

RATTERY ENVIRONMENT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1179093

Details

Other names Dartington and Rattery Environment Group

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-07-06

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

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Activities

Objects: 1 TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE PARISH OF RATTERY BY PROMOTING ITS BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO WOODLANDS AND WETLANDS ALONG THE VALLEY OF THE BIDWELL BROOK WITHIN THE PARISH; AND2 TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF RATTERY PARISH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS

Activities: To promote the improvement of the community for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Rattery , in particular but not exclusively by conserving, protecting and improving the natural and physical environment.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£0	£29	-	-
2024-04-30	£158	£158	-	-
2023-04-30	£2,500	£1,798	-	-
2022-04-30	£2,000	£118	-	-
2021-04-30	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kim Howard	Chair	2018-07-06
ALISON MARY SAMUEL		2018-07-06
David Howard		2022-05-30
Philip Nigel David Glover		2021-01-20
RICHARD DAVID HAIGH		2018-07-06
William David Webb		2025-09-08

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RATTERY ENVIRONMENT GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

1st May 2024 – 30th April 2025

Good progress continued to be made in this year, particularly in the following areas:

1. Rattery Nature Reserve

a) **Wildlife Council of the Year:**

Devon Wildlife Trust awarded this accolade to Rattery Parish Council. This was largely thanks to the work undertaken by the REG on behalf of the Parish Council. The £50 award voucher was to be spent on a trail camera, to record wildlife in the Nature Reserve.

b) **Grants:** a grant application for funding the management plan for the Nature Reserve was submitted to the National Lottery.

c) **Trees:** Orchard trees were planted on the land next to the churchyard and 200 trees were planted by volunteers on a successful workday.

d) **Fencing:** Clearing of the fence path, establishing the line of path and remaining fencing were completed, to enable the opening of the Nature Reserve to the public (planned for late spring/early summer 2025).

e) **Bird boxes:** a volunteer erected bird boxes in the existing woodland area.

2. Bidwell Brook Partnership (BBP)

a) **Partnership with Bat Conservation Trust (BCT):** the BBP worked with the BCT on the development of a catchment-wide nature recovery programme. Grant applications to enable this were in the process of being made.

b) **Research:** local Citizen Scientists helped Plymouth University/Molendotech trial their innovative Bactiquick sensor.

c) **Advice to landowners:** With the help of the BBP, the Bidwell Brook was now included in the Upstream Thinking Programme, enabling free visits to farmers from farm advisors from DWT and WRT. These were now underway.

3. Other activities

a) **Maintenance of existing sites**

Maintenance work was carried out on the previously planted trees in the playing park. The Kettlewell Walk permissive path was also kept clear, now being done as part of the Parish Council's P3 work.

b) **Rattery Plant Sale:** an REG stall provided seedlings, advice and information on plants beneficial for wildlife.

4. Trustee appointments

Carlos Glover was reappointed during the year. Richard Haigh, Alison Samuel, Kim Howard and David Howard were also Trustees in this year.

5. Annual Accounts 2024-25

Opening Balance: £3,607.32

Closing Balance: £3578.32

Receipts: £0

Expenditure: £29

Commitments: £0

Reserves: £2,100

Uncommitted funds: £1478.32

Many thanks are due to everyone who made all of the above actions possible, and in particular to Treasurer, Richard Haigh.

Kim Howard, Chair

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1st May 2023 - 30th April 2024

Good progress has been made this year, particularly in the following areas:

a) Rattery Nature Reserve

Rattery Environment Group (REG) played a leading role in the successful negotiations for use of Devon County Council land in the heart of Rattery to be used for a nature reserve, with a permissive path for public use. The land has now been leased to Rattery Parish Council, who are working in close collaboration with the REG. Parklife have been engaged to draw up a management plan for the site.

b) Bidwell Brook Partnership (BBP)

The REG is a founder member and key partner in the Bidwell Brook Partnership. This year, more partners have joined and the collaborative network widened. The volunteer Citizen Science Investigators have been collecting baseline data. More detailed testing for ecoli, total coliforms and enterococcus was also undertaken, working together with the Friends of the Dart programme. Collaboration with Plymouth University has also begun.

The BBP helped ensure the inclusion of the Bidwell Brook catchment in SWWater's Upstream Thinking Programme. This enabled access to some funding and provision of free advice for local farmers.

c) Maintenance of existing sites

Volunteers carried out maintenance work on the previously planted trees in the playing park; the Kettlewell Walk permissive path was also kept clear.

d) Other activities

i) Rattery Plant Sale: an REG stall provided seedlings, advice and information on plants beneficial for wildlife.

ii) Youth Engagement: a local student had mapped all the verges in the Parish for the REG, as part of his DoE award.

iii) Japanese knotweed: The REG alerted the Parish Council to the presence of Japanese Knotweed on sites in Rattery village, and advised landowners on the appropriate means of its management to minimise its spread.

e) Trustee appointments

Kim Howard, Richard Haigh and Carlos Glover were all reappointed during the year. Alison Samuel and David Howard are also Trustees.

g) Annual Accounts

Expenditure/Commitments: £157.99

Reserves (for nature reserve): £2,000

Uncommitted funds: £706.42

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Kim Howard, Chair

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1st May 2022 - 30th April 2023

This was a very busy year, with consolidation of work on existing areas, plus two new initiatives.

a) Rattery Nature Reserve

Discussions were held with Devon County Council with regard to creating a nature reserve in the heart of Rattery, with a permissive path for local residents' access. Ecological reports were commissioned by the REG, working together with Parklife.

b) Bidwell Brook Partnership (BBP)

Rattery Environment Group was the key founding member of this new partnership, which aims to improve the environment along the valley of the Bidwell Brook. The BBP has the formal support of Rattery and Dartington Parish Councils.

