

BLYTH WOODS

England & Wales - Charity number 1172343

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-03-30

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

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Activities

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 WENHASTON, SUFFOLK AND THE PARISHES OF THE BLYTH VALLEY, SUFFOLK BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONNECTIVITY OF NATIVE SPECIES WOODLAND, ORCHARDS 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 PROVISIONS OF COMMUNITY WOODLANDS AND GREEN SPACES FOR THE RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AND OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE.

Activities: We buy unproductive land to create community woodland and wild spaces, to increase biodiversity and benefit wildlife and people. We run work parties, educational, artistic and social events. We work closely with our local primary school to give all pupils experience of this work and ensure sustainability. We are the parish Tree Wardens and plant and maintain trees and hedges in our village.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£6,484	£6,426	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,822	£6,157	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,404	£1,642	-	-
2022-03-31	£896	£3,345	-	-
2021-03-31	£872	£3,128	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARGARET ANN EDWARDS	Chair	2017-01-26
JOHN GRAHAM ROLFE		2017-01-26
Joanna Mary Jarvis		2025-02-10
MARIE ANN ROLFE		2017-01-26
Nicholas John Jarvis		2025-02-10
Sally Jane Amery		2022-04-28

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Accounts



Chairmans Report 2025

Yet another busy year, firstly a big thanks to the trustees, steering group members and all the volunteers who have helped over the past 12 months. Geraldine and I are standing down as trustees as we have both served three terms however, we will still both be on the steering group. We have recruited Nick and Jo Jarvis as new trustees, and Ann Edwards has agreed to be chair for the next 12 months.

Sadly, Serena Inskip one of our founder members died earlier this year and a bench is being installed in Grove Piece in her memory. Crispin Chalker kindly donated some oak slab for its construction.

We held the annual bioblitz in July and Dorothy Casey educated us all in identifying grasses amongst other things.

We had a stand at the village show and Christmas bazaar

There were the usual work parties maintaining the trees in Grove Woods and sessions in Vicarage Grove clearing holly and felling a couple of dead ash beside the footpaths. The Coasts and Heaths volunteer team also helped with holly clearance.

We organised a first aid course and were joined by members of the Commons Group and Rob from Ecotherapy at Bramfield.

On the wildlife side the barn owls raised two chicks, a chick we had ringed in 2022 was found dead at Theberton in September 24. The 35 tit nest boxes in Grove Woods produced 135 blue tits (some 50 less than 2022) and 11 great tits (21 in 2022) an significant decrease on previous year's most likely due to the poor spring weather, several broods died just before fledging presumably because of a lack in food supply. As the scrub starts to establish the numbers of robins, wrens and long tailed tits are increasing.

John has continued improving the web site and it has details of our latest project.

A Friends evening was held and as promised at last years meeting, we were able to announce the acquisition of an additional 4.5 acres of land. The basic plan was presented and further ideas sought as to how it was to develop including from the primary school.

Now known as St Peters Pightle the field belonging to the Church Charity at the end of Church Lane is being leased for 25 years by which time it should be a small wood.

Some 3200 native hardwood trees were planted over the winter by 36 volunteers and several classes from the primary school. Two ponds were dug and the perimeter ditch restored which should reduce flooding in the main street.

A 2.5 acre plot has been sown with a grass/wildflower mix funded by our local district councillors, we're still waiting for rain!

The entrance gate, pedestrian gate and fence were paid for by a grant from the AONB Community and Conservation Fund.

We are in the process of setting up a tree nursery in conjunction with the primary school funded by the Parish Council.

Further planting will take place next winter and will include a number of fruit trees to create a community orchard.

Alan Miller

Blyth Woods Chair

13th May 2025

Blyth Woods Year ending 31st March 2025 Current Bank Account Transactions Report					
Date	Payee	Category	Expenses	Income	Balance
11.04.2024	Wil Harvey	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs	£12.00		
11.04.2024	Sally Amery	Expenditure:Sundry small items	£29.48		
11.04.2024	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	
16.04.2024	Sally Amery	Income:Sale of cards and produce etc		£75.00	
17.04.2024	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
29.04.2024	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	
10.05.2024	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	
14.05.2024	Sally Amery	Income:Events inc Annual meeting		£83.50	
14.05.2024	Sally Amery	Income:Sale of cards and produce etc		£5.00	
15.05.2024	John Rolfe	Income:Sale of cards and produce etc		£75.00	
16.05.2024	G A Oakley (Geraldine Lines)	Expenditure:Events inc Annual meeting	£24.20		
16.05.2024	Darren Tansley	Expenditure:Events inc Annual meeting	£50.00		
17.05.2024	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
27.05.2024	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	
10.06.2024	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	
17.06.2024	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
21.06.2024	Ann Follows	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs	£41.54		
21.06.2024	Marie Rolfe	Expenditure:Printing, postage, IT and stationery	£11.05		
27.06.2024	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	
10.07.2024	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	
17.07.2024	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
22.07.2024	Sally Amery	Income:Sale of cards and produce etc		£20.10	
22.07.2024	Sally Amery	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs		£49.50	
25.07.2024	Leiston Press Ltd	Expenditure:Printing, postage, IT and stationery	£98.00		
25.07.2024	Wenhaston Village Hall	Expenditure:Hall hire, affiliation fee, loft storage	£30.00		
25.07.2024	John Rolfe	Expenditure:Sundry small items	£17.81		
25.07.2024	Ann Follows	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs	£38.54		
27.07.2024	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	
12.08.2024	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	
19.08.2024	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
27.08.2024	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	
10.09.2024	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	

