



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st December 2021

To 30th November 2022

Charity name: Our Villages Crawcrook and Greenside CIO

Charity registration number: 1173252

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the conservation, protection & improvement of the natural and physical environment by mobilising volunteers & raising awareness of local issues, taking care to include all members of the community.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Main activities are improving the environment as well as highlighting environmental issues. Regular activities include Litter Picking, Dog Fouling awareness & education, Maintaining public green areas including flower beds. We aim to develop the capacity & skills of disadvantaged sections of the community, to help them to participate more fully in local society.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act. This is standard item on our monthly agenda.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We are volunteer run and led, with volunteers drawn from the local community. Our initiatives and activities are drawn from the local community.

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Our regular Litter Picking events have encouraged a large number of people to get involved both at the event and individually, using our equipment, at times more suitable to themselves resulting in the villages being noticeably cleaner, with residents aware of the part they can play. Open spaces have improved greatly through our volunteers maintaining the flower beds both in the park and along the roadsides, throughout the year. Many residents, especially the elderly, comment on how lovely it looks. We have seen an increase in the number of volunteers through all these areas.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As shown on our accounts, attached, we are in a strong financial position and the Finance Report is included in all monthly meeting agendas, where we look, in detail, at all financial issues & discuss any new spending requirements.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The funds are held to cover a minimum of 6 months of operational & planned community projects, in the event of any unexpected loss of income or unforeseen expenditure that may occur
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Monies held for unrestricted purposes at 30 th November 2022 were £4,752 and restricted purposes were £5,660.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our funds are raised from a variety of sources, namely, donations, community events and activities and applying for grants.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charity constitution document.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	We have developed a membership process to ensure that we attract people with the correct range of skills required. We carry out an assessment of the skills of the trustees and look to recruit and encourage new members where necessary to fill any gaps. Any new members & volunteers are asked to apply in an open & fair process.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Our Villages Crawcrook and Greenside CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1173252
Charity's principal address	9 Wesley Mount, Crawcrook Ryton Tyne and Wear NE40 4XB

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	John Neill	Chair	Elected to position AGM July 2022 and stood down as chair/trustee September 2022.	
2	Christopher Beer	Deputy Chair	Elected to position AGM July 2022. Acting chair September 2022 onwards.	
3	Laura Clark	Treasurer	February 2022 onwards	
4	Caroline James	Treasurer	Until February 2022	
5	Barbara Williams	Trustee		
6	Helen Haran	Trustee		
7	Sue Welch	Trustee		
8	Stuart Lowerson	Trustee		
9	Derrick Marrs	Trustee		
10	Maureen Forster	Co-opted Secretary	Stepped down July 2022	
11	John Forster	Trustee	Stepped down July 2022	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Laura Clark	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	03.08.2023	



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Receipts and payments accounts

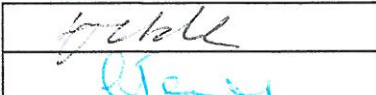

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/12/2021		30/11/2022

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					
Donations	1,742	5,735	-	7,477	1,134
Community Grants	-	7,950	-	7,950	10,776
Fundraising Events	1,565	-	-	1,565	3,959
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,307	13,685	-	16,993	15,868
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,307	13,685	-	16,993	15,868
A3 Payments					
Cost of Fundraising Events	957	5,384	-	6,341	958
Community Project Expenses	-	20,560	-	20,560	7,399
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	157	-	-	157	403
Print, Postage and Stationery	140	-	-	140	67
Website Costs	-	-	-	-	83
Accountancy Fees	474	-	-	474	900
Repairs & Renewals	-	-	-	-	27
Donations	100	-	-	100	-
Sub total	1,828	25,944	-	27,772	9,837
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,828	25,944	-	27,772	9,837
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,479	- 12,259	-	- 10,779	6,030
A5 Transfers between funds	663	- 663	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,609	18,582	-	21,191	15,161
Cash funds this year end	4,752	5,660	-	10,412	21,191

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	Bank Balance	4,164	5,660	-
	Cash held	588	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,752	5,660	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	 	LAURA CLARK CATHERINE JONES	29.03.23 4.4.23	