

**Annual Trustee Report of the Friends of the West Oxfordshire Cotswolds Charitable Incorporated
Organisation for the year to 29th February 2024**

Registered charity number 1175055

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Objectives and activities

The charity promotes the conservation of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in West Oxfordshire for the public benefit.

The charity trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

Since the adoption of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan in September 2018 with policies that support National Policy towards AONBs and promote the conservation of the Cotswolds AONB, the charity has sought to ensure that these are applied properly to avert planning decisions which cause unnecessary and material harm to the AONB. The charity continues to respond to applications which cause harm to the protected landscape in West Oxfordshire and to provide assistance to resident groups and parish councils which are doing the same. The charity has had particular concern about the fate of an ancient woodland site adjacent to a development in Charlbury which it has been opposing for a number of years. Following the Council's discharge of conditions with a woodland buffer less than required in the consent, the charity issued a claim for judicial review. In April 2023 the High Court upheld the charity's claim and the discharge of conditions was quashed. At the same time a new consent was granted which the charity also successfully took to the High Court winning a landmark victory in September 2024 in which all existing consents on the site were quashed or deemed expired. The charity continues to fight development on this site.

Management

Risk policy:

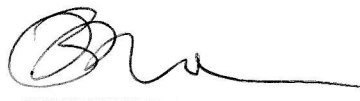
All risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.



Trustee

5/12/24

Date



Trustee

3 Dec 2024

Date



Trustee

2 Dec 24

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Friends of the West Oxfordshire Cotswolds

No (if any)
1175055

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/03/2023

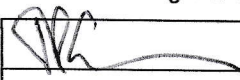
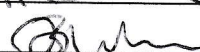
To

Period end date
29/02/2024

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					
Voluntary receipts	6,318	-	-	6,318	17,200
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,318	-	-	6,318	17,200
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan advances	8,375	-	-	8,375	19,295
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,375	-	-	8,375	19,295
Total receipts	14,693	-	-	14,693	36,495
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	10,943	-	-	10,943	22,699
Costs of Generating Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	60	-	-	60	60
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,003	-	-	11,003	22,759
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan repayments	4,295	-	-	4,295	15,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,295	-	-	4,295	15,000
Total payments	15,298	-	-	15,298	37,759
Net of receipts/(payments)	604	-	-	604	1,264
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,091	-	-	1,091	2,355
Cash funds this year end	487	-	-	487	1,091

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	487	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	487	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Giftaid claims outstanding	319	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loan	Unrestricted	8,375	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
Signature		Print Name	Date of approval	
		J. CLEMENCE	5/12/24	
		J. WHITHEAD	6/12/24	