Blyth Woods Year ending 31st March 2025 Current Bank Account Transactions Report					
Date	Payee	Category	Expenses	Income	Balance
10.09.2024	Norton Peskett Solicitors	Capital costs - restricted funds:Land purchase/lease professional fees	£750.00		
17.09.2024	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
27.09.2024	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	
04.10.2024	Sally Amery	Expenditure:Events inc Annual meeting	£71.70		
04.10.2024	Sally Amery	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs	£83.70		
10.10.2024	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	
15.10.2024	April Mills	Income:Friends - annual		£12.00	
17.10.2024	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
21.10.2024	John Hennessey	Income:Friends - annual		£15.00	
23.10.2024	MJ Training East Ltd	Expenditure:First Aid training	£816.00		
23.10.2024	Marie Rolfe	Capital costs - restricted funds:Equipment and signage	£223.20		
23.10.2024	David Elliott	Income:Friends - lifetime		£100.00	
24.10.2024	Friends	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£103.10	
27.10.2024	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	
31.10.2024	HMRC	Income:Gift Aid		£273.43	
05.11.2024	Michael (Roddy) Edwards	Income:Friends - lifetime		£100.00	
05.11.2024	Sally Amery	Income:Sale of cards and produce etc		£1.75	
11.11.2024	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	
11.11.2024	Judy Miller	Income:Grants and donations - restricted:St Peters Pightle		£25.00	
12.11.2024	Wenhaston Village Hall	Expenditure:Hall hire, affiliation fee, loft storage	£40.00		
14.11.2024	Wenhaston Commons Group	Income:Refunds/reimbursement		£306.00	
18.11.2024	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
21.11.2024	Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs		£50.00	
27.11.2024	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	
10.12.2024	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	

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Date	Payee	Category	Expenses	Income	Balance
14.12.2024	Sally Amery	Income:Sale of cards and produce etc		£103.00	
16.12.2024	Ann Follows	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs		£27.51	
16.12.2024	Myles Archibald	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs		£5.00	
17.12.2024	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
24.12.2024	Wenhaston Parish Council	Income:Grants and donations - restricted:St Peters Pightle		£600.00	
27.12.2024	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	
30.12.2024	Tony Gow	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs		£10.00	
30.12.2024	Ann Follows	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs		£5.00	
30.12.2024	T Moore	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs		£5.00	
06.01.2025	Alan Miller	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs		£30.00	
10.01.2025	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	
10.01.2025	Ecotherapy East (Bob)	Income:Refunds/reimbursement		£102.00	
14.01.2025	Zurich Insurance	Expenditure:Insurance	£203.43		
14.01.2025	Wenhaston Village Hall	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs	£32.50		
17.01.2025	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
20.01.2025	Bryn Raven	Income:Grants and donations - restricted:St Peters Pightle		£80.00	
23.01.2025	Tessa Newcombe	Income:Grants and donations - restricted:St Peters Pightle		£20.00	
23.01.2025	Tessa Newcombe	Income:Grants and donations - restricted:St Peters Pightle		£5.00	
23.01.2025	Ann Follows	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs		£266.20	
27.01.2025	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	
27.01.2025	Bigwood	Capital costs - restricted funds:St Peters Pightle	£660.00		
29.01.2025	Simon Roberts, Union Farm	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£200.00	
30.01.2025	Woolnough Contractors Ltd	Capital costs - restricted funds:St Peters Pightle	£360.00		
03.02.2025	Alan Miller	Capital costs - restricted funds:St Peters Pightle	£163.20		
10.02.2025	East Suffolk Council	Income:Grants and donations - restricted:St Peters Pightle		£1,650.00	
10.02.2025	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	
16.02.2025	Clarkes of Walsham Ltd	Capital costs - restricted funds:St Peters Pightle	£873.89		
16.02.2025	Emorsgate Seeds	Capital costs - restricted funds:St Peters Pightle	£1,008.00		
17.02.2025	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
20.02.2025	Zurich Insurance	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs	£168.00		
20.02.2025	Ann Follows	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs		£284.35	
27.02.2025	Alan Miller	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs	£67.60		
27.02.2025	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	

Blyth Woods Year ending 31st March 2025 Current Bank Account Transactions Report					
Date	Payee	Category	Expenses	Income	Balance
27.02.2025	Annie Jellicoe	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£75.00	
27.02.2025	Annie Jellicoe	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs		£75.00	
03.03.2025	Joan Goldsmith Business Services	Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs	£52.00		
03.03.2025	John Rolfe	Expenditure:Printing, postage, IT and stationery			
			£214.64		
10.03.2025	Jo and Nick Jarvis	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£3.00	
10.03.2025	Geraldine Lines	Income:Sale of cards and produce etc		£75.00	
17.03.2025	Brian Withnall	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£30.00	
27.03.2025	Ellie Smith	Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£5.00	
28.03.2025	Suffolk & Essex Coasts and Heaths	Income:Grants and donations - restricted:St Peters Pightle		£693.55	
29.03.2025	National Landscape John Rolfe	Capital costs - restricted funds:St Peters Pightle	£10.00		
29.03.2025	Kings Landscaping Ltd	Capital costs - restricted funds:St Peters Pightle			
			£276.13		
	Total		£6,426.61	£6,061.99	-£364.62

Notes
hire of hall committee room for survey groups meeting
Gift for Linda Hammond for checking the year end accounts
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis
for share of logs
Standing order set up by Brian
Monthly direct debit
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis
donations from refreshments at Annual meeting
Sale of cards at annual meeting
for share of logs
Refreshments at the Annual meeting
speaker at Annual meeting on 9th May
Standing order set up by Brian
Monthly direct debit
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis
Standing order set up by Brian
Sale of seeds for seedbank project - labels and envelopes
Laminating pouches for school activities
Monthly direct debit
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis
Standing order set up by Brian
income from sale of cards and competition at the village show
income from sale of seeds and plants at the village show
new Blyth Woods leaflets
Hall hire fee for Annual meeting
Velcro self adhesive hook/roll for display boards
Sale of seeds for seedbank project - more abels and envelopes
Monthly direct debit
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis
Standing order set up by Brian
Monthly direct debit
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis

Notes
25 year lease on church land legal fees
Standing order set up by Brian
Monthly direct debit
half wine and all the crisps
cost of half the wine for WW event
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis
renewal of Friends membership by BACS
Standing order set up by Brian
By BACS Gift aid form signed at Blyth Woods Friends evening 18.10.24
First aid training to be apportioned between BW, Commons Group and Rob Black
Tabletop display board for events
Signed gift aid form plus cheque at Blyth Wood's Friends event
Cash donations at the Friends social event
Monthly direct debit
Gift aid on donations over the last eighteen months apx pd by BACS
Signed Gift Aid form.
left over crisps paid for from Friends social evening pd by BACS
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis
from Halesworth Town Council re schools activity sessions to go to St Peters Pigtle
Hall hire fee for Friends evening.
Cost of 3 attendees at First Aid Course
Standing order set up by Brian
Talk Wil and Alan gave to SWT's monthly talk at Southwold
Monthly direct debit
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis

Notes
Income at Christmas bazaar
Sale of seeds for seedbank project at the Bazaar
Bird race 2025
Standing order set up by Brian
PC grant ringfenced for new tree nursery at St Peters Pightle
Monthly direct debit
Bird count fund raiser
Bird count fund raiser
Bird count fund raiser
Bird challenge raising funds for WW
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis
Cost of 1 attendee at First Aid Course
renew insurance policy wef 17th Jan 25
Hall hire fee for volunteer group evening.
Standing order set up by Brian
Cash donation for St Peters Pightle. Asked for Gift Aid form
For Spindle in St Peters Pightle
Bal For Spindle in St Peters Pightle. (env said £20 but £25 inside)
Income from film evening - Wilding
Monthly direct debit
Digging ditches and new pond on St Peter's Pightle
donation for Blyth Woods - Alan to get GA form signed
Hire of digger for ditches and new pond
Bamboo canes for trees
for ground works at St Peters Pightle
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis
field gate and rails and gate and fencing for children's tree nursery part funded by PC
Grass and wild flower seed mix funded by East Suffolk Council
Standing order set up by Brian
renew insurance policy wef 1st March 25
Income from film evening - 6 of soil"
Armi pack - river fly training kits
Monthly direct debit

Notes
for work Alan did
for work Alan did
photocopying River Report
Upgraded website hosting for 3yrs plus Oct one unclaimed before. Discount \$32 in respect of unused portion of old hosting agt.
Monthly standing order set up by Jo and Nick Jarvis
for share of logs
Standing order set up by Brian
Monthly direct debit
Grant for fencing, gates etc for St Peters Pightle
Canes for trees
Hire of tractor, spreader and roller etc for seeding St Peters Pightle

Blyth Woods Year ending 31st March 2025 Business Reserve Bank Account Transactions Report				
Date	Category	Expenses	Income	Notes
30.04.2024	Income:Bank interest		£3.97	monthly interest
31.05.2024	Income:Bank interest		£3.74	monthly interest
28.06.2024	Income:Bank interest		£3.38	monthly interest
31.07.2024	Income:Bank interest		£3.99	monthly interest
30.08.2024	Income:Bank interest		£3.63	monthly interest
30.09.2024	Income:Bank interest		£3.76	monthly interest
31.10.2024	Income:Bank interest		£3.63	monthly interest
29.11.2024	Income:Bank interest		£3.28	monthly interest
31.12.2024	Income:Bank interest		£3.62	monthly interest
31.01.2025	Income:Bank interest		£3.45	monthly interest
28.02.2025	Income:Bank interest		£2.94	monthly interest
31.03.2025	Income:Bank interest		£3.26	monthly interest
	Total		£42.65	

Blyth Woods Year ending 31st March 2025 35 day Liquidity Account Transactions Report					
Date	Category	Expenses	Income	Notes	
30.04.2024	Income:Bank interest		£35.25	monthly interest	
31.05.2024	Income:Bank interest		£33.21	monthly interest	
28.06.2024	Income:Bank interest		£30.08	monthly interest	
31.07.2024	Income:Bank interest		£35.54	monthly interest	
30.08.2024	Income:Bank interest		£32.40	monthly interest	
30.09.2024	Income:Bank interest		£33.57	monthly interest	
31.10.2024	Income:Bank interest		£32.44	monthly interest	
29.11.2024	Income:Bank interest		£29.20	monthly interest	
31.12.2024	Income:Bank interest		£32.30	monthly interest	
31.01.2025	Income:Bank interest		£30.80	monthly interest	
28.02.2025	Income:Bank interest		£26.10	monthly interest	
31.03.2025	Income:Bank interest		£28.96	monthly interest	
	Total		£379.85		

Bank Reconciliation Current account	
Details	Actual
Opening bank current account balance	£3,613.41
RECEIPTS TO DATE	£6,061.99
PAYMENTS TO DATE	-£6,426.61
Less cheques unpresented now presented	£0.00
Closing bank current account balance	£3,248.79

Blyth Woods Year ending 31st March 2025 Current Bank Account Categories Report			
Category	Expenses	Income	Balance
Capital costs - restricted funds:Equipment and signage	£223.20		
Capital costs - restricted funds:Land purchase/lease professional fees	£750.00		
Capital costs - restricted funds:St Peters Pightle	£3,351.22		
Expenditure:Events inc Annual meeting	£145.90		
Expenditure:First Aid Training	£816.00		
Expenditure:Hall hire, affiliation fee, loft storage	£70.00		
Expenditure:Insurance	£203.43		
Expenditure:Printing, postage, IT and stationery	£323.69		
Expenditure:Sundry small items	£47.29		
Income:Events inc Annual meeting		£83.50	
Income:Friends - annual		£27.00	
Income:Friends - lifetime		£200.00	
Income:Gift Aid		£273.43	
Income:Grants and donations - restricted St Peters Pightle		£3,073.55	
Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£834.10	
Income:Refunds/reimbursement		£408.00	
Income:Sale of cards and produce etc		£354.85	
Wilder Wenhaston funds - ringfenced for their costs	£495.88	£807.56	
Total	£6,426.61	£6,061.99	-£364.62

