

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1176973

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023
FOR
THE CHOLDERTON ESTATE TRUST

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES	Anthony Fry (resigned 26.5.2023) Merrick Denton-Thompson Henry Edmunds Trace Williams Mrs Susannah Perren Edmunds (appointed 26.5.2023)
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS	91A Downs Road South Wonston Winchester SO21 3EW
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1176973
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Martin and Company 25 St Thomas Street Winchester Hampshire SO23 9HJ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objectives are: the advancement of education in relation to environmental and ecological matters through the promotion of organic and sustainable farming and land management practices on the Cholderton Estate in Wiltshire; to further such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) as the charity trustees see fit.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

2023 was the first year since 2020 when the activities of the Trust were not impacted by government imposed restrictions relating to the COVID pandemic. This meant that it was possible to accommodate more families to attend the open days to see Hampshire Down lambing in February. This lambing is focussed on giving the younger generation an insight into farming life. Spread over 3 days the event, which was free of charge and attracted more visitors than ever. Trustees and volunteers, who regularly work with the sheep were on hand to answer the many questions posed by visitors. This successful free of charge event will remain a regular annual feature.

During the latter part of 2022 much effort was put into the Victorian kitchen garden and arboretum with the aim of opening them to the public. Identifying and labelling the 400 plus trees was completed in 2023 and the first visitors, assisted with detailed descriptions, were able to walk amongst them enjoying the wildflowers.

Trustees hosted visits to the Cholderton Estate throughout the year. Of note were:

- Hampshire Advisory Board to the Secretary of State (Defra).
- Hampshire Down Sheep Breeders Association. The Cholderton Estate was the winner of the 'Best Breeding Ewes 2023' and came third in the Large Flock category.
- Hampshire Gardens Trust. Extensive research was carried out on the history of Cholderton Park, the gardens and arboretum. A final report is expected in 2024.

Work by the Trustees

Throughout 2023 the Cholderton Estate Trust continued to welcome visitors interested in seeing a good example of regenerative farming. The estate's standing was confirmed by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Test and Trials programme. The film describing the estates work has now been viewed over 9,000 times and continues to influence farmers all over the world.

The Cholderton Estate and Trustees hosted the first meeting of the Hampshire Advisory Board to the Secretary of State on the 26th July 2023. The Advisory Board was set up to test the delivery of a new model Land and Natural Resource Governance system, aimed at securing a local dimension to the delivery of the new Environmental Land Management scheme. In the morning representatives of the CLA, NFU, Southern Water, National Trust, Wildlife Trust, Council for the Protection of Rural England and the three layers of Local Government in Hampshire toured the estate to see for themselves how food can be produced sustainably.

Such a demonstration was important as the Advisory Board were to receive information on the costs of intensive systems of food production, that had never been recorded before, showing the resulting pollution of drinking water, huge loss of biological health and excessive emissions of greenhouse gases across the County.

Subsequently, Henry Edmunds, chairman of the Cholderton Estate Trust, presented evidence to the Environment Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee in the House of Commons on the state of invertebrates across the Nation. His evidence demonstrated how nature could be recovered through transforming agriculture to adopt the principles of Regenerative Farming.

In May 2023, Anthony Fry, having reached the maximum age retired as a Trustee. The Trustees appointed Susannah Edmunds to take his place.

Cholderton & District Water Company Ltd

The Trust retains the majority and controlling shareholder in the Cholderton & District Water Company Ltd. The Trustees work together with the Customer Challenge and Advisory Group (CCAG) which represents the interests of water consumers and has as its members representatives from local authorities, the Environmental Agency, and customer representatives from the two larger parishes. The CCAG plays a significant role in making sure all water consumers continue to receive the safeguards and benefits that the trustees guaranteed under the 'Statement of Commitment'. The Trust has responsibility for upholding the protection of consumer rights and in the governance of the company by the directors.

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The CCAG held virtual meetings twice in 2023. At the meeting held in February the Company, represented by one of the Trustees and the CCAG set the charges scheme for the year 2023 - 2024. Consumer involvement in this process is now well established.

The company is profitable and was able to make a donation to Trust in the year ended March 2023. There were no water quality incidents throughout the period. Further investment to improve resilience continued along with measures to improve water efficiency.

Vulnerability to high nitrate levels remains despite the success of catchment management programmes. For a second year there were prolonged periods of rain fall In February. Once again water in tankers was needed to dilute water from one of the boreholes to maintain nitrate levels within the Drinking Water Standard. The Environment Agency is undertaking a review to understand the sudden increase in nitrate levels at the Thruxton site.

Finances

The Trust has been fortunate that the Cholderton Estate has met all costs relating to farm visits, and the trustees themselves have paid all their own expenses. The water company will continue to support the Trust as circumstances permit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

As at 31st December 2023 the funds of the charity amounted to £247,693.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Trust Deed, the charity has the power to make any investment which the Trustees see fit. The Trustees have a policy to maintain investments to ensure that a sufficient level of income is generated to fund the ongoing operational needs of the charity.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trust to maintain its free reserves at a level which generates maximum investment income.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity was established by constitution as a charitable incorporated organisation and registered at the Charity Commission on 5th February 2018.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity is required to have a minimum of three trustees. New trustees may be appointed by a resolution of the existing trustees at a special meeting.

