



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	February	2023		31	JANUARY	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	CRICKLADE COURT LEET CHARITY
Other names charity is known by	Manorial Court for the Hundred and Borough of Cricklade
Registered charity number (if any)	1179807
Charity's principal address	19 Manor Orchard
	Cricklade
	Wilts
	Postcode SN6 6EA

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	Clive Smith	High Bailiff		
2	John Coole	Steward		
3	John Barratt	Haywarden		
4	Eric Cripps	Town Crier		
5	Michael Hatton	Constable		
6	John Harman	Ale Taster		
7	Anita Barratt	Waywarden		
8	Paul Hwer	Afferor		
9	Robert Jones	Scavenger	1/2/23 – 4/01/2024	
10	David Tetlow	Sealer		
11	Nigel Wynne	Carner	Resigned 21/8/24	
12	Lester Buck	Foreman		
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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
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of charity 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.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

1. To promote for the public benefit the conservation and improvement of the physical and natural environment and the biological diversity of the common lands in the parish of Cricklade.
2. To promote such other charitable purposes under the law of England and Wales for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Cricklade as the trustees shall from time decide

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)

Having regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant, we confirm that the Trustees are aware of the guidance, and they have taken it into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant.

2023 and the lifting of restrictions enabled the Charity to restart activities on the meadow and the more traditional ceremonies connected to the functions of the Court. As part of the HLF Grant received some years ago a number of courses that had been delayed were held on the meadow and locally which were well attended. Such activities as Scything were taught and various courses on the flora and fauna found on the meadow were held. A number of activities enabled the records on the state of the meadow to be upgraded working along with Natural England and the Floodplain Meadows Partnership. All these focused on Objective 1 of the Charity relating to the Conservation of the meadow to promote the traditional farming methods and increase knowledge of the impact of climate change on the flora and fauna.

2023 was historically significant as King Charles III held his Coronation in June of that year. The Court played a major part in the Town Celebrations, the Court Beacon was lit, and a Commemorative Mug was presented to all children up to the age of 11 attending the local Schools and play groups. The mugs were distributed by the High Bailiff and the Town Crier along with other members of the Court.

The Court were able to organise the Beating of the Bounds once more on 10th May 2023 which was well attended. This event raised funds for the local Historical Society.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

All activities have been arranged by Court Members/Trustees on a Voluntary basis. Many volunteer hours have been spent working on the meadow and in arranging courses and also arranging Beacon Lighting and ceremonial duties. The Town Crier, another voluntary role, has been active most Saturdays in the High Street.

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

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We are responsible for managing the grazing on North Meadow from 12th August to 12th February and the Court Members commit many volunteer hours per annum to this task. We work with the graziers, carry out daily checks as well as installing, maintaining, and removing 2.5km of electric fencing and 8 pasture pumps. In addition, our volunteer wardens monitor North Meadow and work with Natural England to resolve any management issues.

As a part of the funding received from the Heritage Lottery Fund work progressed on the areas that had been delayed by Covid particularly the courses highlighted in the application (Scything, Moths and Butterflies)) and on better signage and information trail at the meadow. Once again the period of time the meadow was under water delayed many of the planned projects and reduced the time the meadow was grazed.

Donations were made to the Royal British Legion as part of our civic role and associated activities.

The Cricklade Court Website and Facebook pages continue to be updated and contain much more information about the meadow and public access. <http://www.crickladecourtleet.org.uk/>

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Following the award of the Heritage Lottery Grant our reserves remain high but have reduced from previous years and are not a cause for concern. The project is continuing with regular reports and updates provided to the Heritage Lottery Fund and lottery money is ring fenced against future spend.
A grant from Natural England to help replace this funding was received.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	John Coole	Clive Smith
Full name(s)	John Coole	Clive Smith
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Steward	High Bailiff
Date	23/8/23	



**CRICKLADE COURT LEET CHARITY
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY 2024**

Income and Expenditure Account	12 months to 31/01/23	12 months to 31/01/24
RPA receipts	£ 4,752.00	£ 82.50
Grazing Fees	£ 462.50	£ 350.00
Course Fees	£ 785.00	£ 675.00
Donations	£ -	£ 362.02
Events	£ -	£ -
Income	£ 5,999.50	£ 1,469.52
RPA payments	£ 7,399.86	£ 16.22
Coronation expenses	£ -	£ 1,798.40
Beating the Bounds	£ -	£ 61.66
Jubilee expenses	£ 33.96	£ -
Donation – Town Band	£ 50.00	£ -
Donation - British Legion wreath	£ 30.00	£ 30.00
Public Liability Insurance	£ 99.31	£ 129.10
Room Hire	£ 20.00	£ 159.50
HLF Project	£ 2,286.60	£ 5,449.89
Expenditure	£ 9,919.73	£ 7,644.77
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>(£ 3,920.23)</u>	<u>(£ 6,175.25)</u>
Balance Sheet		
The accumulated fund - opening	£ 60,855.94	£ 56,935.71
Net income (DEFICIT) for the year	(£ 3,920.23)	(£ 6,175.25)
The accumulated fund - closing	<u>£ 56,935.71</u>	<u>£ 50,760.46</u>
Represented by		
HLS Grant Agreement	£ -	£ -
NHLF Grant Agreement	£ 6,515.33	£ 1,065.44
Area Board Grant	£ 2,880.00	£ 2,880.00
RESTRICTED FUNDS	£ 9,395.33	£ 3,945.44
North Meadow	£ 17,961.03	£ 18,027.31
NHLF Grant - match funding	£ 3,720.00	£ 3,720.00
Forever Normead contingency funding	£ 1,535.00	£ 2,210.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS (UNRESTRICTED)	£ 23,216.03	£ 23,957.31
Bank - Current Account	£ 6,152.35	£ 4,685.71
GENERAL FUNDS (UNRESTRICTED)	£ 6,152.35	£ 4,685.71
Cash at Bank (Current Account)	£ 38,763.71	£ 32,588.46
North Meadow Land (RESTRICTED)	£18,172.00	18,172.00
Net Assets	<u>£ 56,935.71</u>	<u>£ 50,760.46</u>

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mark Clarke
Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales