

SLIPPER MILL POND PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1180249

Details

Other names	SLIPPER MILL POND PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-10-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE THE WILDLIFE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE SLIPPER MILL POND, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE PARISH OF SOUTHBOURNE, WEST SUSSEX, FOR THE BENEFIT AND QUIET ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC.

Activities: The object of the charity is to protect and conserve the wildlife and natural environment of the Slipper Mill Pond, which is located in the Parish of Southbourne, West Sussex, for the benefit and quiet enjoyment of the public. Much of the maintenance of the pond infrastructure is achieved by volunteers, but larger projects require contractors to carry out the work.

Classification

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

Geography

- Hampshire
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£33,770	£5,433	-	-
2024-09-30	£19,169	£4,785	-	-
2023-09-30	£8,078	£4,169	-	-
2022-09-30	£5,661	£6,005	-	-
2021-09-30	£5,949	£10,561	-	-

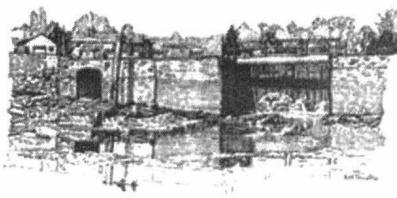
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JOANNA GREENFIELD	Chair	2019-10-25
Christine Anne Hows		2025-03-13
James Hailstone		2022-06-13
SIMON EVELEIGH		2019-10-25
Simon Jeremy Richard Dwyer		2019-10-25
Susan Dibden		2026-03-18

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for the period 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025

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1. Objectives and Activities of the CIO and its Governing Document

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'To protect and conserve the wildlife and natural environment of the Slipper Mill Pond, which is located in the Parish of Southbourne, West Sussex, for the benefit and quiet enjoyment of the public.'

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The CIO manages the Pond and its environs, focusing on the environment, conservation, heritage and recreation, while providing an open space for the general public. The Pond is a saline lagoon, a very rare wildlife habitat, both in the UK and Europe. The combination of sea and fresh water provides a unique brackish water environment which has been recognised as a Sussex 'Local Wildlife Site' (LWS) and 'Site of Nature Conservation Importance' (SNCI) as it is home to many special species. It is inside the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and is part of the Chichester District Council Strategic Wildlife Corridor from Hermitage to Westbourne. The Pond is listed as a "Local Green Space" on the Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

The Pond was built in the 1760s to provide power to drive the Slipper Mill, one of four working mills in Emsworth supplying meal for the Navy in Portsmouth. The tidal gates are pushed open as the sea breaks over the gates, and close as the tide turns, holding back the sea water which, in the past, powered the Mill. The tidal gates and sluice gate are both listed on the Southbourne Neighbourhood Parish Plan as important "Heritage Assets".

Environmental objectives include: to provide an environment that will encourage the growth of native plants and wild flowers and encourage wildlife, to use indigenous, salt resistant trees, shrubs, wild flowers and under planting; to enhance the natural beauty and views of the pond, including the removal of tired and overgrown planting where appropriate.

Heritage objectives include the maintenance and preservation of the sluice gate and tidal gates which are still operated and in working order.

2. Achievements and Performance

The CIO was able to fulfil all its usual activities during 2024-2025.

ENVIRONMENT: PLANTING & MAINTENANCE

There was a full workparty held in October 2024, to cut back the wildflowers and grasses and remove the arisings, mainly along the east bank. A flail-mulcher was used on the bank during 2025 and was considered a success and is the preferred method going forward.

- Various small workparties carried out vegetation maintenance tasks and planting, including the removal of hemlock water dropwort from Slipper Road and Dolphin Quay.
- An external contractor applied herbicide approved by the Environment Agency to treat the invasive Phragmites Australis reeds in two sections.
- Removal of 2 large ash trees with ash dieback at Dolphin Quay (by an external contractor).
- The tidal gates are now being chained back for longer periods in the winter months to assist with fish spawning upstream (at the request of the Western Sussex Rivers Trust).

