



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	To		
01	04	31	03
2024		2025	

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	ELSA DAVIES LVO, MA	Chair	19/11/18 - present	
2	Cllr NORMAN PAUL HARRIES			
3	DUNCAN JOHN LLOYD FITZWILLIAMS M.A.			
4	GWYNETH M HAYWARD			
5	PETER JOHN WALKER			
6	Dr Madeleine Sara Catherine Havard			
7	Cllr Michele Wiggins			
8	LOUIS VICTORY	chair	18/7/18- 19/11/18	
9	Andrew Cooksley			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Katherine Macro

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CIO Constitution Foundation 20/7/18

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Current policies

- Complaints policy and procedure
- Conflict of interest policy
- Data protection policy
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy
- Health and safety policy
- Environmental policy
- Safeguarding policy
- Reserves policy
- Privacy notice & statement
- Welsh language statement
- Trustee code of conduct
- Reserves policy
- Register of interests of trustees
- Grant making policy
- Gift and donation policy

The Trust was established by the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority but is entirely independent. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sets out how the Trust and Authority will work together during the Trust's first five-years and was reviewed and agreed upon in 2024 for a further 5 years.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

A) TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK AND SURROUNDING AREA, INCLUDING WILDLIFE WITHIN THE NATIONAL PARK;

(B)ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE NATIONAL PARK, THE WILDLIFE WITHIN THE NATIONAL PARK AND NATURAL LANDSCAPES GENERALLY;

(C)ADVANCING THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, INCLUDING BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO WALK AND TAKE EXERCISE WITHIN THE NATIONAL PARK AND THROUGH THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND PRACTICAL ADVICE ON THE BENEFITS OF TAKING REGULAR EXERCISE; AND

(D)TO PROMOTE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE NATIONAL PARK AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SAID PEOPLE.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Summary of Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit (2024–2025)

During the 2024–2025 financial year, the Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust delivered a wide-ranging programme of activity that advanced conservation, education, health and wellbeing, and community benefit across the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and surrounding areas. Our work supported 10 projects, engaged communities and volunteers, and strengthened the long-term resilience of the Park's natural and cultural assets.

Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of the Natural Environment (Object A)

The Trust supported multiple conservation initiatives aimed at halting biodiversity decline and improving habitat resilience. Key activity included the Birds & Bees Habitat Enhancement project, which delivered woodland management, meadow creation, hedgerow planting and habitat improvements for priority species such as the Shrill Carder bee and declining farmland birds.

Through the Force for Nature Grants Scheme, 13 community groups delivered locally-led nature projects including pollinator gardens, wildlife-friendly green spaces, meadows and sensory gardens, increasing biodiversity while empowering communities to care for their local environment.

The Trust also supported climate change resilience work along the Pembrokeshire Coast Path, funding essential maintenance, erosion mitigation, and adaptation measures to protect habitats, landscapes and public access in the face of climate change.

Advancing Education and Environmental Awareness (Object B)

Environmental education remained central to our work. The Trust continued to support Outdoor Schools, enabling children and teachers across Pembrokeshire to access high-quality outdoor learning. During the year, 6 teacher training events reached 160 teachers, 18 schools were supported to enhance school grounds for learning, and over 500 pupils directly participated in outdoor sessions.

The Gweiddiau Roots programme further strengthened young people's connection to nature and heritage, engaging thousands of pupils through hands-on outdoor learning linked to biodiversity, climate and local history. Heritage learning was also supported through Stepping into the Past, which funded archaeology, historic site restoration and improved interpretation to make Pembrokeshire's heritage accessible to wider audiences.

Advancing Physical and Mental Health (Object C)

The Trust supported projects that improve wellbeing through access to nature and physical activity. Pathways to Resilience enabled people from under-represented and disadvantaged communities to participate in supported volunteering, delivering practical conservation and heritage work while improving confidence, skills, mental health and social connection.

Inclusive outdoor initiatives such as Get Outdoors, Roots to Recovery and volunteering opportunities helped people benefit from time in nature, supporting the National Park's role as a "natural health service".

Recreation, Access and Community Benefit (Object D)

Improving access and inclusivity was a major focus. Through Accessibility for All and Accessible Pembrokeshire, the Trust supported capital and infrastructure projects such as the Beach Wheelchair Project, trail improvements and inclusive outdoor programmes. These initiatives enabled people of all abilities to enjoy the National Park, fostering a sense of belonging, social inclusion and community wellbeing.

The Trust also hosted four public events, including a Bat Walk and Talk, beach clean, and an Annual Networking Event, bringing together communities, businesses and supporters to connect with the landscape and each other.

Public Engagement and Fundraising

During the year, the Trust received 381 donations, supported by 5 major donors, and grew its supporter base to 942 newsletter subscribers. In December 2024, the Trust ran a successful Big Give matched-fundraising campaign to support the Save Our Coastal Paths appeal, raising funds for vital repairs and re-routing along the 186-mile Pembrokeshire Coast Path.

Ongoing initiatives such as Adopt a Bee continued to engage the public in conservation while funding habitat protection across the National Park.

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Grant-Making Policy Statement

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust operates a structured and accountable approach to grant-making to ensure that all funds are applied in furtherance of its charitable purposes and for the public benefit. Grants are defined as financial awards made from the Trust's funds to support activities that are charitable in law and aligned with the Trust's objectives.

