

ORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1171507

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-02-07

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF HASTINGS AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN GREEN SPACES IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: The primary aim of Ore CLT is to acquire land in Speckled Wood, in the Ore Valley, Hastings to create a community woodland and work with other organisations and recruit volunteers to enhance and manage the woodland and to develop projects such as footpaths, a greenway and a village green. Ore CLT is also keen to help to improve other green spaces in the Hastings area for recreation and leisure.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HASTINGS AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£3,296	£4,877	-	-
2023-10-31	£8,985	£6,445	-	-
2022-10-30	£8,318	£9,499	-	-
2021-04-30	£6,882	£15,538	-	-
2020-04-30	£19,443	£10,352	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter Chowney	Chair	2022-10-19
ANTHONY POLAIN		2016-06-02
Denise Ware		2023-01-16
Ian Sier		2019-10-26
Joanne Sarah Walker		2021-02-20
REBECCA POLAIN		2016-06-02
Richard Street		2018-09-29

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We have conducted surveys on several occasions, to gauge public opinion and to learn for the future. We liaise with other local voluntary groups on joint/mutually beneficial projects.

The lockdown period restrictions were eased, and we have resumed all such activities in line with Government guidelines, as they were lifted.

Financial review

The organisation received £3296.49 in income (2023: £8,895.03) and spent £4,876.99 (2023: £6,445.02) leaving a deficit of £1,580.50. Together with a brought forward balance of £8,870.63, the organisation takes forward into the next year a total of £7,280.13.

The charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no specific policy regarding the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed

Date: 24th May 2025

Tony Polain, Secretary

Receipts & payments account for the year ended 31st October 2024

2023			2024
Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds

Ore Community Land Trust

£		Note	£	£	£
	Receipts	1			
0	East Sussex County Council	4		1,048.32	1,048.32
0	HVA grant	4		1,050.00	1,050.00
0	TTH Grant	4		500.00	500.00
0	Venue Lease		100.00		100.00
3,620.00	National Lottery Community Fund			-	-
841.33	Zurich Insurance claim	3		-	-
1,122.30	Crowdfunder		-		-
3,401.40	Membership/ Donations	2	598.17	-	598.17
<u>8,985.03</u>	Total receipts		<u>698.17</u>	<u>2,598.32</u>	<u>3,296.49</u>
	Payments				
137.50	Venue Hire		75.00	-	75.00
409.18	Insurance		458.92	-	458.92
100.00	Training		-	-	-
216.25	Printing/ stationery		159.24	-	159.24
30.16	Catering		-	-	-
436.24	Web Hosting/ IT support/ Other IT		250.91	-	250.91
2,372.55	Forest School		-	2,268.99	2,268.99
2,743.14	Equipment, repairs & renewals, labour		-	1,663.93	1,663.93
<u>6,445.02</u>	Total Payments		<u>944.07</u>	<u>3,932.92</u>	<u>4,876.99</u>
2,540.01	Net receipts/(payments)		-245.90	-1,334.60	-1,580.50
6,330.62	Cash funds at start of this period		10,031.72	-1,161.09	8,870.63
<u>8,870.63</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>9,785.82</u>	<u>-2,495.69</u>	<u>7,290.13</u>

Statement of assets and liabilities as of 31st October 2024

2023

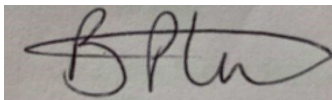
2024

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	£	Cash assets	Note	£
	8,828.63	Lloyds bank account		7,248.13
	<u>42</u>	Cash in hand		<u>42</u>
	<u>8,870.63</u>			<u>7,290.13</u>
		Liabilities		
	-			-
	<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>
	<u>8,870.63</u>			<u>7,290.13</u>
		Represented by: Funds b/f		8,828.63
		Net surplus/deficit for period		-1,580.50
				<u>7,248.13</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed



Dated: 24th May 2025

Rebecca Polain, Treasurer

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st October 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

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2. Donations/ Membership

Previous accounts showed these as separate. However, due to the nature of membership and donations increasingly being paid online and no differentiation made, for example: via PayPal, these have been amalgamated. Therefore, these have arrived by the following methods, with c), d) & e) being schemes that people opt into online and a donation is made when they choose Ore Community Land Trust as their preferred charity and subsequently shop with those companies.

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- b) PayPal
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3. Insurance

This was a payment from Zurich following theft and vandalism.

4. Grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
HVA	-	1,050.00	1,050.00
Transition Town Hastings	-	500.00	500.00
ESCC	-	1048.32	1048.32
	-	2598.32	2598.32

5. Premises and staff

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Ore Community Land Trust does not employ any staff.

