



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	February	2024		31	January

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Trust

Other names charity is known by Cornwall AONB Trust

Registered charity number (if any) 1172467

Charity's principal address New County Hall,

Treyew Rd,

Truro, Cornwall,

Postcode

TR1 3AY

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	Hugh St Aubyn	Chairperson & Treasurer		
2	Deborah Boden			
3	Gitty Ankers			
4	Dr Greg Borne			
5	Mark Chanter			
6	Emma Browning	Ex-Officio		
7	Peter LeFort	Ex-Officio		

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Foundation Model Constitution
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods	The Constitution of the Cornwall AONB Trust was amended in July 2018 – Clause 9 (3) 'To increase the number of appointed trustees from 4 to a maximum of 8'. At a General Meeting of the Trustees held on the 18 th July 2018, the Trustees, having carried out a skills audit, agreed to appoint additional trustees to increase the skills capacity of the Board of Trustees. The Governing Document has been amended accordingly to state that there can be six appointed trustees and two nominated 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.

The Cornwall AONB Trust has seven trustees consisting of five independent appointed trustees and two nominated ex-officio trustees. The Charity remains entirely independent from the Cornwall AONB Partnership in its daily activities.

There is a vacancy that we hope to fill to complete the Trust needs in communications and accountancy.

There is an active business plan which this referred to and actions benchmarked against at each meeting. There is also an organisation risk register which is reviewed annually.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the physical and natural environment. Advance education in and around the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

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)

To build and maintain an Environment Landscape Fund (ELF) – a delegated grant scheme that supports local communities, organisations and small businesses to deliver conservation and enhancement projects for the benefit of the Cornwall AONB.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained within the Charity Commissions General Guidance on public benefit in relation to reviewing the Cornwall AONB Trust's aims and objectives in light of planned activities.

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.

During this fiscal year financial activity took place through working with the Cornwall National Landscapes Team in joint delivery of projects and an updating of the Trust website.

There was additional activity in continuing to develop the Trust's business plan and re-launch the business supporters scheme and ELF grants after being mothballed during the Covid lockdowns.

The Trust has recruited more Trustees over the year in accordance with our Constitution.

All AONBs changed to National Landscapes in 2023, CAONB has been renamed the Cornwall National Landscape, and both names are used in the return. The relationship with the Unit/Partnership remains unaltered and the Trust will be applying for a change of name to Cornwall National

Landscape Trust to support public understanding of the ongoing relationship between the two organisations.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Cornwall AONB Trust was first registered with the Charity Commission in April 2017.

Trustees meet monthly to six weeks to review the work of the Trust and to ensure it remains focussed in its aims and objectives. The Trust will continue to support a variety of community activities for the benefit of the public as it relaunches its various schemes and applies for additional funding.

The Trust is committed to supporting a wide range of initiatives through the Environment Landscape Fund by offering grants of up to £500 which help facilitate projects which fall within the AONB Management Plan, 2022 - 2027.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trusts business supporters scheme and ELF grants were largely dormant during this fiscal year due to the ongoing effects of the Covid 19 lockdown. However, activity was undertaken with a view to restoring the usual activities. This was through continuing work and participation in projects with the CNL team and updating the website.

The net surplus recorded for this financial period was directly applied to these projects.

Applications for grant funding to support a range of projects in line with the purposes of the Trust were paused as ongoing work on the business plan and governance of the Trust continued.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal funding source for this period was a charitable fundraising event and public donations.

The Trust intends to increase project funding in accordance with the Cornwall AONB Management Plan 2022 – 2027 in the upcoming year. Likewise, the Trust's objectives are to increase fundraising through donations and now registered for Gift Aid with HMRC.

Section F Other optional information

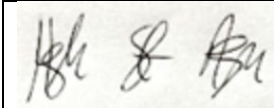
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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name

Hugh St Aubyn

Position

Chairperson

Date

21 January 2026

Signature



Full name

Melodie Manners

Position

Secretariat

Date

21 January 2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Opening Balance	14,332	-	-	14,332	
Donations	3,105	-	-	3,105	
		-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,437	-	-	17,437	-
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,437	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
	6,040	-	-	6,040	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,040	-	-	6,040	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,040	-	-	6,040	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,397	-	-	6,040	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	11,397	-	-	6,040	-

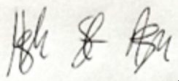

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Cash Account	11,397	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,397	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
Investment assets (SS)	1		-	22/01/2026
			-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Information Classification Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Hugh St Aubyn	21-Jan-26
	Melodie Manners	21-Jan-26