The Trustees maintain clear grant-making criteria and decision-making processes to guide the assessment and approval of grants. While most grants are awarded in line with published criteria, Trustees may exercise discretion to support activities outside these criteria where they are satisfied that the proposed activity is charitable in law, consistent with the Trust's purposes, and represents an appropriate use of charitable funds.

The Board of Trustees holds ultimate collective responsibility for all grant-making decisions, including ensuring compliance with any restrictions agreed with donors or funding partners. Certain decision-making responsibilities may be delegated to sub-committees, individual Trustees or members of staff, with all delegated decisions subject to appropriate oversight and review. Trustees reserve the right to attach conditions to any grant awarded and to decline any recommendation where a grant would not be charitable, would conflict with the Trust's policies, or could pose a reputational risk.

Programme-Related Investment

The Trust does not currently make programme-related investments. All charitable funds are applied through grant-making and direct support for charitable activities that further the Trust's objectives. The Trustees keep this position under review and would ensure that any future programme-related investment complies fully with Charity Commission guidance and the Trust's governing document.

Volunteers

The Trust does not currently engage volunteers in the delivery of its activities. The only voluntary roles within the organisation are those of the Trustees, who serve on an unpaid basis and give their time, expertise and commitment to ensure the Trust is well governed, financially responsible and operating lawfully in pursuit of its charitable purposes.

The Trustees play a vital role in providing strategic direction, oversight of grant-making and fundraising activity, and ensuring compliance with charity law and regulatory requirements. Their voluntary contribution represents a significant and ongoing commitment to supporting the work and integrity of the Trust.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the 2024–2025 financial year, the Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust made significant progress in protecting the natural environment, widening access to the National Park, and supporting communities to benefit from nature, heritage and outdoor activity.

The Trust supported 10 projects aligned with its charitable objectives, delivering tangible outcomes for conservation, education, wellbeing and community resilience across Pembrokeshire. Through targeted grant-making and project support, 13 community groups were enabled to deliver local nature projects that enhanced biodiversity, created wildlife-friendly green spaces, and strengthened community stewardship of the environment.

Major conservation achievements included habitat enhancement for priority species through the Birds & Bees programme and continued investment in climate change resilience along the Pembrokeshire Coast Path, helping to protect vital habitats and maintain safe public access in the face of coastal erosion and climate impacts. A successful Big Give matched-fundraising campaign in December 2024 significantly increased funding for essential coastal path repairs and adaptation works.

The Trust strengthened its impact on education and learning, supporting outdoor education through Outdoor Schools and Gwreiddiau Roots, reaching hundreds of teachers and pupils and embedding outdoor learning across the county. These programmes improved access to nature-based learning, built confidence in teaching outdoors, and deepened young people's understanding of biodiversity, climate change and local heritage.

A key achievement was the expansion of inclusive access and wellbeing initiatives. Projects such as Pathways to Resilience, Accessibility for All, and Accessible Pembrokeshire enabled people from under-represented and disadvantaged communities, as well as those with disabilities or health challenges, to participate in volunteering, recreation and outdoor experiences. These initiatives delivered clear physical and mental health benefits while increasing diversity and inclusion within National Park activities.

The Trust also strengthened its supporter base and public engagement, receiving 381 donations, securing five major donors, hosting four public and stakeholder events, and growing its newsletter audience to 942 subscribers. Campaigns such as Adopt a Bee continued to engage the public in practical conservation while generating unrestricted income for nature recovery.

Overall, the year marked strong progress in delivering the Trust's mission: safeguarding Pembrokeshire's landscapes and wildlife, enabling more people to experience and care for the National Park, and supporting resilient, healthy and connected communities.

Trustees have continued to meet regularly and oversee the running of the Trust, in line with Charity Commission guidelines and good practice.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust will work towards building free unrestricted reserves to a level of 6 months and develop unrestricted income in-line with running costs for the Trust.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Trust was established by the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority but is entirely independent. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sets out how the Trust and Authority will work together. The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority is kindly supporting the Charity's operating costs.

Section F

Other optional information

The charity is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and is compliant with the standards and Code of Fundraising Practice, as applied by the Fundraising Regulator, which is the only regulatory body of fundraising in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

E. Davies

Full name(s)

ELSA MYFANWY DAVIES

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR

Date

26-1-26



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Pembrokeshire Coast Charitable Trust	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.04.2024	To	Period end date 31.03.2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Trust and Foundations	5,000	111,685	-	116,685	46,065
Corporate	-	20,000	-	20,000	20,618
Events	896	-	-	896	3,814
Donations	18,780	12,881	-	31,661	8,936
Other core funding	37,105	-	-	37,105	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	61,781	144,566	-	206,347	79,433
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	61,781	144,566	-	206,347	79,433
A3 Payments					
Projects	-	121,967	-	121,967	87,009
Financial & Transaction Charges	342	-	-	342	877
Sundry Costs	718	-	-	718	-
Administration costs	41,562	-	-	41,562	10,499
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	42,622	121,967	-	164,589	98,385
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	42,622	121,967	-	164,589	98,385
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,159	22,599	-	41,758	- 18,952
A5 Transfers between funds	- 3,592	3,592	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	39,870	17,752	-	57,622	76,574
Cash funds this year end	55,437	43,943	-	99,380	57,622

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	55,437	43,943	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	55,437	43,943	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31st MARCH 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1179281

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

23 / 01 / 26

Name:

NICHOLAS WATHEN BASSETT

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA (ICAEW)

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.