

# STANTON WOODLAND AND WILDLIFE ACTION GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1170318

## Details

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Other names	SWWAG
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-11-23
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1 TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE PARISH OF STANTON, SUFFOLK BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIVE SPECIES AND WILDLIFE AREAS. 2 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.3 TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE PROVISION OF A COMMUNITY WOODLAND FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE

**Activities:** SWWAG provide green open spaces for the benefit of the local community, encouraging local people to appreciate and learn about the natural environment. The management focus is to encourage the well being of a diverse range of flora and fauna. Fund raising initiatives and grant applications are promoted in order to finance activities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Suffolk

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£2,746	£1,322	-	-
2024-05-31	£2,025	£1,668	-	-
2023-06-01	£2,706	£1,343	-	-
2022-06-01	£2,906	£1,355	-	-
2021-06-01	£0	£652	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
HELEN TAYLOR		2018-06-20
IAN SHILLING		2016-11-20
MARY JANE TOULSON		2016-11-23
ROGER CHEASON		2021-04-07

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Stanton Woodland & Wildlife Action Group

Annual report from the Chair, year ending June 2025

Aubrey Warren

Swrag have had another successful year of fund-raising and management of Sid's Piece.

Our only fund-raising event was the annual Plants and Crafts Fair at Wyken Hall. Once again we were grateful to the Carlisles for allowing us to stage the event at Wyken. Woosters Bakery also opened their recent shop for serving hot drinks and cookies. We were also grateful for the additional volunteers who helped on the day.

Sid's Piece continues to be well managed by a small band of volunteers, plus annual professional coppicing from Simon Riggall, which is paid for from our funds. The monthly work parties took place from the autumn through to late spring, and we're grateful to Roger Cheason for the mowing carried out. The spring has seen a good amount of birdlife including Chiffchaff, Woodpeckers and Blackcaps.



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Stanton Woodland & Wildlife Action Group

Annual Report 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Presented by Aubrey Warren – Chair

“We have carried out all the usual jobs needed on a nature reserve. The paths have been mown by Roger and Craig, trimming back of overgrown vegetation by various members, some coppicing was carried out during the winter months. The notice boards were cleaned and brambles cut back along the entrance road. We also hel a wild flower indentification day which went well, as did the bird identification walk. We held our usual Plants and Crafts Fair at Wyken Hall which was a huge success despite the awful weather. On 14 August 2024 we will be having a Bug Hunt which should be fun.”

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## Income & Expenditure Accounts (1st June 2023 to 31st May 2024)

Income		PAID IN			Expenditure	PAID OUT		Balance
2023	Brought Forward	12519.67	Method		Cheque No			12519.67
								12519.67
			6th Jun	Debit Card	Mower Fuel		9.47	12510.20
			28th Jly	Debit Card	Magnifyers for Bug Hunt		24.98	12485.22
			19th Sep	Debit Card	Mower Purchase		569.99	11915.23
			16th Oct	Bank Transfer	Web Site Fee		42.00	11873.23
			25th Oct	Bank Transfer	Zuric Insurance		298.77	11574.46
			27th Oct	PO Withdrawl	Mary Jane - Plug Plants		10.00	11564.46
2024			16th Feb	Bank Transfer	Simon Riggall - Coppicing		450.00	11114.46
	2024 Plant Fair Stallholders BT	460.00	13th Apr	Bank Transfer				11574.46
	2024 Plant Fair Stallholders Chq	80.00	13th Apr	Cheque				11654.46
				Cash	Langham Walled Garden Plants		100.00	11554.46
	2024 Plant Fair Card Payments	498.55	29th Apr	Sumup				12053.01
	2024 Plant Fair Cash Payments	986.60	29th Apr	PO Deposit				13039.61
			29th Apr	Cash	Donation to Stanton Muscicians		50.00	12989.61
			8th May	Bank Transfer	Ian Shilling - Plant Fair Printing		90.58	12899.03
			16th May	Bank Transfer	Helen Taylor Plant Fair Printing		22.49	12876.54
	<b>Income</b>	2025.15						
						<b>Expenditure</b>	1668.28	

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Stanton Woodland & Wildlife Action Group

Annual Report from the Chair, Aubrey Warren

9/6/2023

Our group has had another successful year, fundraising and improving the wildlife habitat that is Sid's Piece.

Our winter work parties commenced in October and ended in February. Progress was made clearing certain areas to allow more light in at ground level and therefore encourage wildflower rejuvenation. This was boosted in late winter by professional conservationist Simon Wriggall, which we paid for.

In the autumn we were disappointed that our long serving committee member and Chair, Linda Grixti, resigned from the group, to be replaced by myself.

