

THE DEVENISH BRADSHAW CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1177823

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-04-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:-(1) TO PRESERVE, CONSERVE AND PROTECT THE LAND KNOWN AS THE WATER MEADOWS, IN LAVERSTOCK ("THE WATER MEADOWS"), AND ITS CHALK VALLEY RIVERINE HABITATS;(2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE COMMUNITY IN LAVERSTOCK AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, IN AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY-BASED EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE WATER MEADOWS;(3) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR SOCIAL WELFARE;(4) TO ADVANCE, PROMOTE OR CARRY OUT SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: N/A

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£31,948	£23,899	-	-
2024-03-31	£53,946	£8,161	-	-
2023-03-31	£16,084	£18,411	-	-
2022-03-31	£31,941	£36,765	-	-
2021-03-31	£15,000	£5,382	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charles Routh		2025-10-11
DAVID JOHN BURTON		2022-04-07
Dr Margaret Alison Sims		2024-02-20
Eloise Melissa Fellows		2025-01-13
Hilary Dawn Phillips		2024-06-25
Samantha Jane Gill		2022-08-24
Tracy Joanne Standish		2024-06-25

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Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Legal and Administrative Details

For the year ended 31 March 2025

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER

1177823

TRUSTEES

David Burton

Samantha Gill

Dr Margaret Sims

Hilary Phillips

appointed 25 June 2024

Tracy Standish

appointed 25 June 2024

Eloise Fellows

appointed 13 January 2025

Jon Allnutt

appointed 13 January 2025, resigned 6 October 2025

OPERATIONAL ADDRESS

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ACCOUNTANT AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Trustee Report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 which have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as a CIO registered on 4 April 2018 and amended on 12 May 2021. The charity is operated by its trustees who meet periodically. New trustees are recruited from among people who have an interest in furthering the aims of the trust, with a view to ensuring that all the necessary competencies are represented on the trustee body.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees confirm that they have reviewed the risks to which the charity is exposed and they have implemented policies to mitigate the risks which they have identified.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the CIO are:- (1) to preserve, conserve and protect the land known as the Water Meadows, in Laverstock ("the water meadows"), and its chalk valley riverine habitats; (2) to advance the education of the community in Laverstock and the surrounding areas, in agriculture, horticulture and environmentally-based educational projects concerning the preservation, conservation and management of the water meadows; (3) to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the benefit of the public in the interest of their social welfare; (4) to advance, promote or carry out such other charitable purposes as the charity trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time think fit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REPORTING ON PUBLIC BENEFIT

The following notable achievements and evidence of performance were made in this reporting year in pursuit of our Charitable Objectives and corresponding Management Plan Aims and Actions.

Charitable Objective 1: To preserve, conserve and protect the land known as the Water Meadows, in Laverstock, and its chalk valley riverine habitats. Management Plan Aim: To manage each of the habitats present on the meadows to promote their biodiversity. Restoration of wildflower rich floodplain grasslands .

Action - Implement the actions in our Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship Agreement working closely with our cattle and sheep graziers, our volunteer teams, and community organisations, carrying out practical conservation work to help achieve the aims of the Higher Tier Agreement - on going management which involves restoring the water-meadows under the agreement to floristically diverse wildflower meadows through a mixture of grazing by cattle and sheep and hay-making.

The majority of the meadows were grazed extensively this year with very limited hay-making taking place due to the ground being waterlogged for much of the Spring and early summer. Indicator wildflower species were recorded in all grazing units and we ensured there was a good mix of grassland structure across the Agreement area. Some topping of weed species was carried out but attention to grazing management ensured weed species were kept at low levels.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REPORTING ON PUBLIC BENEFIT continued

Woodland

Action - *Encourage the retention of dead standing trees and fallen timber as per the Royal Forestry Society guidance.*

We have ensured the majority of our woodland habitat has dead standing trees and fallen timber present, particularly in our riparian woodland by the river. Where trees have fallen onto fence lines or access infrastructure, we have cleared a minimum amount of the fallen timber.

Action - *Carry out an annual visual health and safety check on all trees near paths following the National Tree Safety Group/Forestry Commission Research Guide - 'Common sense risk management of trees' to ensure tree safety, and to manage trees to a proportionate level to the low risk presented by wind-blown trees and branches to visitors to the site.*

We carried out annual visual health and safety checks. We proposed to Laverstock and Ford Parish Council that a grant application should be made to the government Ash Dieback grant scheme.

Action - *Check paths after storm conditions and temporarily close paths where windblown trees present a medium to high risk to visitors.*

We proactively checked trees in areas next to public and permissive paths following periods of extreme weather and cleared fallen boughs.

Action - *Extend scattered trees and shrubs in water meadows fringing the river. This "mantle and saum" type habitat is especially rich for wildlife and will also enhance the landscape value of the site by partially screening the houses in Laverstock and fringe the river to the East.*

We have lightly grazed this habitat to encourage a scrub grassland mosaic to develop. Under the terms of our Countryside Stewardship agreement prescription for these areas we are committed to ensuring that the bulk of the area is flower rich grassland with the following structure:

"Manage the area of grassland to the eastern end of the fields adjacent to the river (15% of field area) by late summer grazing (after the 30 June only, to achieve a mosaic of taller grazed grassland with areas of shorter grass mostly between 5-15cm and taller tussocks which may be over 60 cm" in this context the scattered shrubs that colonise are seen as positive features providing they are maintained at a low level (less than c 5 N of total area).

Action - *Manage large willows in ditches and riverside through pollarding (as per Higher Tier Agreement to increase light to ditches. Increased light to the temporary pools formed in the ditches will correspond with increased freshwater life. Pollarded trees have high cultural value and will enhance the landscape value of the site.*

No management was carried out towards this action this year.

River

Action - *Create buffer strips between grazing meadows and river to reduce disturbance from dogs.*

The buffer areas we have established are supporting increasing numbers of bird and insect life. Numbers of breeding sedge warblers have stabilised at six pairs. Snipe were recorded drumming (displaying) for the first time since the 1980s. Cuckoo were present and Kingfishers bred on the river. It was a poor year for butterflies due to the wet conditions but Brown Hairstreak were recorded on the site. Grass snakes, lizards and otters recorded on a number of occasions.

Action - *Liaise with other local river owners and environmental organisations to promote positive care for the river and reduce negative impacts e.g. dumping of grass clippings in the river.*

We held community events including river dipping activities on our restored river dipping platform to raise awareness of the river. We successfully applied for funding from the Wessex Community foundation to fund a project raising awareness of the need to save water. This included installing a rainwater harvesting system on our barn using recycled whisky butts and installing an information board and leaflet holder.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REPORTING ON PUBLIC BENEFIT continued

Action - Leave fallen trees in the river - It is a statutory offence and a potentially damaging operation to remove trees from the river.

The Environment Agency will assess fallen trees for potential flood risk and remove them sensitively if required. However, in the majority of cases on our stretch of the river fallen trees will help slow the river flow and reduce the risk of flooding as well as providing essential habitat for fish, water birds and other river life. We completed the restoration of our river dipping platform carried out sensitive management of trees in our river to ensure our stretch of the river is optimum quality in terms of naturalness and ecological functioning.

Meadows

Action - Restore wildflower rich meadows and/or wildflower rich grazed wet grassland.

We made further progress with restoration of wildflower rich watermeadows. In particular we were helped by a grant from the Samuel William Farmer Trust which enabled us to buy more solar powered electric fencing. This has helped us carry out controlled grazing with cattle to further increase the floristic diversity of the water-meadows.

Hedgerows

Action - Maintain existing hedges and scrub.

We have carried out scrub and hedge maintenance by coppicing and trimming. This work continues to improve the aesthetic value of our land for visitors and provide a boost for wildlife. We also planting new hedgerow trees in areas of hedge where these have been lost.

Action - Lay short stretches of hedgerow along permissive paths.

We continued to lay short stretches of hedgerow along Cow Lane helped by skilled local hedge layers. We have received numerous positive pieces of feedback from visitors to the water meadows for this work.

Action - Plant up hedgerows and shelterbelts with native shrubs and trees where necessary.

We carried out weeding maintenance to our CPRE funded hedge. The Alder hedge trees are establishing well.

Action - Leave at least a 2m uncut margin alongside hedgerows when haymaking. Either cut hedge margin in August or bi-annually on rotation.

Very limited hay-making was undertaken this year due to the extremely wet ground conditions.

Action - Manage areas of blackthorn on rotation for brown hairstreak.

Trim hedges only once every 3 to 5 years and do not cut all the hedges in any one area in the same year - on going. We continued this rotational management of blackthorn in Top Field utilising the power tools and hand tools purchased from Countryside Stewardship Area Payment funds as previously reported in "Hedgerows" section. We were rewarded with the presence of this rare species of butterfly on the water-meadows.

Charitable Objective 2: To advance the education of the community in Laverstock and the surrounding areas, in agriculture, horticulture and environmentally based education projects concerning the preservation, conservation and management of the Water Meadows.

Management Plan Aim: To improve the knowledge of the importance and biodiversity value of downland water meadows to the local community through interpretation and public engagement.

Action - Install welcome/information signs at major entry points to the site.

We maintained welcome/information signs installed in previous planning years. We made good progress installing a new inclusive access path from Cow Lane to our river dipping platform and are set to complete this project in 2025 – 2026.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REPORTING ON PUBLIC BENEFIT continued

Action - *Seek funding for sensitive low key on-site interpretation highlighting habitats and wildlife supported by the meadows.*

We successfully applied for grants to fund further signage and information board improvements.

Action - *Put on a programme of events with other local environmental organisations to engage and inform the local community.*

Our weekly Saturday morning volunteer work parties included educational activities for our volunteers, particularly volunteers completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering with us. We ran Community Events most months of the year including an Open Farm Sunday event. We continued to make progress establishing our community orchard which is set for an official opening ceremony at our Open Farm Sunday event in June 2025.

Action - *Produce educational packs designed for different age groups for use by schools and youth groups.*

We promoted a revised trail leaflet which we co-designed with Laverstock and Ford Parish Council and River Bourne Community Farm.

Action - *Liaise with neighbouring properties over our management of meadows and the river and encourage adoption of positive management practices that enhance the river.*

We carried out partnership activities with the following organisations in pursuit of this objective: Salisbury District Natural History Society, Laverstock Scout Group, Salisbury Wildlife WATCH group, Salisbury Museum, Silver Salisbury, Old Sarum WI, Boscombe Down Museum, Laverstock Line Dancing Group, Cycling Opportunities Group Salisbury, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, South Wiltshire Grammar School, St Josephs Roman Catholic School, Laverstock Village Hall and Two Birds Experiences.

Charitable Objective 3: *To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the benefit of the public in the interest of their social welfare.*

Management Plan Aim: To promote and sensitively manage public usage of the site.

Action - Put in grant applications to fund improved access and interpretation infrastructure, potential including a cycle path constructed from board walk and unbound aggregate surfaces. We worked with Cycling Opportunities Group Salisbury this year to install a bike parking area in our car park.

Action - Enhance infrastructure and management procedures for educational activities delivered by others including River Bourne Community Farm, Woodstock Therapeutic Centre, UBA Nature at the Farm and Two Bird Experiences.

Our newly extended community orchard provided further educational opportunities for educational organisations utilising the water-meadows. We hosted a project run by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust with St Joseph's Roman Catholic School which provided enhanced educational opportunities on the stretch of River Bourne close to the schools which we have set aside for quiet educational use.

Charitable Objective 4: *To advance, promote or carry out such other Charitable Purposes as the charity trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time think fit.*

Management Plan Aims: *To ensure the local water meadows or associated land is managed as according to the area's status of SAC, SSSI and/or Protected Habitat.*

Action - *Seek to acquire or manage additional water meadows and other high environmental value land within the local area.*

We were invited to help manage a tract of water-meadows immediately upstream from our holding by organising hay-making on the land.

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Trustee Report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 17TH JANUARY 2026 and signed on their behalf by



David Burton

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

For the year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 charity 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.

Simon J L Ellingham

Simon Ellingham FCA DChA

Fawcetts LLP

Chartered Accountants

Windover House, St Ann Street, Salisbury, SP1 2DR

Date: 20 January 2026

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust
Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2025

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Note	Unrestricted General £	Designated £	Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and grants	3	2,593		29,355	31,948	53,946
Bank interest		-	-	-	-	-
Other Income		-	-	-	-	-
Total income		2,593	-	29,355	31,948	53,946
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Charitable activities		1,982	-	15,102	17,084	6,770
Support costs		1,807		-	1,807	1,391
Total expenditure	8	3,789	-	15,102	18,891	8,161
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(1,196)	-	14,253	13,057	45,785
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		(1,196)	-	14,253	13,057	45,785
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		2,193	-	47,659	49,852	4,067
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		997	-	61,912	62,909	49,852

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

Comparative figures for the unrestricted and restricted funds are shown in note 2.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2025

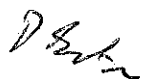
	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5		99,237		94,229
Current assets					
Debtors	6		-		-
Cash at bank & in hand			14,632		6,583
			14,632		6,583
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7		50,960		50,960
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(36,328)		(44,377)
Net assets			<u>62,909</u>		<u>49,852</u>
The Funds of the Charity					
Restricted funds	9		61,912		47,659
Unrestricted funds	9		997		2,193
Total Funds			<u>62,909</u>		<u>49,852</u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charity keeps proper accounting records; and
- (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Approved by the Trustees on 17TH JANUARY 2026 and signed on their behalf by



David Burton

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Taxation

No tax is provided for as The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust, being a charity, is exempt. Because of its current activities The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust is not registered for VAT and therefore cannot recover VAT on its expenses.

Funds accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general activities of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources, including legacies, are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings which aggregate all costs related to the operating activities of the charity.

Grants are recognised when any conditions necessary for payment have been met.

Charitable activities comprise all the resources applied by the charity in undertaking its work to meet its charitable objectives.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and are included at cost. Depreciation is calculated at appropriate annual rates estimated to write off the costs of fixed assets less their estimated residual value over their useful lives as follows:

Equipment	33% on a straight line basis
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Freehold land is not depreciated.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

No significant judgements have had to be made in preparing these financial statements.