Blyth Woods Charity Reg No 1172343				
Receipts and Payments Account Year ended 31st March 2025				
	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	Unrestricted 2024
Income				
Friends - annual	£27.00		£27.00	£50.00
Friends - lifetime	£200.00		£200.00	£200.00
Grants and Donations - restricted:St Peters Pightle		£3,073.55	£3,073.55	£0.00
Grants and Donations - unrestricted	£834.10		£834.10	£601.60
Sale of cards and produce etc	£354.85		£354.85	£139.70
Events inc Annual meeting	£83.50		£83.50	£0.00
Bank interest and compensation	£422.50		£422.50	£215.65
Gift Aid	£273.43		£273.43	£784.32
Refunds/reimbursement	£408.00		£408.00	£0.00
Wilder Wenhaston (ringfenced)	£807.56		£807.56	
Total income	£3,410.94	£3,073.55	£6,484.49	£1,991.27
Expenditure				
Capital costs - restricted funds:Equipment and signage		£223.20	£223.20	
Capital costs - restricted funds:Land purchase/lease/ professional fees		£750.00	£750.00	£0.00
Capital costs - restricted funds:St Peters Pightle	£0.00	£3,351.22	£3,351.22	£0.00
Capital costs - restricted funds:Pond work			£0.00	£0.00
Hall hire, affiliation fee and loft storage	£70.00		£70.00	£0.00
Event costs inc Annual meeting	£145.90		£145.90	£44.57
Insurance	£203.43		£203.43	£177.86
Printing, postage, IT and stationery	£323.69		£323.69	£174.79
Expenditure:First Aid Training	£816.00		£816.00	£0.00
Plants and timber	£0.00		£0.00	
Sundry small items	£47.29		£47.29	£17.00
Accountancy fees	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Wilder Wenhaston (ringfenced)	£495.88		£495.88	
Total expenditure	£2,102.19	£4,324.42	£6,426.61	£414.22
Surplus (Deficit) of Income over expenditure	£1,308.75	-£1,250.87	£57.88	£1,577.05
Treasurers Bank balance brought forward (Lloyds bank)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,858.62
Current account bank balance (NatWest)	£3,613.41	£0.00	£3,613.41	£0.00
Business Reserve account (NatWest)	£3,030.96	£0.00	£3,030.96	£0.00
35 Day Liquidity account (NatWest)	£5,791.30	£6,392.92	£12,184.22	£0.00
Total carried forward	£13,744.42	£5,142.05	£18,886.47	£12,435.67
Bank balances carried forward				
Current account bank balance (NatWest)			£3,248.79	
Business Reserve account (NatWest)			£3,073.61	
35 Day Liquidity account (NatWest)			£12,564.07	
Total carried forward			£18,886.47	
Reserves Policy:				
Wilder Wenhaston (ringfenced)		£1,002.13	£1,002.13	
Field work at St Peters Pightle (awaiting invoice)		£250.00	£250.00	
Professional fees for lease at St Peters Pightle		£1,200.00	£1,200.00	
St Peters Pightle annual land rental		£500.00	£500.00	
Information board		£1,200.00	£1,200.00	
Further planting work expected in 2025		£250.00	£250.00	
Further work on St Peters Pightle, inc sleepers for nursery		£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
Insurance	£225.00		£225.00	£150.00
Events - planned	£250.00		£250.00	£250.00
Maintenance - expected	£500.00		£500.00	£500.00
Total	£975.00	£6,402.13	£7,377.13	£900.00

Restricted 2024	Total 2024
	£50.00
	£200.00
	£0.00
	£601.60
	£139.70
	£0.00
	£215.65
	£784.32
	£0.00
£830.71	£830.71
£830.71	£2,821.98
£285.53	£285.53
£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00
£4,700.00	£4,700.00
	£0.00
	£44.57
	£177.86
	£174.79
	£0.00
£117.00	£117.00
	£17.00
	£0.00
£640.26	£640.26
£5,742.79	£6,157.01
-£4,912.08	-£3,335.03
£11,305.00	£22,163.62
£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00
£6,392.92	£18,828.59
	£3,613.41
	£3,030.96
	£12,184.22
	£18,828.59
Restricted	Total
£690.45	£690.45
£0.00	£0.00
£3,000.00	£3,000.00
£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00
£5,000.00	£5,000.00
£0.00	£0.00
	£150.00
	£250.00
	£500.00
£8,690.45	£9,590.45

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities Year ended 31st March

Cash funds

Current bank account (NatWest)
Business Reserve account (NatWest)
35 Day Liquidity account

Total

Assets retained for the CIO's own use (at cost)

Land known as Grove Piece, Wenhaston (including legal fees)
Interpretation board
Land at Vicarage Grove (Little Malsters), Wenhaston (including legal fees)
Fencing on St Peters Pightle at cost
Equipment and tools

Total

Liabilities

Wilder Wenhaston funds held and ringfenced
Work not yet invoiced

Total

Accounts checked by Linda Hammond on

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees on

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Chair Alan Miller

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2025	2024
£	£
£3,248.79	£3,613.41
£3,073.61	£3,030.96
£12,564.07	£12,184.22
£18,886.47	£18,828.59

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£23,063.00	£23,063.00
£784.00	£784.00
£18,616.00	£18,616.00
£873.89	£0.00
£3,446.26	£3,221.26
£46,783.15	£45,684.26

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£1,002.13	£690.45
£1,950.00	£0.00
£2,952.13	£690.45

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Chairmans report 2024

First thanks to all the trustees for all their work throughout the year. Geraldine as always continues to be a very efficient secretary, Sally our treasurer has had a much easier time sorting the accounts since we changed banks to Nat West. Ann continues waging war on Alexanders and stepping in to take the occasional meeting notes.