HERITAGE & INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE & CONSERVATION:

- The south-west bank is being monitored closely for any slippage and a structural survey has been commissioned.
- Various small workparties carried out minor maintenance including filling in holes in the banks, removing trip hazard posts, adding nesting tubes to the bird rafts etc.
- A new information board was installed on Slipper Mill wall and signage was replaced by the tidal gates.

EVENTS:

- The Annual Dinner was held in November 2024 at the Emsworth Sailing Club.
- The AGM took place in March 2025.
- The Broomfield Schools Photographic Competition was held in April/May 2025.
- The Summer Garden Party was held in July 2025.

MEMBERSHIP: There were 136 members (full and associate) at year end.

POND OWNERSHIP: Following the gifting of the Ownership of the Pond to the CIO, the Land Registry has still not yet finalised the transfer documentation.

PUBLICITY: Newsletters were distributed to all members in January and July. Whatsapp groups are now being used more for communicating with interested parties.

3. Financial Review

The income for the financial year to 30th September 2025 was £33,770 against an expenditure of £5,433, resulting in net income of £28,337. This included net income of £1,118 from the Annual Dinner, dividend income of £2,125 and some very generous donations totalling £20,913. The main extraordinary expenditure was on vegetation maintenance relating to the use of 2 external contractors: one to fell 2 trees at Dolphin Quay and the other to treat the Phragmites reeds along Slipper Road.

Further donations and savings were transferred to M&G Charifund, with the balance standing at £57,950 at year end (of which £29,462 is protected for long term reserves). The bank balance at the end of the year was £4,334. Total funds therefore stood at £62,284.

The CIO has a new Investment Policy as of 30 September 2025 which has been approved by the Trustees and the major benefactor(s) who have made endowments. The charity is conservative in its nature, with spending kept to a minimum, with work mostly done by volunteers.

4. Structure, Governance and Management

Slipper Mill Pond Preservation Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("SMPPA CIO"). It operates in accordance with its Constitution drawn up in October 2018. The CIO is largely funded by its members, who mostly live in the vicinity of the Pond, and by income from Dolphin Quay Boatyard, along with additional donations and grants from time to time.

The Trustees are elected in compliance with the provisions of the CIO Constitution. Trustees have continued to meet quarterly in person during 2024-2025, and on additional occasions as required.

5. Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

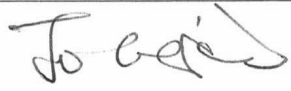

Trustee Name	Office	Dates Acted
Jo Greenfield	Chairman	Full Year
Christine Hows	Membership Secretary	From March 2025 (AGM)
Simon Dwyer		Full Year
Simon Eveleigh		Full Year
James Hailstone		Full Year
Maire Park	Social Secretary	Resigned February 2025
Susan Dibden		Co-opted in June 2025, pending members' vote at the March 2026 AGM

- There are no corporate trustees, or trustees holding title to any property belonging to the CIO.
- The CIO does not hold any funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.
- There are no Exemptions from disclosure of key personnel details.

The Trustees would like to thank all those who have kindly provided additional donations during the past year and are also grateful to all the Members for their continued support.

6. Declarations

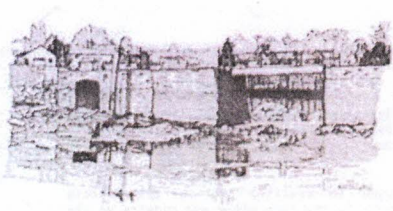
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	JOANNA RACHEL GREENFIELD	SIMON FRANCIS EVELEIGH
Position	CHAR	TRUSTEE
Date	2 February 2026	02 FEB 2026

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The Pond was built in the 1760s to provide power to drive the Slipper Mill, one of four working mills in Emsworth supplying meal for the Navy in Portsmouth. The tidal gates are pushed open as the sea breaks over the gates, and close as the tide turns, holding back the sea water which, in the past, powered the Mill. The tidal gates and sluice gate are both listed on the Southbourne Neighbourhood Parish Plan as important "Heritage Assets".

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Heritage objectives include the maintenance and preservation of the sluice gate and tidal gates which are still operated and in working order.

2. Achievements and Performance

The CIO was able to fulfil all its usual activities during 2023-2024.

ENVIRONMENT: PLANTING & MAINTENANCE

There was a full workparty held in October 2023. This and other smaller groups carried out the following tasks during the year:

- Cutting back the wildflowers and grasses and removal of arisings, mainly along the east bank.
- Placing of matting to reduce the spread of invasive Phragmites Australis reeds.
- Further planting of Sea Buckthorn along the east bank.

HERITAGE & INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE & CONSERVATION:

- The south-west bank is being monitored closely for any slippage
- Minor adjustments were done to the wooden sluice gate
- Additional signage was installed relating to Fishing.

EVENTS:

- The Annual Dinner was held in November 2023, at the Emsworth Sailing Club for the first time.
- The AGM took place in March 2024 and was well attended.
- The Broomfield Schools Photographic Competition held in April/May was once again a great success. Future funding for this event is now secured, at least for the next few years.
- The Summer Garden Party was held in July 2024 and was well attended.
- It was decided again not to hold a Spring Talk.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership levels were down slightly, with 133 members (full and associate) at year end.

POND OWNERSHIP: Following the gifting of the Ownership of the Pond to the CIO, the Land Registry has still not yet finalised the transfer documentation.

PUBLICITY: Newsletters were distributed to all members in January and July.

3. Financial Review

The income for the financial year to 30th September 2024 was £19,169 against an expenditure of £4,785, resulting in net income of £14,384. This included net income of £816 from the Annual Dinner and some very generous donations totalling £10,606. The only extraordinary expenditure was £305 for adjustments to the sluice gate.

During the year, donations and savings were transferred to M&G Charifund, with the balance standing at £24,259 at year end (of which £7,042 is protected for long term reserves). The bank balance at the end of the year was £6,662. Total funds therefore stood at £30,921.

The CIO currently has no policy for holding reserves, other than that described above. The charity is conservative in its nature, with spending kept to a minimum, with work mostly done by volunteers.

4. Structure, Governance and Management

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The Trustees are elected in compliance with the provisions of the CIO Constitution. Trustees have continued to meet quarterly in person during 2023-2024, and on additional occasions as required.

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Trustee Name	Office	Dates Acted
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Sharon Corbett	Membership Secretary	Resigned March 2024
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James Hailstone		Full Year
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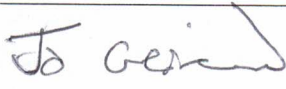

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6. Declarations

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

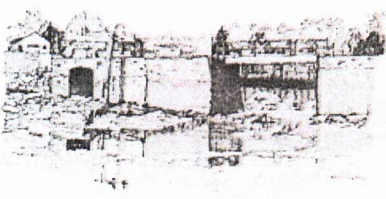
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	JO GREENFIELD	SIMON EVELEIGH
Position	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	19 JAN 2025	19 JAN 2025

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2. Achievements and Performance

The CIO was able to fulfil all its usual activities during 2022-2023.

ENVIRONMENT: PLANTING & MAINTENANCE

There was a full workparty held in October 2022. This and other smaller groups carried out the following tasks during the year:

- Cutting back the wildflowers and grasses and removal of arisings, mainly along the east bank.
- Removal of large overgrown Buddleia on the east bank, replaced with indigenous planting.
- Further planting of Rowan/Mountain Ash and Sea Buckthorn along the east bank.

HERITAGE & INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE & CONSERVATION:

- The tidal gates were cleaned.
- Further repairs were carried out to the footbridge support posts, the kissing gates and bird rafts.
- Repairs were carried out to the gabion netting along the west bank, and cavities on the footpath were filled.
- Bank monitoring markers were set up in the southwest corner to assess any slippage.
- New signage was installed relating to CCTV, SMPPA Fishing Policy, Drain Signs, and Bird Aware notices for dog walkers.

EVENTS:

- The Annual Dinner was held in November 2022, the first time since 2019 (postponed due to COVID).
- The Broomfield Schools Photographic Competition held in April/May was once again a great success. Entries were submitted online for the first time. Future funding for this event is now secured, at least for the next few years.
- The Summer Garden Party was held in July and was very well attended.
- The AGM was moved from October to January, in order to distribute the Committee's workload more evenly throughout the year.
- It was decided not to hold a Spring Talk as the last one was poorly attended.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership levels were down slightly, with 137 members (full and associate) at year end.

POND OWNERSHIP: Following the gifting of the Ownership of the Pond to the CIO, the Land Registry has not yet finalised the transfer documentation.

PUBLICITY: Newsletters were distributed to all members in January and July.

3. Financial Review

The income for the financial year to 30th September 2023 was £8,078 against an expenditure of £4,169, resulting in net income of £3,909. This included net income of £650 from the Annual Dinner.

The only extraordinary expenditure was £300 - the SMPPA's contribution to CCTV installation on Slipper Mill.

The bank balance at the end of the year was £16,320.

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4. Structure, Governance and Management

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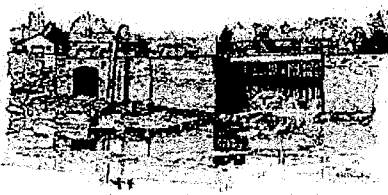
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Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	JOANNA RACHEL GREENFIELD	SIMON FRANCIS EVELEIGH
Position	CHAIRMAN	TRUSTEE
Date	14 february 2024	14 feb 2024

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2. Achievements and Performance

The CIO was able to fulfil most of its usual activities during 2021-2022.

ENVIRONMENT: PLANTING & MAINTENANCE

There was a full workparty held in October 2021. This and other smaller groups carried out the following tasks:

- Cutting back the wildflowers and grasses and removal of arisings, mainly along the east bank.
- Planting of sea club rush (donated by Peter Pond) in the north-west corner.
- Further planting of Rowan/Mountain Ash and Sea Buckthorn along the east bank.

HERITAGE & INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE & CONSERVATION:

- The sluice apron was repaired in February 2022 at a cost of £2,208.
- The field drain and gate were replaced in the south-east corner.
- The brickwork along the south bank was re-pointed.
- Various repairs were carried out to the gabion netting along the west bank.
- Repairs were carried out to the footbridge support posts.

EVENTS:

- The Annual Dinner was not held this year due to the uncertainty around COVID.
- The Spring Talk, Broomfield Schools Photographic Competition and the Summer Garden Party all went ahead. In particular, the Photographic Competition (last held in 2019) was a huge success with a record number of entries.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership levels remained relatively stable at around 142 members (full and associate).

POND OWNERSHIP: The transfer of the Ownership of the Pond to the CIO was at long last completed in April, at a cost of nearly £3,000 in legal fees. We are most grateful to those owners who donated their shares, as this now means that the future of the Pond is secured.

PUBLICITY: Newsletters were distributed to all members in January and July. An article was published in The Ems newspaper in summer 2022, explaining the Ownership Transfer background (see above) in more detail.

3. Financial Review

The income for the financial year to 30th September 2022 was £5,661 against an expenditure of £6,005. Without the extraordinary expenditure on the sluice apron and ownership transfer legal fees, the CIO would have reported a net income of £3,482.

The bank balance at the end of the year was £12,412.

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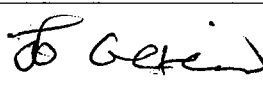
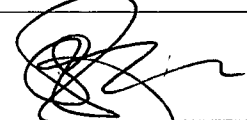
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Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	JOANNA RACHEL GREENFIELD	SIMON FRANCIS EVELEIGH
Position	CHAIRMAN	TRUSTEE
Date	28 DEC 2022	28 DECEMBER 2022

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Accounts



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the period 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021

Charity Name:	Slipper Mill Pond Preservation Association CIO (SMPPA CIO)
Registered Charity Number:	1180249
Charity's Registered Address:	56 King Street, Emsworth, PO10 7AZ

1. Objectives and Activities of the CIO and its Governing Document

Slipper Mill Pond Preservation Association "The CIO" is governed according to its constitution which states that its objectives are:

'To protect and conserve the wildlife and natural environment of the Slipper Mill Pond, which is located in the Parish of Southbourne, West Sussex, for the benefit and quiet enjoyment of the public.'