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the reporting year.

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Financial review

The organisation received £8,985.03 in income (2022: £8318.30) and spent £6,445.02 (2022: £9,499.34) leaving a surplus of £2,540.01. Together with a brought forward balance of £6,330.62, the organisation takes forward into the next year a total of £8,870.63.

The charity's policy on reserves

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed

Date: 14th April 2024

Tony Polain, Secretary

Receipts & payments account for the year ended 31st October 2023

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2022				2023	
Total Funds		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
£	Note	£	£	£	£
	Receipts				
1,045.00	Grant - Big Local	-	-	-	
1,000	Grant – Chalk Cliff Trust Foundation	-	-	-	
200	Hastings Borough Council		-	-	
2,288.50	East Sussex County Council		-	-	
711.20	Refunds		-	-	
0	National Lottery Community Fund		3,620.00	3,620.00	
0	Zurich Insurance claim		841.33	841.33	
0	Crowdfunder	1,122.30		1,122.30	
3,073.60	Membership/ Donations	3,401.40	-	3,401.40	
<u>8,318.30</u>	Total receipts	<u>4,523.70</u>	<u>4,461.33</u>	<u>8,985.03</u>	
	Payments				
55	Venue Hire	137.50	-	137.50	
1,552.27	Insurance	409.18	-	409.18	
0	Training	-	100.00	100.00	
533.30	Printing/ stationery	216.25	-	216.25	
0	Catering	30.16	-	30.16	
85.20	Web Hosting/ IT support/ Other IT	436.24	-	436.24	
583.93	Forest School	-	2,372.55	2,372.55	
6,689.64	Equipment, repairs & renewals, labour	189.99	2,553.15	2,743.14	
<u>9,499.34</u>	Total Payments	<u>1,419.32</u>	<u>5,025.70</u>	<u>6,445.02</u>	
<u>-1,181.04</u>	Net receipts/(payments)	<u>3,104.38</u>	<u>-564.37</u>	<u>2,540.01</u>	
7,511.66	Cash funds at start of this period	6,927.34	-596.72	6330.62	
<u>6,330.62</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>10,031.72</u>	<u>-1,161.09</u>	<u>8,870.63</u>	

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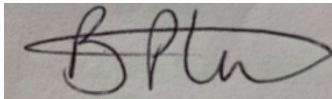
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£		Note	£
6,105.18	Cash assets		8,828.63
225.44	Lloyds bank account		42
<u>6,330.62</u>	Cash in hand		<u>8,870.63</u>
	Liabilities		
-			-
-			-
<u>6,330.62</u>			<u>8,870.63</u>
	Represented by: Funds b/f		6,330.62
	Net surplus/deficit for period		2,540.01
			<u>8,870.63</u>

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3. Insurance

The change to the accounting year to end 31st October has meant that 2 payments had been made in the previous accounting period. A new, more accurate quote was made for our insurance in 2023 and it has been reduced by about £300pa.

3a) This was a payment from Zurich following theft and vandalism.

3*) This was a refund as we overpaid the solicitor during land purchases in the previous accounting period.

4. Grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
£	£	£	
National Lottery Community Fund	-	3,620.00	3,620.00
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Financial review

The organisation received £8,318.30 in income (2021: £6881) and spent £9,499.34 (2021: £15,538.15) leaving a shortfall of -£1,181.04. Together with a brought forward balance of £7,511.66, the organisation takes forward into the next year a total of £6,330.62.

The charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no specific policy regarding the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed

Date: 13th August 2023

Tony Polain, Secretary

Ore Community Land Trust

Receipts & payments account for the year ended 31st October 2022

2021			2022		
Total Funds		Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
£			£	£	£
	Receipts	1			
0	Grant - Big Local	4	-	1,045.00	1,045.00
0	Grant – Chalk Cliff Trust Foundation	4	-	1,000	1,000
1,796	Hastings Borough Council	4		200	200
2,288.50	East Sussex County Council	4		2,288.50	2,288.50
0	Refunds	3*	711.20	-	711.20
2,797.31	Membership/ Donations	2	3,073.60	-	3,073.60
<u>6,881.81</u>	Total receipts		<u>3,784.80</u>	<u>4,533.50</u>	<u>8,318.30</u>
	Payments				
			-	-	-
0	Venue Hire		55	-	55
0	Insurance	3	1,552.27	-	1,552.27
60	Independent Examination		-	-	-
160	Printing, stationery & post box		533.30	-	533.30
645.60	Legal (Solicitor's) Fees		-	-	-
665.60	Legal (vendor's) Fees		-	-	-
10,000	Land Purchase	5	-	-	-
0	Web Hosting		85.20	-	85.20
0	Forest School		-	5,893.93	5,893.93
4,006.95	Equipment, repairs & renewals, labour		-	6,689.64	6,689.64
<u>15,538.18</u>	Total Payments		<u>2,225.77</u>	<u>7,273.27</u>	<u>9,499.34</u>
-8,656.34	Net receipts/(payments)		1,559.03	-2,740.07	-1,181.04
16,168.86	Cash funds at start of this period		5,368.31	2,143.35	7,511.66
<u>7511.66</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>6,927.34</u>	<u>-596.72</u>	<u>6330.62</u>