Risk management

The Trustees have carried out a review of the charity's activities and the risks to which it is exposed and confirm that controls are in place to mitigate those risks.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28/8/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Susannah Perren Edmunds - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE CHOLDERTON ESTATE TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Cholderton Estate Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Cholderton Estate Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

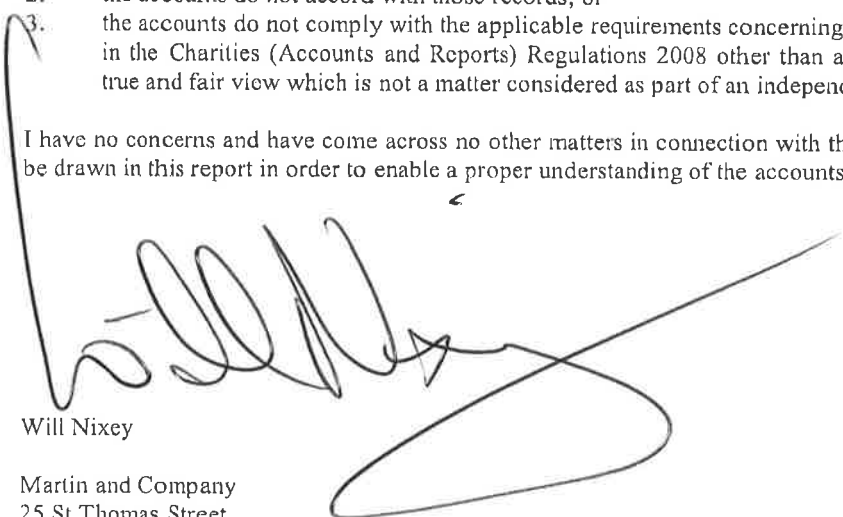
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Will Nixey

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Date: 4 September 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

		2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Total
		fund	funds
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		5,339	5,000
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	2		
Environment and Ecology		1,969	2,721
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(20,000)	(20,000)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(16,630)	(17,721)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		264,323	282,044
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		247,693	264,323

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31ST DECEMBER 2023

		2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	Notes		
Investments	6	240,000	260,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		8,413	5,043
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(720)	(720)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>7,693</u>	<u>4,323</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>247,693</u>	<u>264,323</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>247,693</u>	<u>264,323</u>
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		<u>247,693</u>	<u>264,323</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>247,693</u>	<u>264,323</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
28/8/24..... and were signed on its behalf by:



Susannah Perren Edmunds - Trustee

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>3,370</u>	<u>(2,721)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>3,370</u>	<u>(2,721)</u>
 Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		 <u>3,370</u>	 <u>(2,721)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>5,043</u>	<u>7,764</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		 <u>8,413</u>	 <u>5,043</u>

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(16,630)	(17,721)
Adjustments for:		
Losses on investments	20,000	20,000
Decrease in creditors	-	(5,000)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>3,370</u>	<u>(2,721)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>5,043</u>	<u>3,370</u>	<u>8,413</u>
	<u>5,043</u>	<u>3,370</u>	<u>8,413</u>
Total	<u>5,043</u>	<u>3,370</u>	<u>8,413</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended practice effective from 1st April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

All funds held by the charity are unrestricted general funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Investments

Investments are included in the Balance Sheet at their market value at the year end. Movements in market value are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs (see note 3) £	Totals £
Environment and Ecology	<u>1,339</u>	<u>630</u>	<u>1,969</u>

3. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Environment and Ecology	<u>630</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Governance costs

	2023 Environment and Ecology £	2022 Total activities £
Independent examiner's fees	<u>630</u>	<u>600</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the year ended 31st December 2022.

5. STAFF COSTS

There are no employees so consequently no staff costs have been incurred.

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2023	260,000
Revaluations	<u>(20,000)</u>
At 31st December 2023	<u>240,000</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2023	<u>240,000</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>260,000</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The investment in Cholderton & District Water Company Limited is valued at current market value.

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accrued expenses	720	720

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	264,323	(16,630)	247,693
TOTAL FUNDS	264,323	(16,630)	247,693

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	5,339	(1,969)	(20,000)	(16,630)
TOTAL FUNDS	5,339	(1,969)	(20,000)	(16,630)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	282,044	(17,721)	264,323
TOTAL FUNDS	282,044	(17,721)	264,323

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	5,000	(2,721)	(20,000)	(17,721)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(2,721)</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(17,721)</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	5,339	5,000
Total incoming resources	5,339	5,000
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Grants to institutions	1,339	2,121
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fees	630	600
Total resources expended	1,969	2,721
Net income before gains and losses	3,370	2,279
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	(20,000)	(20,000)
Net expenditure	(16,630)	(17,721)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements