

THE KINGSDOWN LAND TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1180482

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-10-29

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE LOCAL AREA OF KINGSDOWN THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.

Activities: The Kingsdown Land Trust aims to restore the land to its natural habitat. The first phase of this process is to monitor and record the natural vegetation which is done by volunteers. We are also consulting with organisations such as the Kent Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust about how to proceed.

Classification

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

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31		£0	£0	-
2024-03-31		£0	£0	-
2023-03-31		£0	£0	-
2022-03-31		£0	£0	-
2021-03-31		£0	£0	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Benjamin Palmer		2025-04-17
Clive Chandler		2022-03-22
Joanne Turpin		2020-03-13
MARIA NAOMI PRESSNELL		2012-09-14
Michael Turpin		2020-03-13
Richard Collins		2021-12-15

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12th January 2026

We had the most amazing display of pyramidal orchids over the spring/summer of 2025 which shows that the regular cutting back is having the desired effect. Once they had gone to seed in the autumn, the site was cut back. This was carried out, once again, with the kind assistance of the Kent Wildlife Trust warden and volunteers.

We were joined by Ben Palmer, who has volunteered to become a trustee. Ben grew up in Kingsdown and so it's brilliant to welcome Ben back to help look after the site.

This year we plan to do an early summer cut which will hopefully stop the more invasive species from taking hold over the spring/summer, giving space for the wild flowers to thrive.

We will continue with annual cutting of regrowth and monitor of progress. The advice and assistance of the local Kent Wildlife team has been invaluable and we hope to continue working with them in the future.

The Trust has not accumulated any funds during this financial year and there has been no expenditure.

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22st January 2025

There was a good display of wild flowers over the summer of 2024 and the regular cutting back is starting to reduce the invasive plants with an increasing variety of wild flowers appearing. Once they had gone to seed in the autumn, the site was cut back. This was carried out with the assistance of Kent Wildlife Trust warden and volunteers.

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21st January 2024

Once again the Kent Wildlife Trust warden and twelve volunteers spent a day in March helping the trustees to cut back regrowth. This made way for a good show of wildflowers over the spring and summer months.

Some minor fence repairs were undertaken to maintain the boundary and a small ash tree which was blown over was cut and piled up to create a habitat for insects and small mammals.

In November the regrowth was cut, again with the assistance of Kent Wildlife Trust volunteers working alongside the trustees.

We will continue with the bi-annual cutting of regrowth, which should keep the more invasive species at bay, while allowing sunlight to the ground to promote wildflowers to thrive.

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15th January 2023

Clive Chandler has joined the Land Trust as a trustee and has already helped enormously with the donation of fencing materials as well as assisting with work on the site.

The old derelict fencing has now been removed and new stock fencing has been erected. The gate is left unsecured so as not to exclude local people, but the fence should deter dogs from using the area.

The Kent Wildlife Trust warden and volunteers spent a day in February cutting back all of the bramble and scrub, to enable wildflowers to gain some light. A small amount of rubbish and tyres were also cleared and removed from site.

An owl box and bat box were constructed by a trustee and have been mounted on two suitable trees. We look forward to seeing if these get used in the coming years.

In November the regrowth was cut, again with the assistance of Kent Wildlife Trust volunteers working alongside the trustees. This additional help made it possible to clear the whole site, rake it up and dispose of the waste in one day.

The plan this coming year is to do an early cut of the regrowth and carry out more detailed surveys over the summer.

Hopefully in the spring we will start to see the return of more wildflowers and wildlife while continuing to keep the invasive species under control.

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8th January 2022

Dorthe Bucknell has retired as a trustee and Richard Collins has volunteered to join us, so we remain with a total of four trustees. It is hoped that we can recruit further trustees from the local community as work progresses.

A small amount of clearing was carried out by the trustees at the beginning of 2021 and during that spring/summer surveys showed pyramidal orchids, oxeye daisies, thistles and teasels and various insects. Due to covid restrictions and avoiding cutting during nesting season, no further work was undertaken.

Following further discussions with Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT), the East Kent Downland Warden visited the site to advise on the best way to manage the land. She agreed that as much of the regrowth as possible should be cleared in order to return the site to chalk grassland which is an important habitat in east Kent and vital for a number of rare species. This would allow less invasive species such as orchids to push through and hopefully we will see some more diverse plants and insects eventually appearing.

A joint task day with volunteers from KWT has been arranged for February and a number of additional volunteers from the local community have also agreed to help. With this additional help it should be possible to clear the majority of the regrowth in one day. This will be a great start to the ongoing work and further clearing in late summer will help distribute any seeds present and to keep invasive species under control.

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Michael Turpin

Trustee