As ever, we are continually looking for additional members of our steering group but haven't succeeded this year. We have had various local people join work parties but we've mostly been disappointed with the number of volunteers we get.

Thanks once again to the Sir Kenneth and Lady Carlise, we were able to hold our annual fundraising event – a Plants and Crafts Fair - at Wyken Hall in April. This was a great success and we did manage to get adequate numbers of helpers.

In the spring we bought a second-hand metal shed, which has been erected in a partially hidden spot at Sid's Piece. This sits on a concrete slab base, the slabs having been donated to us by a local resident. This is being used to store all our various pieces of equipment plus signage we use at the Wyken Plants and Crafts events.

In March we were visited at Sid's Piece by Eliza Leat of the RSPB, to assess if our area was suitable for spreading a bird seed mix designed to encourage Turtle Doves. They were aware that Turtle Doves have been seen locally for the last two seasons. It meant us having to cut areas of grass on a weekly basis and then scattering approximately 6kg of seed each week until July. We agreed to do this, and feeding commenced mid April. Although we're unaware of any Turtle Dove sightings at Sid's Piece this year so far, we do know of reported sightings close by.

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## Income & Expenditure Accounts (1st June 2021 to 31st May 2022)

Income				Expenditure					
		Paid In				Cheque Paid Out		Balance	
<b>2021</b>	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>9606.21</b>							<b>9606.21</b>
			21th Jun	Linda Gixti (Web Hosting)	200049	42.00			9564.21
			27th Oct	Zurich (Insurance)	200050	307.78			9256.43
<b>2022</b>			30th Jan	Linda Gixti (Web Hosting)	200051	42.00			9214.43
			8th Feb	Roger Cheason (Sumup Card Reader)	200052	27.99			9186.44
			21st Feb	Ian Shilling (Posters & fliers)		71.53			9114.91
	Test Sumup Transaction	1.96	8th Mar						9116.87
			10th Mar	Ian Shilling (Date patches for signs)		18.00			9098.87
			30th Mar	S. Riggall (Coppicing)	200053	480.00			8618.87
	Donation for willow withies	30.00	30th Mar						8648.87
			31st Mar	Ian Shilling (Brackets for bench )		48.00			8600.87
	Stall Holders	480.00	24th Apr						9080.87
	Gate Cash	1609.50	24th Apr						10690.37
	Gate Card	784.70	24th Apr						11475.07
			30th Apr	Ian Shilling ((Facebook advertising )		8.00			11467.07
			!0th May	Contribution to Bench		244.00			11223.07
			!0th May	Donation to Stanton Musicians		30.00			11193.07
			12th May	Linda Gixti (Printer Cartridges)		36.65			11156.42
				<b>Total In</b>					<b>2906.16</b>
				<b>Total Out</b>					<b>1355.95</b>
				<b>Surplus</b>					<b>1550.21</b>

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
<b>From</b>	Day1	June	2022
<b>To</b>	31	May	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Stanton Woodland and Wildlife Action Group

**Other names charity is known by** SWWAG

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1170318

**Charity's principal address**

Cottage Farm, Upthorpe Road	
Stanton	
Bury St Edmunds	
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>IP31 2AP</b>

**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 Ian Shilling	secretary		Trustee management group
2 Aubrey Warren	chair		
3 Mary Jane Toulson			
4 Roger Cheason	treasurer		
5 Helen Taylor			
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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**

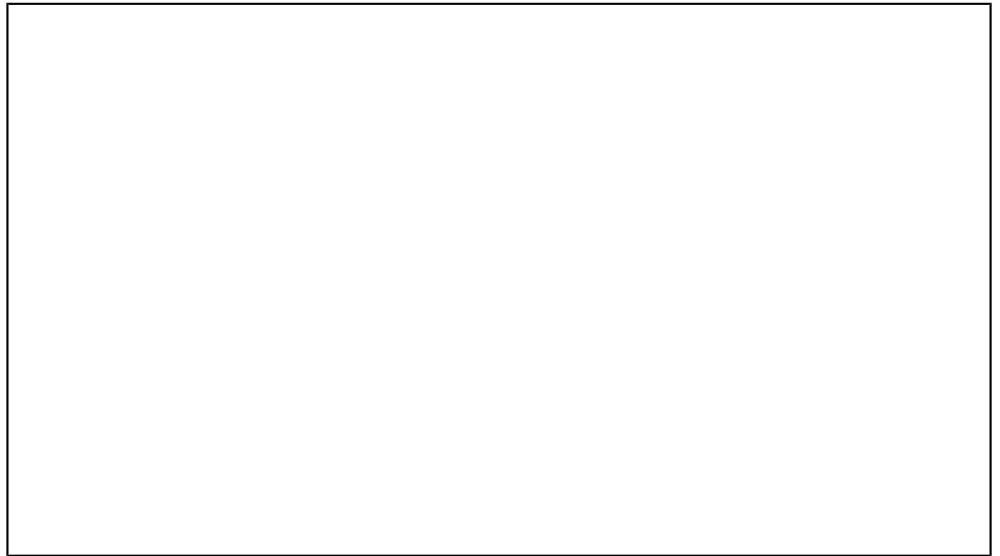
**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	At the discretion of the trustee management group

