



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 April 2023 **Period start date** **To** 31st March 2024 **Period end date**

Charity name: Sustainable Nitrogen Foundation

Charity registration number: 1180511

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance environmental protection or improvement for the benefit of the public by carrying out scientific research into biological nitrogen fixation and publishing the useful results, with a few to securing outcomes in the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and water pollution derived from nitrogen fertilisers in agriculture.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	For the period the Trustees have sought grant funding and donations for research projects to expand the development, formulation, production and use of biological nitrogen fixation in small holder agricultural production. Of particular note is a project secured for a project in Rwanda.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have at all times had full regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have made decisions consistent with the objects and purposes of the Foundation.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Foundation prepared proposals and applied for grant funding for research projects in the following countries: Mauritius, Senegal, and Rwanda. All the proposals involved collaboration with local partners. Funding for the project in Rwanda was secured with funding provided through the One Acre Fund. The initial studies undertaken by the Foundation have demonstrated that it is possible to isolate nitrogen fixing bacteria from sugarcane in Rwanda.</p> <p>The Chair of Trustees attended a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation workshop in May 2023 in Seattle to discuss endophytic nitrogen-fixation, the outcomes of which are published in: "Endophytic microbes for crop nutrition: reality or myth? Highlights from an Expert Convening. SEATTLE, MAY 16-17, 2023 .</p> <p>Contributions to research on NanoSIMS microscopy from the Foundation were submitted to the scientific journal <i>eLife</i> in the research paper entitled "Subcellular visualization of the distribution of atmospheric dinitrogen fixed by <i>Gluconacetobacter diazotrophicus</i> bacteria in maize". The results demonstrate that fixed nitrogen derived from the nitrogen-fixing bacteria <i>Gluconacetobacter diazotrophicus</i> colonised maize, preferentially targeting leaf chloroplasts. This is a significant achievement and a global scientific first.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income: £91,380.00 Expenditure: £27,680.00 Total Net Assets: £67,466.00
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Charity is a 'going concern'

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grant funding and revenues from book sales of the book entitled 'Fixed on Nitrogen'.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees were selected and appointed in accordance with the Foundation's Policy for recruitment and appointment of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is responsible for review, selection and appointing by majority vote of all Trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sustainable Nitrogen Foundation
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1181105

Charity's principal address	Cutbush House, White Hall Lane, Saham Toney, Norfolk IP25 7HB

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	Edward Cocking	Trustee	Until 14th July 2023	Foundation Board
2	David Dent	Chair & Trustee	Founder	Foundation Board
3	Mungo Park	Trustee	Acted for full year	Foundation Board
4	Rebecca de Souza	Trustee	Acted for full year	Foundation Board
5	Jonathan Wadsworth	Trustee	From 1st September 2023	Foundation Board
6	Sarah Hill (nee' Cocking)	Trustee	From 1st September 2023	Foundation Board
7	Oyin Bishi	Trustee	Until 1st September 2023	Foundation Board
8	Janet Muir	Trustee	From 16th November 2023	Foundation Board
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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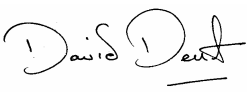
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	David Roy Dent	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
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Date	?????????
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date

To

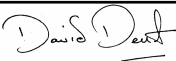
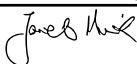
Period end date

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Book Sales	32	-	-	32	26
Project Funds and Donations	1,200	90,096	-	91,296	120
Bank Account Interest	53	-	-	53	6
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,285	90,096	-	91,381	152
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	1,285	90,096	- 0	91,381	152
A3 Payments					
Bank Fees	60	-	-	60	72
Website and IT	465	-	-	465	120
Insurance	392	-	-	392	387
One Acre Fund Spend	- 0	26,763	-	26,763	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	917	26,763	-	27,680	579
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	917	26,763	- 0	27,680	579
Net of receipts/(payments)	368	63,333	-	63,701	- 427
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,766	-	-	3,766	-
Cash funds this year end	4,134	63,333	-	67,467	- 427

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Donations, Book Sales and Bank Interest	4,134	63,333	-
		-	-	-

		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,134	63,333	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		David Dent		16/10/24
		Janet Muir		16/10/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

THE SUSTAINABLE NITROGEN FOUNDATION

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1180511

Set out on pages

1 TO 3

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement [The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the **examination** by being a qualified member of **The CERTIFIED INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS CPAA**.

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:

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- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:	Clair Rylands	Date:	24/11/2024
Name:	Clair J Rylands ACPA		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Certified Practisinf Public Accoutnant		
Address:	DANICA TCL		
	WAYLAND HOUSE, HIGH STREET, WATTON,		
	THETFORD, NORFOLK, IP24 5AR		

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.