community Centre at Woodlands Hall who were holding a pantomime performance for children on the adjacent playing field. We also attended an afternoon tea held at the hall for local groups to meet each other and 'network'. Our social media reach has been extended through Instagram and Twitter accounts, set up and managed by a local volunteer. Our Facebook page continues to have a good following with frequent engagements. Articles have been added to our website and care has been taken to comply with data protection regulations. During the last year, we have applied for and received funding from a variety of sources, including District Councillors, the Parish Council, the Lottery Community Fund, EHDC Supporting Communities Fund and the One Stop Community Fund. The amount we have received from individual donors has increased considerably. Support from local residents has been demonstrated through

		another GoFundMe campaign, individual donations and the small change in our collection boxes at the local One Stop store. The reduction in the amount of littering, fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour on the nature reserve has continued and the visual impact and biodiversity of the area continues to improve as trees mature and through further varied planting.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Accounts for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 <u>Income</u> Donations £3405.80 Fundraising £17247.50 TOTAL £20653.30 Carried over from 2021 £12872.62 Insurance claim 4500.00 <u>Expenditure</u> Running costs £883.85 Activities £20435.05 TOTAL £21318.90 <u>Restricted Funds</u> Carried over to 2023 £16707.02
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves not held. Funding is held for only for designated projects and to achieve the aims of our charity, eg maintenance of the nature reserve.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Our overheads are minimal and we carry out our capital projects only when funding has been raised. Our major annual outlay is for insurance and funding has been raised for the coming 2 years for the premium.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern		None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by Trustees

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Headley Down Nature Reserve Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1169644
Charity's principal address	25 Hillside Close Headley Down Bordon GU35 8BL Hampshire

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	Angela Jackson	Chair		HDNRT
2	Roger Jackson	Treasurer		HDNRT
3	Roger Gault	Safeguarding Officer		HDNRT
4	Freda McBain			HDNRT
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Angela

Jackson

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

4.01 2023