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2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants	2,593	23,929	26,522	8,946
Donations				
P Bradshaw		-	-	40,000
M Shallicross		-	-	5,000
Other		5,426	5,426	-
	<u>2,593</u>	<u>29,355</u>	<u>31,948</u>	<u>53,946</u>

3. Direct costs of the Charity

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
Preservation and maintenance of the meadows and river banks	-	14,102	14,102	6,287
Depreciation of equipment	1,504	1,000	2,504	-
Insurance	478	-	478	483
	<u>1,982</u>	<u>15,102</u>	<u>17,084</u>	<u>6,770</u>

3. Support costs

The trust incurs a number of costs which are used to support its mission generally and which are not directly applicable to its charitable function. These costs are:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	70	-	70	102
Sundry expenses	777	-	777	329
Independent examiner's fees	960	-	960	960
Cost of trustee meetings	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,807</u>	<u>1,391</u>

4. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

No trustee received any remuneration during the year. No out of pocket expenses were claimed by trustees (2024 £Nil).

No trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity.

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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	94,229	-	94,229
Additions	-	7,512	7,512
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	94,229	7,512	101,741
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	2,504	2,504
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	-	2,504	2,504
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	94,229	5,008	99,237
At 31 March 2024	94,229	-	94,229

Included in cost or valuation of freehold property is freehold land of 94,229 (2024: £94,229) which is not depreciated.

All fixed assets are held for the direct furtherance of the charity's objects.

6. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Taxation recoverable in respect of donations made under Gift Aid	-	-
	-	-

7. Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	960	960
Loan	50,000	50,000
	50,960	50,960

8. Commitments

The charity had no capital commitments at the year end.

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Statement of funds

	Balance at 1.4.24 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers to/(from) £	Balance at 31.3.25 £
Restricted funds:					
Land purchase	45,000	-	-	-	45,000
Asset purchases	-	3,000	1,000	-	2,000
Water meadow and grassland management	2,659	26,355	14,102	-	14,912
	<u>47,659</u>	<u>29,355</u>	<u>15,102</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,912</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	2,193	2,593	3,789	-	997
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>49,852</u>	<u>31,948</u>	<u>18,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,909</u>

Comparative balances for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Balance at 1.4.23 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers to/(from) £	Balance at 31.3.24 £
Restricted funds:					
Land purchase	-	45,000	-	-	45,000
Water meadow and grassland management	-	8,946	6,287	-	2,659
	<u>-</u>	<u>53,946</u>	<u>6,287</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,659</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	4,067	-	1,874	-	2,193
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,067</u>	<u>53,946</u>	<u>8,161</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,852</u>

Land purchase - this relates to funds donated to assist with the purchase of water meadows at Laverstock.

Asset purchases - this relates to funds donated to assist with assets used for the Charity's objectives.

Water meadow and grassland management - this relates to grants received to assist with the management of the meadows.

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Fixed assets £	Net current assets/ (liabilities) £	Total £
Restricted funds	47,000	14,912	61,912
Unrestricted funds: general reserve fund	52,237	(51,240)	997
Net assets as at the end of the year	<u>99,237</u>	<u>(36,328)</u>	<u>62,909</u>

Comparative analysis of net assets between funds for the year ended 31 March 2024:

	Fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	45,000	2,659	47,659
Unrestricted funds: general reserve fund	49,229	(47,036)	2,193
Net assets as at 31 March 2024	<u>94,229</u>	<u>(44,377)</u>	<u>49,852</u>

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The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

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For the year ended 31 March 2024

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The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Legal and Administrative Details

For the year ended 31 March 2024

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER

1177823

TRUSTEES

David Burton

Samantha Gill

Sue Gallagher

resigned 30 November 2024

Duncan Scott

resigned 31 October 2024

Amy Whetstone

resigned 7 April 2024

Jane Wilkinson

resigned 31 October 2024

Dr Margaret Sims

appointed 20 February 2024

Hilary Phillips

appointed 25 June 2024

Tracy Standish

appointed 25 June 2024

OPERATIONAL ADDRESS

12 Manor Road

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ACCOUNTANT AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Simon Ellingham FCA DChA

Fawcetts LLP Chartered Accountants

Windover House, St Ann Street, Salisbury, SP1 2DR

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Salisbury

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The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Trustee Report

For the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 which have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as a CIO registered on 4 April 2018 and amended on 12 May 2021. The charity is operated by its trustees who meet periodically. New trustees are recruited from among people who have an interest in furthering the aims of the trust, with a view to ensuring that all the necessary competencies are represented on the trustee body.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees confirm that they have reviewed the risks to which the charity is exposed and they have implemented policies to mitigate the risks which they have identified.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the CIO are:- (1) to preserve, conserve and protect the land known as the Water Meadows, in Laverstock ("the water meadows"), and its chalk valley riverine habitats; (2) to advance the education of the community in Laverstock and the surrounding areas, in agriculture, horticulture and environmentally-based educational projects concerning the preservation, conservation and management of the water meadows; (3) to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the benefit of the public in the interest of their social welfare; (4) to advance, promote or carry out such other charitable purposes as the charity trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time think fit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REPORTING ON PUBLIC BENEFIT

The following notable achievements and evidence of performance were made in this reporting year in pursuit of our Charitable Objectives and corresponding Management Plan Aims and Actions.

Charitable Objective 1: To preserve, conserve and protect the land known as the Water Meadows, in Laverstock, and its chalk valley riverine habitats. Management Plan Aim: To manage each of the habitats present on the meadows to promote their biodiversity. Restoration of wildflower rich floodplain grasslands .

Action - Implement the actions in our Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship Agreement working closely with our cattle and sheep graziers, our volunteer teams, and community organisations, carrying out practical conservation work to help achieve the aims of the Higher Tier Agreement - on going management which involves restoring the water-meadows under the agreement to floristically diverse wildflower meadows through a mixture of grazing by cattle and sheep and hay-making.

The majority of the meadows were grazed extensively this year with limited hay-making taking place. Indicator wildflower species were recorded in all grazing units and we ensured there was a good mix of grassland structure across the Agreement area. Some topping of weed species was carried out but attention to grazing management ensured weed species were kept at low levels.

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Trustee Report

For the year ended 31 March 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REPORTING ON PUBLIC BENEFIT continued

Woodland

Action - *Encourage the retention of dead standing trees and fallen timber as per the Royal Forestry Society guidance.*

We have ensured the majority of our woodland habitat has dead standing trees and fallen timber present, particularly in our riparian woodland by the river. Where trees have fallen onto fence lines or access infrastructure, we have cleared a minimum amount of the fallen timber.

Action - *Carry out an annual visual health and safety check on all trees near paths following the National Tree Safety Group/Forestry Commission Research Guide - 'Common sense risk management of trees' to ensure tree safety, and to manage trees to a proportionate level to the low risk presented by wind-blown trees and branches to visitors to the site.*

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We have lightly grazed this habitat to encourage a scrub grassland mosaic to develop. Under the terms of our Countryside Stewardship agreement prescription for these areas we are committed to ensuring that the bulk of the area is flower rich grassland with the following structure:

"Manage the area of grassland to the eastern end of the fields adjacent to the river (15% of field area) by late summer grazing (after the 30 June only, to achieve a mosaic of taller grazed grassland with areas of shorter grass mostly between 5-15cm and taller tussocks which may be over 60 cm" in this context the scattered shrubs that colonise are seen as positive features providing they are maintained at a low level (less than c 5 N of total area).