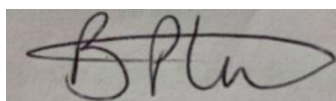
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£	Cash assets		£
7,286.22	Lloyds bank account		6,105.18
<u>226</u>	Cash in hand		<u>225.44</u>
<u>7,511.66</u>			<u>6,330.62</u>
	Liabilities		
-			-
<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>
<u>7,511.66</u>			<u>6,330.62</u>
Represented by: Funds b/f			7,511.66
Net surplus/deficit for period			<u>-1,181.04</u>
			<u>6,330.62</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed



Rebecca Polain, Treasurer

Dated: 12th August 2023

Ore Community Land Trust

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st October 2022

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Donations/ Membership

Previous accounts showed these as separate. However, due to the nature of membership and donations increasingly being paid online and no differentiation made, for example: via PayPal, these have been amalgamated. Therefore, these have arrived by the following methods. The latter two being schemes that people opt into online and a donation is made when they choose Ore Community Land Trust as their preferred charity, and subsequently shop with those companies.

- a) via cheque and cash
- b) PayPal
- c) Amazon Smile
- d) Co-op Local Community Fund

3. Insurance

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, certain extension schemes were set up to help charities with costs whilst they were inactive. Therefore, Zurich informed us that we need not renew in the 2020 to 2021 accounting year, and the insurance was renewed in the following accounting year. The change to the accounting year to end 31st October has meant that 2 payments have been made in this accounting period.

3*) This was a refund as we overpaid the solicitor during land purchases

4. Grants

East Sussex County Council paid the second part of the grant of £2288 from the Sussex Lund Fund. This was applied for our Woodland Enhancements project. The grant awarded and paid by Hastings Borough Council Foreshore Trust is for our Community Pathways, Bridges & Steps project and they have paid the balance. We also applied for 2 new grants, one from the Chalk Cliff Trust Foundation and the other from Big Local Northeast Hastings. These were for the Forest School sessions.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
East Sussex County Council	-	2288.50	2288.50
Hastings Borough Council	-	200.00	200.00
Chalk Cliff Trust Foundation	-	1,000.00	1000,00
Big Local Northeast Hastings	-	1,045.00	1045.00
	-	4,533.50	4,533.50

5. Premises and staff

Ore Community Land Trust owns five plots of land in Speckled Wood. These pieces of land have not all been valued, but the group puts an estimated value of £7,500 for the two community asset transfers from Hastings Borough Council who have confirmed that there is no reversionary interest. The three other plots were purchased from private individuals at a total purchase price of £15,000. Funding for these plots was provided by the Big Local. Two these plots are adjacent and house our portacabin.

Ore Community Land Trust does not employ any staff.

Ore Community Land Trust

6. Trustees' remuneration
Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.
7. Related party transactions
There were no related party transactions in the reporting year.
8. Glossary of terms
Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

ORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1171507

Accounts

Ore Community Land Trust

Registered charity, number 1171507

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 30th April 2021

Full Name	Ore Community Land Trust
Registered charity number:	1171507
Principal address:	C/O The Ore Centre, 455 Old London Road, Hastings, East Sussex, TN35 5BH
Legal status:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustees:	James Breeds – Chair Anthony Polain – Secretary Rebecca Polain – Treasurer Richard Street – Membership and Minutes Gabriella Pettitt - Board Member Ian Sier – Special Projects Jo Walker – Volunteer Co-Ordinator
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank, Hastings branch

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution and registered by the Charity Commission on 7 February 2017.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees is laid down in the constitution. Potential trustees are interviewed and then asked to attend a trustee meeting as an observer. Trustees are appointed for a three-year term and retire at the Annual General meeting by rotation

Aims and objectives

TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF HASTINGS AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN GREEN SPACES IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Background

The group started in 2007 to act as a pressure group to prevent a local wood from being developed. This was successful, and following our intervention, the local council granted us some land in the wood as a community asset transfer. We embarked on a series of improvements and maintenance projects which are ongoing.