Marie now regularly supported by Jo continues to work with the primary school and John has been maintaining the website and managing the groups files on One Drive amongst many other things. Patricia has managed to keep the village updated every month as to what the group is doing and what's been seen via the *Warbler*. Katharine is now looking after the Friends, keeping them up to date with events.

Two years ago, at this meeting we formed *Wilder Wenhaston*. This has completed a number of projects, involved 40+ people and is currently undertaking survey work on the river, monitoring the pollution and the wildlife and is extending its reach to the source of the Blyth at Laxfield and everywhere else in between. More information on the display board.

The breeding birds survey was carried out and thanks go to Barry and Gus for monitoring most of the 27 nest boxes, which produced 135 blue tits and 11 great tits. This was 70 young less than 2022 with weather being the determining factor. Barn owls bred in the box for the second time, producing 2 young very late in October but only one successfully fledged and tawny owls bred for the first time producing 2 young. A nestling blue tit ringed in one of the boxes was trapped by the Kessingland Ringing Group north of Lowestoft in January.

The meadow area is developing in Malsters, with a combination of seed, green hay and plug plants helping increase its diversity from what was a barley field in 2017. The annual cut took place in August.

The Copse pond which was restored in January 2023 is gradually recovering, newts returned within weeks and the aquatic plants are responding.

The AONB volunteer team carried out some more holly clearance, the show of bluebells this spring have shown how effective this work is. Sadly, ash die back is affecting most of the trees in Vicarage Grove and so two had to be felled adjacent to the foot path and this will be ongoing. The rest of the work has been managing the new trees and removing/replacing guards where needed.

The group has attended the various events in the village hall, the village show, bazaar and the Halesworth Climate Conference.

We held a Bioblitz in June, resulting in identifying 28 new species mainly plants and invertebrates and a fungi survey was carried out in October. All records go to SBIS Suffolk Biological Information Service. Another will take place this year on 13th July.

Vicarage Grove is now on the Ancient Woodland Register. Previously woods under 2ha were not recorded.

Various people have provided their services for free and Crispin Chalker, who did the pond restoration, moved all the felled timber off site for free.

Extra fruit trees were planted in the Merton Wood orchard and mulched with wood chip kindly supplied by 1st Cut tree surgeons.

The information board has been updated by Colin Edwards who did the original board and he carried out the work for no charge. Two new direction signs have also been installed.

Some of our volunteers have been involved in planting up more new woods in the village. Thanks to Mike and Trish Gower another wood has been planted, this time replacing a wood that was grubbed out in the 1960's.

Finally, we hope to secure another piece of land later in the year.

Alan Miller

Blyth Woods Chair

May 2024

Blyth Woods Categories income and expenses 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

Category	Expenses	Income
Capital costs - restricted funds:Equipment and signage	£285.53	
Capital costs - restricted funds:Plants and timber	£117.00	
Capital costs - restricted funds:Pond work	£4,700.00	
Expenditure:Event costs inc Annual meeting - speakers, refreshments and floats	£44.57	
Expenditure:Insurance	£177.86	
Expenditure:Printing, postage, computer, website and stationery	£174.79	
Expenditure:Sundry small items	£17.00	
Income:Bank interest and compensation		£215.65
Income:Friends - annual		£50.00
Income:Friends - lifetime		£200.00
Income:Gift Aid		£784.32
Income:Grants and donations - unrestricted		£601.60
Income:Sale of cards and produce etc		£139.70
Total	£5,516.75	£1,991.27
Wilder Wenhaston funds - rinenced for their expenses	£640.26	£830.71
Total	£6,157.01	£2,821.98

Bank Reconciliation Treasurers account

Details	Actual
Opening bank balance	£22,163.62
RECEIPTS TO DATE	£2,821.98
PAYMENTS TO DATE	£6,157.01
Less cheques unpresented now presented	£0.00
CLOSING BANK BALANCE	<u>£18,828.59</u>