Action - *Manage large willows in ditches and riverside through pollarding (as per Higher Tier Agreement to increase light to ditches. Increased light to the temporary pools formed in the ditches will correspond with increased freshwater life. Pollarded trees have high cultural value and will enhance the landscape value of the site.*

No management was carried out towards this action this year.

River

Action - *Create buffer strips between grazing meadows and river to reduce disturbance from dogs.*

The buffer areas we have established are supporting increasing numbers of bird and insect life. Numbers of breeding sedge warblers have risen from one to six pairs, a Great White Egret was recorded passing through the Meadows. Increased numbers and diversity of butterflies and other insect species recorded in the course of newly established butterfly transects through these habitats. Grass snakes, lizards and otters recorded on a number of occasions.

Action - *Liaise with other local river owners and environmental organisations to promote positive care for the river and reduce negative impacts e.g. dumping of grass clippings in the river.*

We held community events including river dipping activities on our restored river dipping platform to raise awareness of the river. We successfully applied for funding from Laverstock and Ford Parish Council and Wiltshire Council Area Board for funding for a Sensory Path that will interpret the biodiversity of the water-meadows and river and provide access for all to our river dipping platform to experience chalk stream wildlife.

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For the year ended 31 March 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REPORTING ON PUBLIC BENEFIT continued

Action - *Leave fallen trees in the river - It is a statutory offence and a potentially damaging operation to remove trees from the river.*

The Environment Agency will assess fallen trees for potential flood risk and remove them sensitively if required. However, in the majority of cases on our stretch of the river fallen trees will help slow the river flow and reduce the risk of flooding as well as providing essential habitat for fish, water birds and other river life. We completed the restoration of our river dipping platform carried out sensitive management of trees in our river to ensure our stretch of the river is optimum quality in terms of naturalness and ecological functioning.

Meadows

Action - *Restore wildflower rich meadows and/or wildflower rich grazed wet grassland.*

We secured more land through land purchase which includes valuable wildflower rich meadows.

Hedgerows

Action - *Maintain existing hedges and scrub.*

We have carried out scrub and hedge maintenance by coppicing and trimming. This work continues to improve the aesthetic value of our land for visitors and provide a boost for wildlife.

Action - *Lay short stretches of hedgerow along permissive paths.*

We commenced laying of short stretches of hedgerow along Cow Lane helped by skilled local hedge layers. We have received numerous positive feedback from visitors to the water meadows for this work. The appearance of the Brown Hairstreak butterfly on our hedgerows is testament to the effectiveness of our hedgerow management.

Action - *Plant up hedgerows and shelterbelts with native shrubs and trees where necessary.*

We carried out weeding maintenance to our CPRE funded hedge. The Alder hedge trees are establishing well.

Action - *Leave at least a 2m uncut margin alongside hedgerows when haymaking. Either cut hedge margin in August or bi-annually on rotation.*

Hay making was carried out in Top field only due to the very wet conditions on the water-meadows this year.

Action - *Manage areas of blackthorn on rotation for brown hairstreak.*

Trim hedges only once every 3 to 5 years and do not cut all the hedges in any one area in the same year - on going. We continued this rotational management of blackthorn in Top Field utilising the power tools and hand tools purchased from Countryside Stewardship Area Payment funds as previously reported in "Hedgerows" section. We were rewarded with the return of this rare species of butterfly to the water-meadows.

Charitable Objective 2: *To advance the education of the community in Laverstock and the surrounding areas, in agriculture, horticulture and environmentally based education projects concerning the preservation, conservation and management of the Water Meadows.*

Management Plan Aim: *To improve the knowledge of the importance and biodiversity value of downland water meadows to the local community through interpretation and public engagement.*

Action - *Install welcome/information signs at major entry points to the site.*

We maintained welcome/information signs installed in previous planning years. We installed a plinth with orientation map along and secured funding for easy access gates including an access gate with RADAR key at one of the entrances to the water-meadows from Cow Lane.

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Trustee Report

For the year ended 31 March 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INCLUDING REPORTING ON PUBLIC BENEFIT continued

Action - *Seek funding for sensitive low key on-site interpretation highlighting habitats and wildlife supported by the meadows.*

We prepared grant applications to provide further sensitive low key on site interpretation.

Action - *Put on a programme of events with other local environmental organisations to engage and inform the local community.*

We hosted educational access visits for school groups and community groups run by River Bourne Community Farm. We also hosted local WATCH activities. Our weekly Saturday morning volunteer work parties included educational activities for our volunteers, particularly volunteers completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering with us. We ran Community Events most months of the year including an Open Farm Sunday event. We invited local community organisations to plant a tree in our community orchard and have had a very strong response (over twenty community organisations supporting the project).

Action - *Produce educational packs designed for different age groups for use by schools and youth groups.*

We promoted our new chalk stream trail leaflet produced in partnership with the Wessex Rivers Trust and Laverstock and Ford Parish Council to community and education groups.

Action - *Liaise with neighbouring properties over our management of meadows and the river and encourage adoption of positive management practices that enhance the river.*

Planned for 2024-2025. We carried out partnership activities with the following organisations in pursuit of this objective: Salisbury District Natural History Society, Alderbury Scout Group, Laverstock Scout Group, Salisbury Wildlife WATCH group.

Charitable Objective 3: *To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the benefit of the public in the interest of their social welfare.*

Management Plan Aim: To promote and sensitively manage public usage of the site.

Action – Put in grant applications to fund improved access and interpretation infrastructure, potential including a cycle path constructed from board walk and unbound aggregate surfaces. No further progress with this action for this reporting year.

Action- Enhance infrastructure and management procedures for educational activities delivered by others including River Bourne Community Farm, Woodstock Therapeutic Centre, UBA Nature at the Farm and Two Bird Experiences.

We completed our restoration of dipping platform/viewing area and have installed improved access to Willow Copse for these and other groups to utilise. We are reviewing this action in our management plan to ensure we provide inclusive use of the water-meadows in an equitable manner for all local community and education groups.

Charitable Objective 4: *To advance, promote or carry out such other Charitable Purposes as the charity trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time think fit.*

Management Plan Aims: *To ensure the local water meadows or associated land is managed as according to the area's status of SAC, SSSI and/or Protected Habitat.*

Action - *Seek to acquire or manage additional water meadows and other high environmental value land within the local area.*

We completed purchase of a new tract of land composed of chalk stream SAC/SSSI, water-meadows and wet woodland this Financial Year.

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Trustee Report

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by

21/01/2025

Dhb.

David Burton

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

For the year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 charity 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.

Simon J. Ellingham

Simon Ellingham FCA DChA

Fawcetts LLP

Chartered Accountants

Windover House, St Ann Street, Salisbury, SP1 2DR

Date: 22 January 2025

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust
Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Note	Unrestricted General £	Unrestricted Designated £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and grants	3	-	-	53,946	53,946	14,469
Bank interest		-	-	-	-	3
Other income		-	-	-	-	1,612
Total income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,946</u>	<u>53,946</u>	<u>16,084</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Charitable activities		483	-	6,287	6,770	18,243
Support costs		1,391	-	-	1,391	169
Total expenditure	8	<u>1,874</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,287</u>	<u>8,161</u>	<u>18,412</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		<u>(1,874)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,659</u>	<u>45,785</u>	<u>(2,328)</u>
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		<u>(1,874)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,659</u>	<u>45,785</u>	<u>(2,328)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		4,067	-	-	4,067	6,395
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>2,193</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,659</u>	<u>49,852</u>	<u>4,067</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

Comparative figures for the unrestricted and restricted funds are shown in note 2.