Ore Community Land Trust

Trustees' annual report for the year ended 30th April 2021 – cont'd

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The aim of the group is to protect, acquire and maintain land in the Speckled Wood, in the Ore Valley in Hastings. We work to create a community woodland for the people in Hastings to enjoy. We work with other organisations and recruit volunteers to manage and improve the woodland, and to develop projects such as footpaths, a greenway and a village green. Using our skills, knowledge and expertise we work with similar groups in Hastings to improve other green spaces to keep them available for the benefit of the people.

We have acquired two pieces of land from the local council and have purchased a further three, all in Speckled Wood. We have purchased and installed two volunteer bases in the wood to store tools etc., and as a place for our volunteers to socialise and make drinks etc. The larger base has also been used as a venue for a limited number of public events.

We have continued our programme of maintenance and have a team of regular volunteers. We produce a newsletter through the year to inform our members and the public and held a general meeting to update people.

We are also in negotiation with the local council, Hastings Borough Council, regarding a number of plots in the lower Ore valley. If negotiations are successful, we anticipate these plots of land to be passed over to us along with an endowment of £250,000 for maintenance and management on behalf of the local community.

We have conducted surveys on a number of occasions, to gauge public opinion and to learn for the future. We organised a public walk as part of the local Greenway project, and we liaise with other local voluntary groups on joint/mutually beneficial projects.

The commencement of the lockdown period has seen a curtailment of our operations and cancellation of public events. Once the restrictions are eased, we intend to resume all such activities in line with Government guidelines.

Financial review

The organisation received £6,881 in income (2020: £19,442) and spent £15,538.15 (2020: £10,276) leaving a shortfall of -£8,656.34. Together with a brought forward balance of £16,168.56, the organisation takes forward into the next year a total of £7512.22 of which £2,143.35 is restricted funds.

The charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no specific policy regarding the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed

Date: 06th February 2022

Tony Polain, Secretary

Ore Community Land Trust

Receipts & payments account for the year ended 30th April 2021

<i>2020</i>			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<i>2021</i>
Total Funds		Note	£	£	Total Funds
£					£
	Receipts	1			
15,000	Grant - Big Local		-	-	-
3,417	Grant - Sussex Community Foundation		-	-	-
-	Hastings Borough Council	4		1,796.00	1,796.00
-	East Sussex County Council	4		2,288.50	2,288.50
1,005	Donations	2	-	-	-
20	Membership/ Public Donations	2	2,797.31	-	2,797.31
19,442	Total receipts		2,797.31	4,084.50	6,881.81
	Payments				
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
768	Insurance	3	-	-	-
-	Independent Examination		60	-	60
185	Printing, stationery & post box		160	-	160
1330	Legal (Solicitor's) Fees		-	645.60	645.60
1137	Legal (vendor's) Fees		-	665.60	665.60
5000	Land Purchase	5	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
1,856	Equipment, repairs & renewals, labour		-	4,006.95	4,006.95
10,276	Total Payments		220	15,318.15	15,538.15
9,166	Net receipts/(payments)		2,577.31	-11,233.65	-8,656.34
7,002	Cash funds at start of this period		2,791	13,377	16,168.56
16,168	Cash funds at end of this period		5,368.31	2,143.35	7512.22

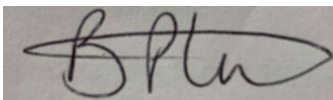
Ore Community Land Trust

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30th April 2021

2020		Note	2021
£	Cash assets		£
15,962.56	Lloyds bank account		7,286.22
206	Cash in hand		226
<u>16,168.56</u>			<u>7512.22</u>
	Liabilities		
-			-
-			-
<u>16,168.56</u>			<u>7512.22</u>
	Represented by:		
	Funds b/f		16,168.56
	Net surplus/deficit for period		<u>-8,656.34</u>
			<u>7512.22</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed



Dated: 6th February 2022

Rebecca Polain, Treasurer

Ore Community Land Trust

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30th April 2021

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3. Insurance

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East Sussex County Council awarded and paid the grant of £2288 from the Sussex Lund Fund. This was applied for our Woodland Enhancements project. The grant awarded and paid by Hastings Borough Council Foreshore Trust is for our Community Pathways, Bridges & Steps project.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
East Sussex County Council	-	2288	2288
Hastings Borough Council	-	1796	1796
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	-	4084	4084

5. Premises and staff

Ore Community Land Trust owns five plots of land in the Speckled Wood. These pieces of land have not all been valued, but the group puts an estimated value of £7,500 for the two community asset transfers from Hastings Borough Council who have confirmed that there is no reversionary interest.