Nearly 40 volunteers from Rattery and Dartington had stepped forward to become Citizen Science Investigators. An email and website had been set up by DH. Excellent communication links had been established with local officers from the Environment Agency, the Westcountry Rivers Trust and South West Water.

c) 'Evening for Rattery'

An 'Evening for Rattery' event held in March was very successful, with good attendance and positive feedback from attenders. The REG display attracted attention from all ages and resulted in two new members signing up. The 'pop a seed' vote for REG actions was well-used, with 'votes' being cast as follows: more off-road permissive paths (65); help create wildlife reserves (54); Bidwell valley wildlife corridor (28); plant more trees/hedges (21).

d) Maintenance of existing sites

More trees were planted in the playing field. Maintenance work was carried out on the previously planted trees in the park, and along the Kettlewell Walk permissive path.

e) Other activities

a) REG leaflet: an update was printed and made available via the village website.

b) Fair for South Brent: REG was represented at this event in July.

c) REG stall at Rattery Annual Show: this was very successful.

d) Presentation about the REG: was given at a Devon Wildlife Trust online event.

e) Mini-beast hunt: A successful event was run in the churchyard in June.

Huge thanks are due to everyone who made all of the above actions possible.

Accounts 1/5/22 to 30/4/22

Income

Grant from SHDC £2,500

Expenditure

Plants	£ 159.94	
Hedging	£ 297.60	
Fencing	£1,440.00	
Total		£1,797.54

Balance in bank account £3,206.41

Kim Howard, Chair

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Rattery Environment Group Annual Report

1st May 2021-30th April 2022

1. Achievements

Despite actions being curtailed again this year due to the pandemic, the REG achieved the following:

a) Free seeds and plants for local people

A packet of wildflower seeds, with information on creating a small 'wildlife-friendly' patch, was distributed to every household. Wildlife-friendly plants were also propagated by REG members and provided free for parishioners at Rattery's annual plant sale.

b) Information

Environmental/wildlife information, advice and tips continued to be regularly sent to all parishioners on the local email group and added to the Parish website. A 'Pledge for Nature' initiative was also added to the website.

c) Meadow creation

Work began on turning a local verge into a meadow area, to contribute to the national 'B' Lines project.

d) Visits

Enjoyable and educational visits, open to all parishioners, were made to a local wildlife-friendly garden and organic farm.

e) Playground enhancement

Work was undertaken this year to enhance the playing field for the benefit of parishioners and wildlife. New play equipment was installed during this year, and in March, two very successful, well-attended community planting and maintenance workdays were held. A small orchard was created and dedicated in memory of Terry Underhill. We planted new hedging, plus a short avenue of cherry trees, to commemorate the Jubilee.

Our very grateful thanks are due to the following organisations for enabling the project to go ahead:

- The National Lottery, for a £2,000 grant
- The Woodland Trust, for 420 'year-round colour' saplings
- the Devon Wildlife Trust for the apple trees for the mini-orchard.

2) Trustees

Terry Underhill resigned in September 2021.

3) Looking forward

Overall, since the REG began, it has enabled the planting of c.750 trees across the Parish. We look forward to adding to this number and creating a further permissive path in the coming year.

Kim Howard
Chair



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Rattery Environment Group	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01 04 2021	To	Period end date 30 04 2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Grant 28-01-22	2,000	-	-	2,000
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,000	-	-	2,000
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,000	-	-	2,000
A3 Payments				
Hedgerow whips 19-04-22	118	-	-	118
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Sub total	118	-	-	118
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	118	-	-	118
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,882	-	-	1,882
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,882	-	-	1,882

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			-
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	Total cash funds	-	-
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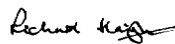
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Bank Account	2,386	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
	RICHARD HAIGH

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30-05-22

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1st May 2020- 30th April 2021

Actions were yet again curtailed this year, due to the pandemic. There is no finance report, as no income or expenditure were incurred. Nevertheless, the following was achieved.

a) Information

Environmental/wildlife information, advice and tips continued to be regularly added to the Parish website and was sent to all parishioners on the local email group.

b) Support for meadow creation

The national 'B-Lines' project was publicised, resulting in the identification and creation of several local meadows.

Actions were also planned for post-lockdown, so there should be more activity in the coming year.

Kim Howard
Chair
20.1.21