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The CIO manages the Pond and its environs, focusing on the environment, conservation, heritage and recreation, while providing an open space for the general public. The Pond is a saline lagoon, a very rare wildlife habitat, both in the UK and Europe. The combination of sea and fresh water provides a unique brackish water environment which has been recognised as a 'Site of Nature Conservation Importance' (SNCI) and home to many special species. It is inside the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and is part of the Chichester District Council Strategic Wildlife Corridor from Hermitage to Westbourne. The Pond is listed as a "Local Green Space" on the Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

The Pond was built in the 1760s to provide power to drive the Slipper Mill, one of four working mills in Emsworth supplying meal for the Navy in Portsmouth. The tidal gates are pushed open as the sea breaks over the gates, and close as the tide turns, holding back the sea water which, in the past, powered the Mill. The sluice gate is listed as a "Heritage Asset" on the Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

Environmental objectives include: to provide an environment that will encourage the growth of native plants and wild flowers and encourage wildlife, to use indigenous, salt resistant trees, shrubs, wild flowers and under planting; to enhance the natural beauty and views of the pond, including the removal of tired and overgrown planting where appropriate.

Heritage objectives include the maintenance and preservation of the sluice gate and tidal gates which are still operated and in working order.

2. Achievements and Performance

In accordance with the national COVID-19 regulations and guidance, the CIO was not able to fulfil all its usual activities during 2020-21. However, much was still achieved. In particular, during COVID, the Pond and its environs have been much used and appreciated by walkers and their dogs.

ENVIRONMENT: PLANTING & MAINTENANCE

2021 was the first full year of looking after the environs of Dolphin Quay footpath, in addition to the Pond banks. Large work parties did not take place during the year; however a considerable amount of work was completed over the year by small teams, including:

- the removal of "garden" type plants in the north east corner, and the planting of more indigenous species
- clearing of brambles, netting and an asbestos tank in the south east corner, and sowing of wildflower seeds instead;
- cutting back of common reeds in two sections of the bank, in order to reduce their spread;
- planting of dog rose, sea buckthorn, wildflower seeds and various other indigenous plants along the Pond banks.

HERITAGE & INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE & CONSERVATION:

- The old worn sluice gate was replaced by a new oak sluice gate in November/December 2020. This was part funded by two generous donations and the remainder by reserves.
- As voted by our members, work on the three bird rafts to attempt deter the Great Black Backed Gulls from nesting was completed in February 2021.
- All the information signs around the Pond were refreshed and updated.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

- The Annual Dinner, Spring Talk and Broomfield Schools Photographic Competition did not take place due to COVID restrictions.
- The Summer Garden Party took place at Slipper House in August 2021.

MEMBERSHIP: A Membership Drive to around 400 local households in spring 2021 resulted in approximately 50 new members, taking total membership to around 150.

PUBLICITY: Newsletters were distributed to all members in January and July. An article was published in The Ems newspaper in January 2021, alongside a photo of the new sluice gate.

3. Financial Review

The income for the financial year to 30th September 2021 was £5,948.93 against an expenditure of £10,561.46. However, without the £8,383.72 expenditure on the sluice gate, the CIO would have reported a reasonable net income.

2021 included the first full year of income from Dolphin Quay Boat yard (£2,000). There was no income from social events, although many Members made donations in lieu of the Annual Dinner. Other than the sluice gate, there was no other "extraordinary" expenditure. The bank balance at the end of the year was £12,755.19.

The CIO currently has no policy for holding reserves, but is conservative in its nature, with spending kept to a minimum, with work mostly done by volunteers.

4. Structure, Governance and Management

Slipper Mill Pond Preservation Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("SMPPA CIO"). It operates in accordance with its Constitution drawn up in October 2018. The CIO is largely funded by its members, who mostly live in the vicinity of the Pond, and by income from Dolphin Quay Boatyard, along with grants from time to time.