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2024

		2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5		94,229	-	
Current assets					
Debtors	5	-	-	-	
Cash at bank & in hand		6,583		4,067	
		6,583		4,067	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	50,960		-	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(44,377)	4,067	
Net assets			<u>49,852</u>	<u>4,067</u>	
The Funds of the Charity					
Restricted funds			47,659	-	
Unrestricted funds			2,193	4,067	
Total Funds			<u>49,852</u>	<u>4,067</u>	

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charity keeps proper accounting records; and
- (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by

21/01/2025

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The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Taxation

No tax is provided for as The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust, being a charity, is exempt. Because of its current activities The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust is not registered for VAT and therefore cannot recover VAT on its expenses.

Funds accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general activities of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources, including legacies, are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings which aggregate all costs related to the operating activities of the charity.

Grants are recognised when any conditions necessary for payment have been met.

Charitable activities comprise all the resources applied by the charity in undertaking its work to meet its charitable objectives.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and are included at cost. Depreciation is calculated at appropriate annual rates estimated to write off the costs of fixed assets less their estimated residual value over their useful lives as follows:

Equipment	33% on a straight line basis
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Freehold land is not depreciated.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

No significant judgements have had to be made in preparing these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants		8,946	8,946	14,469
Donations				
P Bradshaw		40,000	40,000	-
M Shallcross		5,000	5,000	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>53,946</u>	<u>53,946</u>	<u>14,469</u>

3. Direct costs of the Charity

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
Preservation and maintenance of the meadows and river banks	-	6,287	6,287	17,745
Insurance	483	-	483	498
	<u>483</u>	<u>6,287</u>	<u>6,770</u>	<u>18,243</u>

3. Support costs

The trust incurs a number of costs which are used to support its mission generally and which are not directly applicable to its charitable function. These costs are:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	102		102	154
Sundry expenses	329		329	15
Independent examiner's fees	960		960	-
Cost of trustee meetings			-	-
	<u>1,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,391</u>	<u>169</u>

4. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

No trustee received any remuneration during the year. No out of pocket expenses were claimed by trustees (2023 £Nil).

No trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity.

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

5. Tangible fixed assets		
	Freehold property £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	-	-
Additions	94,229	94,229
Disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>94,229</u>	<u>94,229</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
Eliminated on disposals	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2024	<u>94,229</u>	<u>94,229</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Included in cost or valuation of freehold property is freehold land of 94,229 (2023: £Nil) which is not depreciated.

All fixed assets are held for the direct furtherance of the charity's objects.

6. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation recoverable in respect of donations made under Gift Aid	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7. Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	960	-
Loan	50,000	-
	<u>50,960</u>	<u>-</u>

8. Commitments

The charity had no capital commitments at the year end.

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Statement of funds

	Balance at 1.4.23	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers to/(from)	Balance at 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Land purchase	-	45,000	-	-	45,000
Water meadow and grassland management	-	8,946	6,287	-	2,659
	-	53,946	6,287	-	47,659
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	4,067	-	1,874	-	2,193
TOTAL FUNDS	4,067	53,946	8,161	-	49,852

Land purchase - this relates to funds donated to assist with the purchase of water meadows at Laverstock.

Water meadow and grassland management - this relates to grants received to assist with the management of the meadows.

10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Fixed assets £	Net current assets/ (liabilities) £	Total £
Restricted funds	45,000	2,659	47,659
Unrestricted funds: general reserve fund	49,229	(47,036)	2,193
Net assets as at the end of the year	94,229	(44,377)	49,852

Comparative analysis of net assets between funds for the year ended 31 March 2023:

	Fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds: general reserve fund	-	4,067	4,067
Net assets as at 31 March 2023	-	4,067	4,067

THE DEVENISH BRADSHAW CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1177823

Accounts

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Laverstock Meadows, Cow Lane, Laverstock, Salisbury

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their report of The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Charity Name: The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Contact Address: 24 Highbury Avenue, Salisbury, SP2 7EX

Registration Number: 1177823

How it is managed:

The charity is managed by the Board of Trustees and is responsible for all strategic decisions. Trustees are made aware that any conflicts of interest must be declared and minuted.

Names of Trustees:

David Burton/Sue Gallagher/Samantha Gill/Duncan Scott/Amy Whetstone/Jane Wilkinson

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees:

The Constitution outlines the procedure for the appointment of Trustees. Prospective Trustees are recruited based on relevant skills and experience. There must be a minimum of 3 Trustees and a maximum of 8.

Trustees are elected for a minimum term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees. Any person retiring as a Charity Trustee is eligible for reappointment.

Induction and Training:

All Trustees are provided with a copy of the Constitution and a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees Annual Report and financial statements.

Achievements and Performance including reporting on public benefit:

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We have pollarded a number of willows on ditch lines and by the river.

River

Action - Create buffer strips between grazing meadows and river to reduce disturbance from dogs.

The buffer areas we have established are supporting increasing numbers of bird and insect life. Numbers of breeding warblers have risen from one to four pairs, increased numbers and diversity of butterflies and other insect species recorded in the course of newly established butterfly transects through these habitats. Grass snakes and otters recorded on a number of occasions.

Action – Liaise with other local river owners and environmental organisations to promote positive care for the river and reduce negative impacts e.g. dumping of grass clippings in the river.

We completed our "Chalk Stream Challenge" project with the Wessex Rivers Trust, which involves establishing a trail for use by community youth groups and school groups to learn about the Chalkstream river and the water meadows. This is proving popular with organised community groups and families exploring the water-meadows.

Action - Leave fallen trees in the river - It is a statutory offence and a potentially damaging operation to remove trees from the river. The Environment Agency will assess fallen trees for potential flood risk and remove them sensitively if required. However, in the majority of cases on our stretch of the river fallen trees will help slow the river flow and reduce the risk of flooding as well as providing essential habitat for fish, water birds and other river life.

We have managed the section of river by our newly restored river dipping platform to ensure that the platform is not undermined by backed up water from fallen trees while still retaining the important river habitat provided fallen trees in the river.

Meadows

Action - Restore wildflower rich meadows and/or wildflower rich grazed wet grassland.

We have carried out further Countryside Stewardship Capital Works to restore our meadow and pasture grasslands to a wildflower rich condition. The positive indicator wildflower species as set out in the Countryside Stewardship Grant prescriptions for this action continue to increase in abundance and diversity in all fields. We have focussed additional management on Bridge Field the least wildflower rich meadow and have seen increased positive indicator species across this field as a result.

Hedgerows

Action - Maintain existing hedges and scrub.

We have carried out scrub and hedge maintenance by coppicing and trimming over a greater extent of these habitats than previous years. This work will improve the aesthetic value of our land for visitors and provide a boost for wildlife.