Notes

Blyth Woods Charity Reg No 1172343						
Receipts and Payments Account Year ended 31st March 2024						
	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024	Total 2024	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023
Income						
Friends - annual	£50.00		£50.00	£24.00		£24.00
Friends - lifetime	£200.00		£200.00	£500.00		£500.00
Grants and donations - restricted	£0.00		£0.00		£425.00	£425.00
Donations - unrestricted	£601.60		£601.60	£359.26		£359.26
Sale of cards and produce etc	£139.70		£139.70	£97.40		£97.40
Equipment	£0.00		£0.00		£348.00	£348.00
Events inc AGM - floats	£0.00		£0.00	£30.00		£30.00
Bank interest and compensation	£215.65		£215.65	£120.69		£120.69
Gift Aid	£784.32		£784.32	£0.00		£0.00
Wilder Wenhaston (ringfenced)		£830.71	£830.71		£500.00	£500.00
Total income	£1,991.27	£830.71	£2,821.98	£1,131.35	£1,273.00	£2,404.35
Expenditure						
Hall hire, affiliation fee and loft storage	£0.00		£0.00	£92.50		£92.50
Event costs inc AGM - Speakers, refreshments and floats	£44.57		£44.57	£91.20		£91.20
Insurance	£177.86		£177.86	£231.05		£231.05
Printing, postage, computer, website and stationery	£174.79		£174.79	£170.87		£170.87
Plants and timber		£117.00	£117.00		£361.27	£361.27
Equipment		£285.53	£285.53		£696.00	£696.00
Sundry small items	£17.00		£17.00	£0.00		£0.00
Accountancy fees	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
Pond work	£0.00	£4,700.00	£4,700.00	£0.00		£0.00
Wilder Wenhaston (ringfenced)		£640.26	£640.26		£0.00	£0.00
Total expenditure	£414.22	£5,742.79	£6,157.01	£585.62	£1,057.27	£1,642.89
Surplus (Deficit) of Income over expenditure	£1,577.05	-£4,912.08	-£3,335.03	£545.73	£215.73	£761.46
Treasurers Bank balance brought forward	£10,858.62	£11,305.00	£22,163.62	£6,125.89	£15,276.27	£21,402.16
Business Instant bank balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Adjustment for expenditure from 2018 to 2021 from Unrestricted expenditure to Restricted expenditure for interpretation board, pond work, trees and timber, equipment and tools all covered by grants awarded.	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,187.00	-£4,187.00	
Total carried forward	£12,435.67	£6,392.92	£18,828.59	£10,858.62	£11,305.00	£22,163.62
Bank balances carried forward						
Treasurers bank balance (Lloyds)			£0.00			£21,580.93
Current account bank balance (NatWest)			£3,613.41			£0.00
Business bank Instant bank balance (Lloyds)			£0.00			£582.69
Business Reserve account (NatWest)			£3,030.96			£0.00
35 Day Liquidity account (NatWest)			£12,184.22			£0.00
Total carried forward			£18,828.59			£22,163.62
Reserves Policy:						
Wilder Wenhaston (ringfenced)		£690.45	£690.45		£500.00	£500.00
Pond Work in The Copse - invoice due		£0.00	£0.00		£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Professional fees for land purchase		£3,000.00	£3,000.00		£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Information board - in progress		£0.00	£0.00		£250.00	£250.00
Further planting work expected in 2024		£5,000.00	£5,000.00			£0.00
Insurance	£150.00		£150.00	£150.00		£150.00
Events - planned	£250.00		£250.00	£250.00		£250.00
Maintenance - expected	£500.00		£500.00	£500.00		£500.00
Total	£900.00	8690.45	£9,590.45	£900.00	£8,750.00	£9,650.00

Blyth Woods Reg Charity No 1172343

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Year ended 31st March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash funds		
Treasurers Bank account (Lloyds)	0.00	21,580.93
Current bank account (NatWest)	3,613.41	0.00
Business Bank Instant account (Lloyds)	0.00	582.69
Business Reserve account (NatWest)	3,030.96	0.00
35 Day Liquidity account	12,184.22	0.00
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Total	18,828.59	22,163.62
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Assets retained for the CIO's own use (at cost)

	£	£
Land known as Grove Piece, Wenhaston (including legal fees)	23,063.00	23,063.00
Interpretation board	784.00	784.00
Land at Vicarage Grove (Little Malsters), Wenhaston (including legal fees)	18,616.00	18,616.00
Equipment and tools	3,221.26	2,935.73
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Total	45,684.26	45,398.73
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Liabilities

	£	£
Wilder Wenhaston funds held and ringfenced	690.45	500.00
Work not yet invoiced	0.00	5,000.00
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Total	690.45	5,500.00
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Accounts checked by Linda Hammond on

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees on

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Chair Alan Miller

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Treasurer Sally Amery

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
01	04	2022	31	03	2023
From			To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Moonrakers
Back Road
Wenhaston, Suffolk
IP19 9DY

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	Alan Miller	Chair		
2	Geraldine Lines	Secretary		
3	Sally Amery	Treasurer		
4	Marie Rolfe			
5	John Rolfe			
	Ann Edwards			
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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

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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 <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution adopted 26 th January 2017
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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;
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

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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)

At meetings of the Blyth Woods steering group, we have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning our activities for the year ahead.

We have been able to follow our programme with the primary school children. A bioblitz was organised followed by a picnic for all our volunteers.

Management work on the Trust's property continued, with maintenance of Grove Piece and Malsters Little Field: weeding, replacing saplings and cutting rides. Green hay was obtained from a local species rich common and spread on the grassland we are turning into a hay meadow.

Blyth Woods includes the management of Vicarage Grove, an adjoining piece of ancient woodland. This is in the third year of a 5-year renewable lease, at peppercorn rent from the local church.

The group continued to maintain new fruit trees in the Community Orchard.

The large pond in the north boundary was restored.

Articles continue to be written for the local village newsletters to keep the public informed, as well as the website and Facebook.

All records of flora and fauna are submitted to the local county records office.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Blyth Woods is supported entirely by volunteers of all ages and backgrounds from the local communities.

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main work involved weeding and maintaining the new trees and replacing any failures. The path network was mown for easy access and a meadow area established in Little Malsters Field was augmented with green hay from a local common. Last winter's work was mainly removing the invasive holly from the ancient woodland and included help from the AONB volunteer team who used the cut remains to build a dead hedge around our experimental coppice plot. This should stop deer browsing the cut stools as they regrow.

Various additional wildflowers have been introduced including ragged robin, cowslip, and oxeye daisy grown by volunteers and yellow rattle seed.

The restoration of the overgrown pond was completed by a local contractor.

We are now in our 4th year of carrying out a full breeding bird survey in Grove Woods which includes Grove Piece, Vicarage Grove, Little Malsters and Ian Copse. To date 30 different species of birds have been recorded as nesting including for the first-time barn owls who raised two chicks.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A proportion of funds are kept in reserve for future land purchases. The balance has been used to pursue our action plan of maintenance and planting and acquiring the necessary tools for this.

It was agreed to hold £2600 in reserve over each year to cover expected expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

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)	Alan Roy Miller	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	11/10/2023	

Blyth Woods Charity Reg No 1172343						
Receipts and Payments Account Year ended 31st March 2023						
	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted 2022	Restricted 2022	Total 2022
Income						
Friends - annual	£24.00		£24.00	£54.00		£54.00
Friends - lifetime	£500.00		£500.00	£400.00		£400.00
Grants and donations - restricted		£425.00	£425.00	£0.00		£0.00
Donations - unrestricted	£359.26		£359.26	£296.21		£296.21
Sale of cards and produce etc	£97.40		£97.40	£50.70		£50.70
Equipment		£348.00	£348.00			£0.00
Events inc AGM - floats	£30.00		£30.00			£0.00
Bank interest and compensation	£120.69		£120.69	£0.00		£0.00
Refunds	£0.00		£0.00	£96.00		£96.00
Wilder Wenhaston (ringfenced)		£500.00	£500.00			£0.00
Total income	£1,131.35	£1,273.00	£2,404.35	£896.91	£0.00	£896.91
Expenditure						
Hall hire, affiliation fee and loft storage	£92.50		£92.50	£45.00		£45.00
Event costs inc AGM - Speakers, refreshments and floats	£91.20		£91.20	£94.30		£94.30
Insurance	£231.05		£231.05	£0.00		£0.00
Printing, postage, computer, website and stationery	£170.87		£170.87	£97.77		£97.77
Plants and timber		£361.27	£361.27		£105.00	£105.00
Equipment		£696.00	£696.00		£2,683.73	£2,683.73
Sundry small items	£0.00		£0.00	£19.46		£19.46
Accountancy fees	£0.00		£0.00	£300.00		£300.00
Pond work	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00
Wilder Wenhaston (ringfenced)		£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Total expenditure	£585.62	£1,057.27	£1,642.89	£556.53	£2,788.73	£3,345.26
Surplus (Deficit) of Income over expenditure	£545.73	£215.73	£761.46	£340.38	-£2,788.73	-£2,448.35
Treasurers Bank balance brought forward	£6,125.89	£15,276.27	£21,402.16	£5,785.51	£18,065.00	£23,850.51
Business Instant bank balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Adjustment for expenditure from 2018 to 2021 from Unrestricted expenditure to Restricted expenditure for interpretation board, pond work, trees and timber, equipment and tools all covered by grants awarded.	£4,187.00	-£4,187.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total carried forward	£10,858.62	£11,305.00	£22,163.62	£6,125.89	£15,276.27	£21,402.16
Bank balances carried forward						
Treasurers bank balance			£21,580.93			£21,402.16
Business bank Instant bank balance			£582.69			£0.00
Total carried forward			£22,163.62			£21,402.16
Reserves Policy:						
Wilder Wenhaston (ringfenced)		£500.00	£500.00			
Pond Work in The Copse - invoice due		£5,000.00	£5,000.00			
Professional fees for land purchase		£3,000.00	£3,000.00			
Information board - in progress		£250.00	£250.00			
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Maintenance - expected	£500.00		£500.00			
Total	£900.00	£8,750.00	£9,650.00			

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Due to Covid restrictions during part of this year, activities have been limited. We have not been able to follow our programme with the primary school children or engage in public events. However, the public was encouraged to enjoy the open space and to create artworks made from natural materials to display along the footpaths.

Management work on the Trust's property continued, with maintenance of Grove Piece and Malsters Little Field: weeding, replacing saplings and cutting rides. A second new bench was also installed.

Blyth Woods has also now taken over the management of Vicarage Grove, an adjoining piece of ancient woodland. This is in the second year of a 5-year renewable lease, at peppercorn rent.

The group bought and planted more new fruit trees in the Community Orchard.

Articles continue to be written for the local village newsletters to keep the public informed, as well as the website and Facebook.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main work involved weeding and maintaining the new trees and replacing any failures. The path network was mown for easy access and a meadow area established in Little Malsters Field.

Another 850 trees have been planted bringing the total to over 3000 trees planted since the group was formed. Ten extra fruit trees have been planted in Merton orchard along with a length of hedging behind the new houses. The remaining trees all went into the Grove Woods plus 20 oaks were planted along Bartholomews Lane where we will soon lose the mature ash trees to disease. Along with the trees various wildflowers have been introduced including ragged robin, cowslip, and oxeye daisy grown by volunteers and yellow rattle seed.

We are now in our 3rd year of carrying out a full breeding bird survey in Grove Woods which includes Grove Piece, Vicarage Grove, Little Malsters and Ian Copse. To date 26 different species of birds have been recorded as nesting.

A secure storage shed/container is now in Grove Piece and is proving useful saving lots of wheelbarrows full of tools etc being carried to every work party.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A proportion of funds are kept in reserve for future land purchases. The balance has been used to pursue our action plan of maintenance and planting and acquiring the necessary tools for this.

It was agreed to hold £2600 in reserve over the next year to cover expected expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

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.

A secure steel storage container was purchased to store equipment used in the maintenance of the woods.