2020-21 was its first year of operation. All activities of the previous registered charity number 277744 Slipper Mill Pond Preservation Association were transferred to the SMPPA CIO as of 1st October 2020.

The Trustees are elected in compliance with the provisions of the CIO Constitution. Trustees have continued to meet quarterly in person or via video call during 2020-2021, and on additional occasions as required.

5. Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

Trustee Name	Office	Dates Acted
Jo Greenfield	Chairman	Full Year (first year in role)
Sharon Corbett	Membership Secretary	Full Year
Simon Eveleigh		Full Year
Simon Dwyer		Full Year
Gary Jones		Part Year (retired end of year)
Bill Keeble		Full Year (retired end of year)

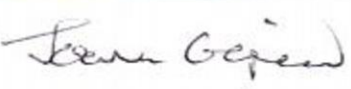

- There are no corporate trustees, or trustees holding title to any property belonging to the CIO.
- The CIO does not hold any funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.
- There are no Exemptions from disclosure of key personnel details.

The Trustees would like to thank all those who have kindly provided additional donations during the past year and are also grateful to all the Members for their continued support.

6. Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	JOANNA GREENFIELD	SIMON EVELEIGH
Position	CHAIRMAN	TRUSTEE
Date	25 OCT 2021	26 OCT 2021

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

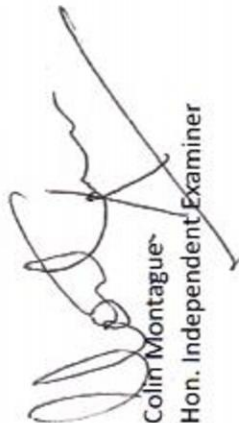
<u>SMPPA</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>CIO</u>
<u>2019/20</u>		<u>2020/21</u>
£ 1,252.00	Subscriptions	£ 1,855.00
£ 4,063.00	Donations	£ 660.00
	<u>Fund Raising</u>	
£ 2,398.00	Annual Dinner	£ -
	Sale of Bird Books, Notelets etc	£ 91.00
	Gift Aid	£ 1,252.87
£ 1,000.00	Dolphin Quay Rent	£ 2,000.00
£ 4.71	Interest on Bank Accounts	£ 0.06
	Other income (sluice wood sale)	£ 90.00
£ 8,717.71		Sum £ 5,948.93

<u>SMPPA</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>CIO</u>
<u>2019/20</u>		<u>2020/21</u>
£ 5.00	Annual Lease Rent of Mill Pond	£ 5.00
£ -	Trust for Conservation Volunteers	£ -
£ -	Public Liability Insurance (SMPPA & Owners)	£ 430.88
£ 1,936.00	Annual Dinner	£ -
£ 24.00	Printing/Stationery/Postage/Misc	£ 153.76
£ 86.24	SMPPA Website	£ 88.64
£ -	Signage	£ 169.20
£ 923.52	Pond Maintenance & Planting	£ 1,320.26
£ 5,238.28	Legal Fees	£ 10.00
£ -	Sluice Gate Replacement	£ 8,383.72
£ 8,213.04		Sum £ 10,561.46

SUMMARY

<u>2019/20</u>		<u>2020/21</u>
£ 8,717.04	Annual Income	£ 5,948.93
-£ 8,213.04	Annual Expenditure	-£ 10,561.46
£ 504.00	Gain/Loss	-£ 4,612.53

From the documents presented to me, I believe this to be a true and fair statement of account for the year ending 30th September 2021.


 Colin Montague
 Hon. Independent Examiner

October 2021

BANK BALANCES

	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>
Community Account	£ 11,139.41	£ 12,755.19
Business Saver Account	£ 6,228.31	£ -
Cheques in hand	£ -	£ -
Less unrepresented cheques	£ -	£ -
	£ 17,367.72	Sum £ 12,755.19

Outstanding Commitments - October 2021

Pond ownership transfer legal fees	£ 1,500.00
Potential Balance	£ 11,255.19
Broomfield Schools Photographic Balance incl above	£ 928.64