Action - Lay short stretches of hedgerow along permissive paths.

We commenced laying of short stretches of hedgerow along Cow Lane helped by skilled local hedge layers. We have received numerous positive feedback from visitors to the water meadows for this work.

Action - Plant up hedgerows and shelterbelts with native shrubs and trees where necessary.

We were successful in an application to Woodland Trust and also received a Charitable donation from CPRE South Wiltshire branch for hedgerow trees. We purchased native trees including a large consignment of Alder, which is currently poorly represented on the water meadows. We completed planting a hedge with this planting material (1300 hedgerow trees planted in total) adjacent to the northern boundary of the Water meadows next to a heavily used public path between Laverstock and Bishopdown.

Action - Leave at least a 2m uncut margin alongside hedgerows when haymaking. Either cut hedge margin in August or bi-annually on rotation.

Hay making was limited to Top Field this year due the very wet ground conditions in late summer. We ensured uncut areas were left in Top Field.

Action - Manage areas of blackthorn on rotation for brown hairstreak. Trim hedges only once every 3 to 5 years and do not cut all the hedges in any one area in the same year - on going.

We continued this rotational management of blackthorn in Top Field utilising the power tools and hand tools purchased from Countryside Stewardship Area Payment funds as previously reported in "Hedgerows" section.

Charitable Objective 2:

To advance the education of the community in Laverstock and the surrounding areas, in agriculture, horticulture and environmentally based education projects concerning the preservation, conservation and management of the Water Meadows.

Management Plan Aim:

To improve the knowledge of the importance and biodiversity value of downland water meadows to the local community through interpretation and public engagement.

Action - Install welcome/information signs at major entry points to the site.

We maintained welcome/information signs installed in previous planning years.

Action - Seek funding for sensitive low key on-site interpretation highlighting habitats and wildlife supported by the meadows.

We utilised a grant from Wessex Water Community Fund to install the interpretation panel previously reported in the "River Section" of this report.

Action - Put on a programme of events with other local environmental organisations to engage and inform the local community.

We hosted educational access visits for school groups and community groups run by River Bourne Community Farm. We also hosted local WATCH activities. Our weekly Saturday morning volunteer work parties included educational activities for our volunteers, particularly volunteers completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering with us.

Action - Produce educational packs designed for different age groups for use by schools and youth groups.

The Chalkstream Challenge project reported under "Rivers" section of this report is an important contributor to this aim once completed.

Action - Liaise with neighbouring properties over our management of meadows and the river and encourage adoption of positive management practices that enhance the river.

We liaised with Laverstock and Ford Parish Council over the potential for a partnership project to increase the biodiversity value of the river and reduce the impact from dogs exercising in and around the river by installing "dog beaches" at selected locations. Planned for 2024-2025. We carried out partnership activities with the following organisations in

pursuit of this objective: Salisbury District Natural History Society, Alderbury Scout Group, Laverstock Scout Group, Salisbury Wildlife WATCH group, St Joseph's School.

Charitable Objective 3:

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the benefit of the public in the interest of their social welfare.

Management Plan Aim:

To promote and sensitively manage public usage of the site.

Action – Put in grant applications to fund improved access and interpretation infrastructure, potential including a cycle path constructed from board walk and unbound aggregate surfaces.

No further progress with this action for this reporting year.

Action - Enhance infrastructure and management procedures for educational activities delivered by others including River Bourne Community Farm, Woodstock Therapeutic Centre, UBA Nature at the Farm and Two Bird Experiences

We completed our restoration of dipping platform/viewing area and have installed improved access to Willow Copse for these and other groups to utilise.

Charitable Objective 4:

To advance, promote or carry out such other Charitable Purposes as the charity trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time think fit.

Management Plan Aims:

To ensure the local water meadows or associated land is managed as according to the area's status of SAC, SSSI and/or Protected Habitat.

Action - Seek to acquire or manage additional water meadows and other high environmental value land within the local area.

We successfully purchased an additional parcel of land downstream from our existing holding. This includes a substantial single bank section of the River Bourne chalk stream. The other bank of the river is owned and managed by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council therefore affording excellent partnership opportunities in the coming years.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with the above requirements. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

During the period the income of the Charity was below £250,000, therefore in line with the Charity Legislation the Trustees have elected to prepare their accounts on the Receipts and Payments basis.

2022-2023 Account for Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust					
Registered Charity England and Wales No. 1177823					
From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023					
Income		Unrestricted	Restricted	2021-2022	2020-2021
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ 14,468.75	£ 31,939.74	£ 10,500.00
Rental Income on land	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,500.00
Refund income	£ -	£ 1,612.63	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bank Interest	£ -	£ 2.92	£ -	£ 1.44	£ 0.20
Total	£ 16,084.30	£ 1,615.55	£ 14,468.75	£ 31,941.18	£ 15,000.20
Expenditure					
Donation to River Bourne Farm	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,025.00	£ 4,050.00
Insurance	£ -	£ 497.60	£ -	£ 254.44	£ 274.40
Bank Charges + loyalty refund	£ -	£ 153.67	£ -	£ 112.00	£ 57.70
Sundry Expenses	£ -	£ 15.50	£ -	£ 47.29	£ 1,000.00
Project/Grant Expenses	£ -	£ 17,744.53	£ -	£ 34,325.68	£ -
Total	£ 18,411.30	£ 18,411.30	£ -	£ 36,764.52	£ 5,382.10
Brought forward balance	£ 6,393.66	Bank balance on 1st April 2022		£ 11,217.00	£ 1,598.90
Receipts	£ 16,084.30			£ 31,941.18	£ 15,000.20
Expenses	£ 18,411.30			£ 36,764.52	£ 5,382.10
Funds at end of year	£ 4,066.66	Bank balance on 31st March 2023		£ 6,393.66	£ 11,217.00
Completed by Samantha Gill, Trustee and Treasurer Jan 2024					

These financial statements were approved by the committee on: 23rd January 2024
and signed on its behalf by:



David Burton, Acting Chair



Samantha Gill, Treasurer

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2023:

Payments to Trustees:

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Charity was paid or payable for the financial period to any Trustee. There was no reimbursement of travel expenses in respect of the financial period.

Taxation:

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust is a registered charity. All the Charities' income is applied to its charitable objectives and the association is therefore exempt under current legislation from most forms of taxation. The charity is not VAT registered and all expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

THE DEVENISH BRADSHAW CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1177823

Accounts

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Laverstock Meadows, Cow Lane, Laverstock, Salisbury

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their report with the independently examined financial statements of The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Charity Name: The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Contact Address: 24 Highbury Avenue, Salisbury, SP2 7EX

Registration Number: 1177823

How it is managed

The charity is managed by the Board of Trustees and is responsible for all strategic decisions. Trustees are made aware that any conflicts of interest must be declared and minuted.

Names of Trustees:

David Burton/Sue Gallagher/Samantha Gill/Ben Parker/Duncan Scott/Amy Whetstone/Jane Wilkinson

Independent Examiner:

Karen Crawford Limited

Chapps Farmhouse, Slaughterford Mill, Slaughterford, Chippenham, SN14 8RJ

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Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Constitution outlines the procedure for the appointment of Trustees. Prospective Trustees are recruited based on relevant skills and experience. There must be a minimum of 3 Trustees and a maximum of 8.