Ore Community Land Trust also owns two further plots of land, bought in 19/20 at a cost of £5,000 in total and a larger plot of land in 20/21 valued at £10,000.

Ore Community Land Trust does not employ any staff.

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the reporting year.

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Ore Community Land Trust

Trustees' annual report for the year ended 30th April 2020 – cont'd

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We have continued our programme of maintenance and have a team of regular volunteers. We produce a newsletter through the year to inform our members and the public and held a general meeting to update people.

We have conducted surveys on a number of occasions, to gauge public opinion and to learn for the future. We organised a public walk as part of the local Greenway project and we liaise with other local voluntary groups on joint/mutually beneficial projects.

The commencement of the lockdown period has seen a curtailment of our operations and cancellation of public events. Once the restrictions are eased, we intend to resume all such activities in line with Government guidelines.

Financial review

The organisation received £7,525 in income (2018: £6,391) and spent £5,301 (2018: £4,354) leaving a surplus of £2,224. Together with a brought forward balance of £4,778, the organisation takes forward into the next year a total of £7,002 of which £4,283 is restricted funds.

The charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no specific policy with regard to the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed

Date: 27th February 2021

Tony Polain, Secretary

Ore Community Land Trust

Receipts & payments account for the year ended 30th April 2020

2019			Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total Funds
Total		Note	£	£	£
Funds					
£					
	Receipts				
5200	Grant - Big Local	2	-	15,000	15,000
-	Grant - Sussex Community Foundation	2	-	3,417	3,417
86	Donations	2	1,005	-	1,005
143	Membership		20	-	20
596	Sundry receipts		-	-	-
6025	Total receipts		1,025	18,417	19,442
	Payments				
1549	Site office		-	-	-
38	Dues and subscriptions		-	-	-
1470	Insurance	3	768	-	768
60	Independent Examination		-	-	-
278	Printing, stationery & post box		185	-	185
-	Legal (Solicitor's) Fees		-	1,330	1,330
-	Legal (vendor's) Fees		-	1,137	1,137
-	Land Purchase		-	5,000	5,000
143	Equipment, repairs & renewals, labour		-	1,856	1,856
30	Venue hire		-	-	-
1695	Survey project		-	-	-
180	Storage		-	-	-
5443	Total payments		953	9,323	10,276
2224	Net receipts/(payments)		72	9,094	9,166
4778	Cash funds at start of this period		2,719	4,283	7,002
-	Transfers between funds		-	-	-
7002	Cash funds at end of this period		2,791	13,377	16,168

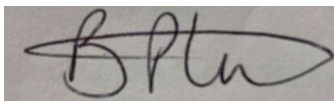
Ore Community Land Trust

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30th April 2020

2018		Note	2019
£	Cash assets		£
6,851	Bank accounts (Lloyds and Nationwide)		15,962
151	Cash in hand		206
<u>7,002</u>			<u>16,168</u>
	Liabilities		
-			-
-			-
<u>7,002</u>			<u>16,168</u>
	Represented by:		
	Funds b/f		7,002
	Net surplus/deficit for period		9,166
			<u>16,168</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed



Dated: 27th February 2021

Rebecca Polain, Treasurer

Ore Community Land Trust

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30th April 2019

1. Receipts & payments accounts

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2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Big Local	-	1500	15000
Sussex Community Foundation	-	3417	3417
Co-Op Funds (included in Donations)	<u>937</u>	=	937
	<u>937</u>	<u>18417</u>	<u>19354</u>

3. Insurance payment

This figure represents the annual insurance payment, paid in the year, with the 2018 payment showing as a higher amount due to two annual payments being made in the 18-19 year.

4. Premises & staff

Ore Community Land Trust owns two plots of land in the Speckled Wood. These pieces of land have not been valued, but the group puts an estimated value of £7,500 in total. These plots were a community asset transfer from Hastings Borough Council who have confirmed that there is no reversionary interest.

Ore Community Land Trust also owns two further plots of land, bought in 19-20 at a cost of £5,000 in total.

Ore Community Land Trust does not employ any staff.

5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

6. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the reporting year.

7. Previous period comparison

The previous period's figures have not been included for comparison because this is the charity's first accounting period

8. Glossary of terms

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.