



**Friends of Uddens &
Cannon Hill Woodlands**

Trustees' Annual Report Apr 2024 – Mar 2025

Objects of the Charity

1. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the woodlands and surrounding area of Uddens & Cannon Hill Plantations.
2. For the benefit of the inhabitants of East Dorset, to provide or assist the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit in particular but not exclusively by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of the woodlands and surrounding area of Uddens & Cannon Hill Plantations.

Activities

199 volunteers completed 925 hours of work over 25 recorded volunteer task days.

A decrease of 358 volunteer hours on the previous year, as unfortunately we had to cancel 3 of our key winter task days due to weather warnings for strong winds. We always take safety very seriously, so this was a necessary precaution.

This still gave us the 2nd highest annual numbers and is a reflection on the success of our new monthly weekday (Last Wednesday of the month) volunteer task day, led by Paul and Francis.

This year we have extended our area of operations to include the adjoining SSSI Whitesheet Hill, an important mire and heathland site. Our two task days there included our best attended day of the year when we had 18 volunteers.

Four more days were spent on our Dorset Peat Partnership completing the prep work prior to the contractors starting.

As in previous years tasks included maintaining the tumuli heritage features, managing invasive Himalayan balsam, Rhododendron & Bracken, restoring picnic benches and progressing our heathland restoration project on Elford Heath.

Income and Expenditure

Opening balance - £3,542

Donations of £646 were gratefully received towards our “dog splash” project.

We were delighted to spend £1,476 on forestry first aid and power tool courses benefiting 16 of our volunteers, thanks to funding from the Dorset Peat Partnership.

Closing balance was £3,107

AGM & Trustees

The AGM was held in March at Highmead Farm where we received an update on the peat restoration project by Grace Herve from the Dorset Peat Partnership.

It was agreed that future AGM's would be held in April to enable the previous year's results to be reviewed in a more timely manner

Mrs Jean Loader and Mr Jeffrey Maple retired as trustees this year.

We thank them both for their service over the years.

Mr Mick Felton was elected as a trustee.

Current Trustees -

Mr Andy Hartstone, Mr Mick Felton, Mr Paul James, Mr Scott Whibley (Chair)



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2024	To	Period end date 31st March 2025
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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					
Balance Carried Forward	-	-	-	3,542	9,136
Membership/Donations - Online	675	646	-	1,321	-
Membership/Donations - Cheques	-	-	-	-	-
Online referrals (Easyfundraising/Smile)	85	-	-	85	116
Bench Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	798
HMRC Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Grants / Funding	-	519	-	519	5,251
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	760	1,165	-	5,467	15,301
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	760	1,165	-	5,467	15,301
A3 Payments					
memberships / Land registry search	-	-	-	-	-
Tools & PPE	16	-	-	16	8,282
Timber / Consumables	197	-	-	197	1,755
Trailer Maintenance	176	24	-	200	344
Insurance Premium	434	-	-	434	339
AGM Hall Hire / meeting costs / Transport	-	-	-	-	301
Volunteer Task Catering	37	-	-	37	92
Web Hosting	-	-	-	-	14
Training Courses	-	1,476	-	1,476	1,490
Sub total	860	1,500	-	2,360	12,617
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	2,360	12,617
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	5,467	15,301
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	3,107	2,684

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	Nil	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Nil	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Nil	-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)


B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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B5 Liabilities

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Andy Hartstone	08/01/2025