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage</li> </ul>	<p>1.</p>
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## **Section C Objectives and activities**

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

2. To promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the parish of Stanton, Suffolk by the development of native species and wildlife areas.
3. To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
1. To promote for the benefit of the public the provision of a community woodland for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their condition of life.

**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)**

1. Provision of open spaces accessible for members of the local community.
2. Management of the open spaces in a manner that will promote the well-being of indigenous species.
3. Education of the general public (including school children) in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
4. Encouragement of the local community to take an interest in the open spaces and to record their sightings.
5. Supporting other local 'green space' initiatives.

**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**

We held our annual fund raising event in April 2021. This was a 'Plants & Crafts Fair' held at Wyken Hall with the kind permission of Sir Kenneth and Carla Carlisle.

We held numerous work parties at Sid's Piece during the autumn to spring period, maintaining the area for conservation purposes, and arranged for a professional conservationist to coppice another area of Willow which is threatening to dominate over other valuable species of woody plant.

We continued low-level maintaining and monitoring of a small area on The Chase in Stanton, including a herb border.

We continued to publicise our objectives and activities to the local community, thus increasing awareness of local wildlife and conservation issues.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is the charity's policy to hold sufficient funds in reserve to cover any unforeseen costs associated with management of the open spaces.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

### 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.

The main fund-raising activity is an annual 'plants and crafts fair'. Donations are occasionally received. Spending has been mainly for open space maintenance and to support the annual fund-raising event. The charity has no investments.

## Section F

## Other 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) 

Ian Shilling	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) 

Secretary	
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**Date**

5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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Stanton Woodland and Wildlife Action Group  
AGM 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another difficult year. We had realised early on that it was unlikely we would be able to hold our fund raising event 'PLANTS and CRAFTS' again in April as usual. We had sounded Wyken Hall out about the possibility of deferring until September. Although most of the stallholders were keen we had little uptake from our volunteers without whom it would not have been possible. With that and the continued uncertainty it was decided to concentrate on April 2022 instead. Thankfully we are in a financial position for this not to make much of an impact. We are hopeful that we can resume this popular event in due course.

SWWAG had a display at Langham Walled Gardens open day on 13th September.

Mary Jane and Aubrey took part in the National Churchyard Wildlife Survey on the 6th June in St John's churchyard.

Mary Jane organised a Mid Summer Picnic on June 21st. We walked around Sid's Piece and Talbot's Field. There were many more orchids and other wildflowers to observe.

Maintenance of the community woodland has continued whilst socially distancing, or by individuals. Particular thanks go to the hard work of Aubrey for extensive clearing of brambles and saplings to open up wide areas, and to Roger who has once again kept all the paths mown and clear. In the end the regular coppicing work was not carried out due to his self-isolation, but Simon will resume this coming autumn/winter. The willow was harvested and donated for various creative uses. After a late start the barn owls managed to raise four owlets.

Helen and Mary Jane have continued to tend the SWWAG herb patch at The Chase.

We are pleased that the locals still use Sid's Piece for fresh air and exercise, though perhaps a little less than last year because of the weather. It is amazing how much it has developed. The new clearings are starting to give it much more character in addition to encouraging a diversity of species.

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Income & Expenditure Accounts (1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021)

2020/21 Income	Paid In	2020/2021 Expenditure
		<b>2020</b>
Brought forward		10258.58
		28 <sup>th</sup> Sept
		16 <sup>th</sup> Oct
		<b>2021</b>
		29 <sup>th</sup> Jan
		23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar
		12 <sup>th</sup> Apr
TOTAL	0	
		<b>30<sup>th</sup> May</b>

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ure	cheque	paid out	account
			10258.58
Roger Cheason (mower repair)	200044	77.38	10181.2
Zurich (insurance)	200045	307.38	9873.82
Show Off signs (signing for plant fair)	200046	210	9663.82
T G Eden (Clearing Willow)	200047	45	9618.82
Roger Cheason (Petrol)	200048	12.61	9606.21
	TOTAL	652.37	
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>			<b>9606.21</b>