Trustees are elected for a minimum term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees. Any person retiring as a Charity Trustee is eligible for reappointment.

Induction and Training

All Trustees are provided with a copy of the Constitution and a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees Annual Report and financial statements.

Achievements and Performance including reporting on public benefit

The following notable achievements and evidence of performance were made in this reporting year in pursuit of our Charitable Objectives and corresponding Management Plan Aims and Actions.

Charitable Objective 1:

To preserve, conserve and protect the land known as the Water Meadows, in Laverstock, and its chalk valley riverine habitats

Management Plan Aim:

To manage each of the habitats present on the meadows to promote their biodiversity.

Action: Implement the actions in our Higher Tier Agreement working closely with the adjacent Community Farm, sheep graziers, our volunteer teams, and community organisations, carrying out practical conservation work to help achieve the aims of the Higher Tier Agreement – on going.

Woodland

Action - Encourage the retention of dead standing trees and fallen timber as per the Royal Forestry Society guidance.

We have ensured the majority of our woodland habitat has dead standing trees and fallen timber present, particularly in our riparian woodland by the river. Where trees have fallen onto fence lines or access infrastructure, we have cleared a minimum amount of the fallen timber.

Action - Carry out an annual visual health and safety check on all trees near paths following the National Tree Safety Group/ Forestry Commission Research Guide – ‘Common sense risk management of trees’ to ensure tree safety, and to manage trees to a proportionate level to the low risk presented by wind-blown trees and branches to visitors to the site.

We carried out annual visual health and safety checks. We have identified a large multi stem Ash tree which is suffering from Ash die-back on our boundary with a restricted public byway. Plans are in hand to contract remedial tree surgery work to manage the dying tree so that it does not present a hazard to people

Action - Check paths after storm conditions and temporarily close paths where windblown trees present a medium to high risk to visitors.

We proactively checked trees in areas next to public and permissive paths following periods of extreme weather

Action - Extend scattered trees and shrubs in water meadows fringing the river. – this “mantle and saum” type habitat is especially rich for wildlife and will also enhance the landscape value of the site by partially screening the houses in Laverstock and the fringe the river to the East.

We installed the fencing and gate infrastructure with part of the funding from our Landfill Communities grant (final instalment of £1000 received in this planning year) and Countryside Stewardship Capital Grant (fencing installed and claims made for replacement of ditch boundary fencing for each field in which we are creating mantle and saum type habitat). We have consulted with residents who overlook the meadows as regards the re-establishment of some shrubs and management of some sections of the habitat to reduce the percentage and height of scattered shrubs. Under the terms of our Countryside Stewardship agreement prescription for these areas we are committed to ensuring that the bulk of the area is flower rich grassland with the following structure:

"Manage the area of grassland to the eastern end of the fields adjacent to the river (15% of field area) by late summer grazing (after the 30 June) only, to achieve a mosaic of taller grazed grassland with areas of shorter grass mostly between 5-15 cm and taller tussocks which may be over 60 cm" In this context the scattered shrubs that colonise are seen as positive features providing they are maintained at a low level (less than c 5 % of total area).

Action - Manage large willows in ditches/riverside through pollarding (as per Higher Tier Agreement) to increase light to ditches. – Increased light to the temporary pools formed in the ditches will correspond with increased freshwater life. Pollarded trees have high cultural value and will enhance the landscape value of the site.

We fenced off the coppiced willows with funding from our Countryside Stewardship Capital Grant scheme prior to the adjoining fields being grazed by cattle and sheep. All coppice stools have exhibited rigorous regrowth this year and a Cetti's warbler set up territory in the area in late summer indicating the enhanced biodiversity value we have already achieved from this work.

River

Action - Create buffer strips between grazing meadows and river to reduce disturbance from dogs.

We installed wooden gates as well as buffer strip fencing (reported under "Woods") and trialled dog access with the buffer strip fencing in place. This proved effective and welcome by both the majority of dog walkers and wildlife. Herons, Egrets, Grey Partridge, Reed Bunting, Sedge Warbler, wintering Snipe and Buzzards were all observed utilising the buffer strips. Dog walkers are pleased to have dog friendly areas to exercise their pets, free from the previous five strand barbed wire fencing.

Action - Liaise with other local river owners and environmental organizations to promote positive care for the river and reduce negative impacts e.g. dumping of grass clippings in the river.

We received a grant of £700 from Laverstock & Ford Parish Council for our "Chalk Stream Challenge" project with the Wessex Rivers Trust, which involves establishing a trail for use by community youth groups and school groups to learn about the Chalkstream river and the water meadows. Wessex Rivers Trust began preliminary work on the project in the Financial Year, working with us and local youth groups to establish the key places and activities for the trail. We liaised with neighbouring residents with river ownership with some success to raise awareness of the need to follow best practice for river care. One resident was inspired by our work to restore wildflowers in the grassland by the river to do the same in their garden. Another resident stopped the practice of leaving composted grass clippings on the riverbank.

Action - Leave fallen trees in the river – it is a statutory offence and a potentially damaging operation to remove trees from the river. The Environment Agency will assess fallen trees for potential flood risk and remove them sensitively if required. However, in the majority of cases on our stretch of the river fallen trees will help slow the river flow and reduce the risk of flooding as well as providing essential habitat for fish, water birds and other river life.

We successfully bid for a grant to produce an interpretative panel explaining the need to leave fallen trees in the river where possible. The panel has drawn a lot of interest from visitors to the water meadows. We also set up a viewing screen and bench with some of the funding from the Landfill fund and began to restore the river dipping platform in the river with a grant from Wessex Water Community Fund. The

interpretative board, viewing bench and dipping platform with easy access boardwalk have improved access and a grant from Salisbury City Council together with a contribution from River Bourne Community Farm enabled us to removed electric fencing and replace it with dog and young people friendly sheep netting permanent fencing to create wide paths down to the river in our Barn Field.

Meadows

Action - Restore wildflower rich meadows and/or wildflower rich grazed wet grassland.

We have carried out further Countryside Stewardship Capital Works and Community Landfill Grant work to restore our meadow and pasture grasslands to a wildflower rich condition. The positive indicator wildflower species as set out in the Countryside Stewardship Grant prescriptions for this action are increasing in abundance and diversity in all fields although Bridge Field remains the least wildflower rich meadow.

Hedgerows

Action - Maintain existing hedges and scrub

We purchased brush cutters and hand tools with Countryside Stewardship Area payment funding, which we have put to good use in managing existing scrub and hedge habitat particularly in 'Top Field' where we have cleared back scrub to open vistas and improve scrub habitat by cutting and allowing scrub to re-grow.

Action - Lay short stretches of hedgerow along permissive paths

We did not lay any stretches of hedgerow in this reporting year.

Action - Plant up hedgerows and shelterbelts with native shrubs and trees where necessary.

We were successful in an application to Woodland Trust and also received a Charitable donation from CPRE South Wiltshire branch for hedgerow trees. We purchased native trees including a large consignment of Alder, which is currently poorly represented on the water meadows. We have begun to plant a hedge with this planting material adjacent to the northern boundary of the Water meadows next to a heavily used public path between Laverstock and Bishopdown.

