



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2021		31	03	2022

## 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

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	Elizabeth Hill	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

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

Blyth Woods is affiliated to Green Light Trust (registered charity# 1000977) whose mission is "Bringing people and nature together".

Blyth Woods works closely with the Wenhaston Commons Group, who manage the commons surrounding the village of Wenhaston.

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.

Blyth Woods has a child protection policy and an equal opportunities policy in place and produces activity and place risk assessments as necessary.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

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.

**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 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)**

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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

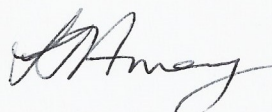
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04/01/2023

**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 £
<b>Income</b>						
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
<b>Total income for the period</b>	<b>896.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>896.91</b>	<b>872.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>872.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
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
<b>Total expenditure for the period</b>	<b>556.53</b>	<b>2,788.73</b>	<b>3,345.26</b>	<b>3,128.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,128.00</b>
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)
<b>Bank balance carried forward</b>	<b>6,125.89</b>	<b>15,276.27</b>	<b>21,402.16</b>	<b>5,785.51</b>	<b>18,065.00</b>	<b>23,850.51</b>

*Year's accounts checked and agreed:*

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

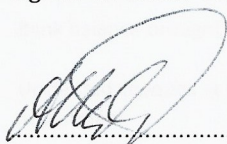
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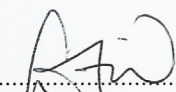
	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Treasurers account	21,402.16	23,567.00
Instant account	0.00	0.00
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	£	£
<b>Assets retained for the CIO's own use (at cost)</b>		
Land known as Grove Piece, Wenhaston (including legal fees)	23,063.00	23,063.00
Interpretation 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
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<b>Liabilities</b>		
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 20th April 2022

  
 Chair Alan Miller

  
 Liz Hill Treasurer