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)	Alan Roy Miller	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	04/01/2023	

Blyth Woods
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31st March 2022
Charity Reg No 1172343

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income						
Friends	54.00		54.00	12.00	0.00	12.00
Lifetime friends	400.00		400.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Restricted donations	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations	296.21		296.21	180.00	0.00	180.00
Sale of cards and produce	50.70		50.70	55.00	0.00	55.00
Miscellaneous income	0.00		0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Refunds	96.00		96.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total income for the period	896.91	0.00	896.91	872.00	0.00	872.00
Expenditure						
AGM costs - Room hire and heating	94.30		94.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Event costs - Room hire and heating	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Event costs - Speakers	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Affiliation fees - Wenhaston village hall	45.00		45.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
Insurance	0.00		0.00	84.00	0.00	84.00
Printing and stationery	50.00		50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Timber and plants		105.00	105.00	375.00	0.00	375.00
Equipment		2,683.73	2,683.73	880.00	0.00	880.00
Miscellaneous	19.46		19.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land purchase fees	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land purchase cost	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accountancy fees	300.00		300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Pond work	0.00		0.00	1,302.00	0.00	1,302.00
Website expenses	47.77		47.77	51.00	0.00	51.00
Fundraising fees	0.00		0.00	126.00	0.00	126.00
Total expenditure for the period	556.53	2,788.73	3,345.26	3,128.00	0.00	3,128.00
Surplus (Deficit) of Income over expenditure	340.38	(2,788.73)	(2,448.35)	(2,256.00)	0.00	(2,256.00)
Bank balance brought forward	5,785.51	18,065.00	23,850.51	7,758.00	18,065.00	25,823.00
Uncleared cheques at year end and not presented				283.82	0.00	283.82
Adjustment				(0.31)		(0.31)
Bank balance carried forward	6,125.89	15,276.27	21,402.16	5,785.51	18,065.00	23,850.51

Year's accounts checked and agreed:

Signed

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20/4/2022

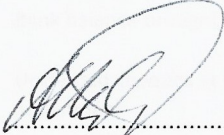
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Blyth Woods
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Year ended 31st March 2022

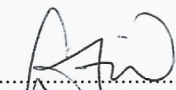
Charity Reg No 1172343

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash funds		
Treasurers account	21,402.16	23,567.00
Instant account	0.00	0.00
	21,402.16	23,567.00
	21,402.16	23,567.00
Assets retained for the CIO's own use (at cost)	£	£
Land known as Grove Piece, Wenhaston (including legal fees)	23,063.00	23,063.00
Interpretation board	784.00	784.00
Land at Vicarage Grove, Wenhaston (including legal fees)	18,616.00	18,616.00
Equipment and tools	2,587.73	0.00
	45,050.73	42,463.00
	45,050.73	42,463.00
Liabilities	£	£
	0.00	300.00
	0.00	300.00
	0.00	300.00

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 20th April 2022



 Chair Alan Miller



 Liz Hill Treasurer

BLYTH WOODS

England & Wales - Charity number 1172343

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

To

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

BLYTH WOODS

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1172343

Charity's principal address

Furrows

Bramfield Road

Wenhaston, Suffolk

IP19 9EA

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	Ann Edwards	Chair		
2	Geraldine Lines	Secretary		
3	Elizabeth Hill	Treasurer		
4	Marie Rolfe			
5	John Rolfe			
	Alan Miller			
7	Ian Bigwood		01/04/2020 -12/09/2020	
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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	Constitution adopted 26 th January 2017
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Blyth Woods is affiliated to Green Light Trust (registered charity# 1000977) whose mission is "Bringing people and nature together".</p> <p>Blyth Woods works closely with the Wenhaston Commons Group, who manage the commons surrounding the village of Wenhaston.</p> <p>Blyth Woods is the official tree warden for the parish of Wenhaston with Mells, and Trustees are regularly in touch with the Tree Warden network.</p> <p>Blyth Woods has a child protection policy and an equal opportunities policy in place and produces activity and place risk assessments as necessary.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

<p>To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment in the parish of Wenhaston, Suffolk and surrounding parishes of the Blyth Valley, and the creation of community woodland and green spaces for the public at large, with the object of improving their education and condition of life.</p>
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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)

At meetings of the Blyth Woods steering group we have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning our activities for the year ahead.

Due to Covid restrictions this year, these activities have been limited. We have not been able to follow our programme with the primary school children, or engage in public events. However the public was encouraged to enjoy the open space and to create artworks made from natural materials to display along the footpaths.

Management work on the Trust's property continued, with maintenance of Grove Piece and Malsters Little Field : weeding, replacing saplings and cutting rides. A new footbridge was installed at the edge of Grove Piece to facilitate public access. A new bench was also installed.

Blyth Woods has also now taken over the management of Vicarage Grove, an adjoining piece of ancient woodland. This is on a 5 year renewable lease, at peppercorn rent.

The group bought and planted new fruit trees in the Community Orchard, which had suffered a number of losses. A gap in the hedge surrounding the Orchard was also filled in.

Articles continue to be written for the local newsletters to keep the public informed, as well as the website and Facebook.

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.

Blyth Woods is supported entirely by volunteers of all ages and backgrounds from the local communities.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievement of Blyth Woods during this difficult year was the clearing and dredging of the very overgrown pond, which had been acquired with Malsters Little Field.

This required a digger and a lot of voluntary effort in the autumn, but which is now rejuvenating and providing new wildlife habitat.

The other main achievement was securing the lease of Vicarage Grove. This is an important small area of ancient woodland, adjoining the two fields owned by the Trust. Much of Grove Piece has been left without new planting to allow seed rain from the woodland to establish. There is public access through Vicarage Grove, which is also a noted bluebell wood in the spring. This means that the Trust now has approx. 7.1 acres under its management.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

After the completion of the purchase of Malsters Little Field, a proportion of the remaining funds was kept in reserve for future land purchases. The balance has been used to pursue our action plan of maintenance and planting, and acquiring the necessary tools for this.

It was agreed to hold £2600 in reserve over the next 2 years to cover expected expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Since February 2020, activities have been curtailed due to Covid restrictions. The Trustees continued to meet virtually on a regular basis.

There have been no fund raising activities, but Friends of Blyth Woods continue to contribute towards the finances.

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)

M. Ann Edwards

Full name(s)

Margaret Ann Edwards

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

31/08/2021