Action - Leave at least a 2m uncut margin alongside hedgerows when haymaking. Either cut hedge margin in August or bi-annually on rotation

We ensured uncut areas of varying widths were left in fields where hay cutting was undertaken this year through close liaison with the Community Farm and the use of temporary roped off sections of fields prior to hay cutting.

Action - Manage areas of blackthorn on rotation for brown hairstreak. Trim hedges only once every 3 to 5 years and do not cut all the hedges in any one area in the same year – On going.

We have begun this rotational management of blackthorn in Top Field utilising the power tools and hand tools purchased from Countryside Stewardship Area Payment funds as previously reported in "Hedges and Shrub" section.

Charitable Objective 2:

To advance the education of the community in Laverstock and the surrounding areas, in agriculture, horticulture and environmentally based education projects concerning the preservation, conservation and management of the Water Meadows.

Management Plan Aim:

To improve the knowledge of the importance and biodiversity value of downland water meadows to the local community through interpretation and public engagement.

Action - Install welcome/information signs at major entry points to the site

We maintained welcome/information signs installed in previous Planning Years.

Action - Seek funding for sensitive low-key on-site interpretation highlighting habitats and wildlife supported by the meadows

We utilised a grant from Wessex Water Community Fund to install the interpretation panel previously reported in the "River Section" of this report.

Action - Put on a programme of events with other local environmental organisations to engage and inform the local community

We hosted educational access visits for school groups and community groups run by River Bourne Community Farm. We also hosted local WATCH activities. Our weekly Saturday morning volunteer work parties included educational activities for our volunteers, particularly volunteers completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering with us.

Action - Produce educational packs designed for different age groups for use by schools and youth groups.

The Chalkstream Challenge project reported under "Rivers" section of this report will be an important contributor to this aim once completed.

Liaise with neighbouring properties over our management of meadows and the river and encourage adoption of positive management practices that enhance the river.

Reported under "River" section of this report.

Charitable Objective 3:

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the benefit of the public in the interest of their social welfare.

Management Aim:

To promote and sensitively manage public usage of the site.

Action - Put in grant applications to fund improved access and interpretation infrastructure, potential including a cycle path constructed from board walk and unbound aggregate surfaces.

We made good progress improving access and interpretation infrastructure with the funded projects reported in previous sections.

Action - Enhance infrastructure and management procedures for educational activities delivered by others including River Bourne Community Farm, Woodstock Therapeutic Centre, U3A Nature at the Farm and Two Bird Experiences

We have made good progress improving infrastructure to educational activities delivered by others through the funded projects including restoration of dipping platform/viewing area, creation of mantel and saum habitat with access for education groups into these new wildlife rich areas and commencement of Chalkstream Challenge project with Wessex Rivers Trust.

Charitable Objective 4:

To advance, promote or carry out such other Charitable Purposes as the charity trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time think fit.

Aims:

To ensure the local water meadows or associated land is managed as according to the area's status of SAC, SSSI and/or Protected Habitat

Action - Seek to acquire or manage additional water meadows and other high environmental value land within the local area.

We actively pursued potential opportunities to acquire or manage additional water meadows and other high environmental value land in the local area but without success in this reporting year.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to the Independent Examiner

We, the trustees of the Charity, each confirm that so far as we are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the Charity's Independent Examiner is unaware.
- All steps have been taken to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

The Trustees confirm that the accounts comply with the above requirement. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

During the period the income of the Charity was below £250,000, therefore in line with Charity Legislation the trustees have elected to prepare their accounts on the Receipts and Payments basis.

Independent Examiner:

The Independent Examination was undertaken by Karen Crawford Ltd – Chartered Accountants

By order of the Board



Date: 30 January 2023

Jane Wilkinson

Chair

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

I report on the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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.

Name: Karen Crawford

Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: Chapps Farmhouse, Slaughterford Mill, Slaughterford, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 8RJ.

Date: 28.01.23

2021-2022 Account for Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust
Registered Charity England and Wales No. 1177823

From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Income		Unrestricted	Restricted	2020-2021
Grants	£ 31,939.74	£ -	£ 31,939.74	£ 10,500.00
Rental Income on land	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,500.00
Bank Interest	£ 1.44	£ 1.44	£ -	£ 0.20
Total	£ 31,941.18	£ 1.44	£ 31,939.74	£ 15,000.20

Expenditure				
Donation to River Bourne Farm	£ 2,025.00	£ 2,025.00	£ -	£ 4,050.00
Insurance	£ 254.55	£ 254.55	£ -	£ 274.40
Bank Charges	£ 112.00	£ 112.00	£ -	£ 57.70
Sundry Expenses	£ 47.29	£ -	£ 47.29	£ 1,000.00
Project/Grant Expenses	£ 34,325.68	£ -	£ 34,325.68	£ -
Total	£ 36,764.52	£ 2,391.55	£ 34,372.97	£ 5,382.10

Brought forward balance	£ 11,217.00	Bank balance on 1st April 2021	£ 1,598.90
Receipts	£ 31,941.18		£ 15,000.20
Expenses	£ 36,764.52		£ 5,382.10
Funds at end of year	£ 6,393.66	Bank balance on 31st March 2022	£ 11,217.00

Completed by Samantha Gill, Trustee and Treasurer January 2023

These financial statements were approved by the committee on: 30 Jan 2023
and signed on its behalf by:

J. Wilkinson Jane Wilkinson, Chair

S. Gill Samantha Gill, Treasurer

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2022:

Payments to Trustees

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Charity was paid or payable for the financial period to any Trustee. There was no reimbursement of travel expenses in respect of the financial period.

Taxation

The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust is a registered charity. All the Charities' income is applied to its charitable objectives and the association is therefore exempt under current legislation from most forms of taxation. The charity is not VAT registered and all expenditure includes irrecoverable VAT.

THE DEVENISH BRADSHAW CHARITABLE TRUST

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2020 - 2021 Accounts for Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust

Registered Charity England and Wales No. 1177823

From 6 April 2020 to 5 April 2021

INCOME		Unrestricted		Restricted		2019-20		
Grants				£	10,500.00	£	-	
Rental Income on land		£	4,500.00			£	4,500.00	
Bank Interest		£	0.20			£	0.30	
TOTAL	£	15,000.20	£	4,500.20	£	10,500.00	£	4,500.30
EXPENDITURE								
Donation to Riverbourne Farm	£	4,050.00	£	4,050.00			£	-
Insurance	£	274.40	£	274.40			£	274.40
Bank Charges	£	57.70	£	57.70			£	24.00
Sundry Expenses	£	1,000.00			£	1,000.00	£	190.00
TOTAL	£	5,382.10	£	4,382.10	£	1,000.00	£	488.40
Brought forward Balance	£	1,598.90	Bank balance on 6 April 2020				-£	2,413.00
Receipts	£	15,000.20					£	4,500.30
Expenses	£	5,382.10					£	488.40
Funds at end of Year	£	11,217.00	Bank balance on 5 April 2021				£	1,598.90
Creditors at year end	£	192.59	£	22.59	£	170.00	£	-
Debtors at year end	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	2,250.00
Total Net Assets / (Liabilities)	£	11,024.41	£	1,694.41	£	9,330.00		

Completed by Samantha Lane, Trustee and Treasurer January 2022, and agreed by the Board of Trustees.