

# LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1180626

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-11-09

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1) TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE BIODIVERSITY, LANDSCAPE, NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE RURAL AREAS OF PETERBOROUGH, FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL PEOPLE, VISITORS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE RURAL AREAS OF PETERBOROUGH, AND ITS HISTORIC AND CULTURAL ASPECTS

**Activities:** To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the Natural Environment and Heritage in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and South Lincolnshire through restoring and managing the habitat and promoting biological diversity to enhance people's enjoyment and understanding of wildlife and their heritage.

## Classification

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

## Geography

- Cambridgeshire
- Lincolnshire
- Peterborough City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£86,972	£128,588	-	-
2023-12-31	£89,584	£28,633	-	-
2022-12-31	£103,675	£44,757	-	-
2021-12-31	£35,772	£27,313	-	-
2020-12-31	£26,402	£20,480	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>RICHARD HOWARD ASTLE</b>	Chair	2018-11-09
Andrew Paul Strand		2026-06-12
BRIAN LAWRENCE B.SC.		2018-11-09
Cllr Peter John Hiller		2022-07-16
David Rowell		2025-07-17
Justin Scott Tilley		2020-07-22
Mark Derek Asplin		2025-07-17
Martin Antony Parsons		2025-07-17
Stuart Ronald Irons		2025-12-01
Susan Elizabeth Lucas		2025-07-17

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# Accounts

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Langdyke  
Countryside Trust

# **LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST**

**Registered as a Charity and Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England & Wales No 1180626**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY to 31 DECEMBER 2024**

## **1. Governance**

Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO was registered as a Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO) (no 1180626) by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 9th November 2018. The objectives of the CIO are to promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the biodiversity, landscape, natural and cultural heritage of the rural areas of Peterborough, for the benefit of local people, visitors and the general public; and to advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the rural areas of Peterborough, and its historic and cultural aspects.

These objectives are achieved by the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment and heritage in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and South Lincolnshire through restoring and managing the habitat and promoting biological diversity to enhance people's enjoyment and understanding of wildlife and their heritage.

Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO is governed by its Constitution approved and registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 9 November 2018. The Trust holds an Annual General Meeting, at which, all full paid-up members and honorary members, are entitled to attend and vote. This meeting elects the Trustees of the Trust.

The CIO is managed by its trustees supported by a Management Board. The number of trustees is set by the constitution and may be between four and twelve. As at 31/12/2024 there were eight trustees and a list of trustees is given below. Trustees are appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Other members of the Management Board are appointed by the Board of Trustees. There is no set time period for service on the Management Board. The Management Board is responsible for the day-to-day management of the trust, such as setting budgets, approving all trust management policies and procedures, approving the trust accounts, etc. All Trustees are full members of the Management Board. The Management Board is chaired by the Chair of Trustees. Trustees receive no remuneration, but are entitled to re-imbursment for any expenses, incurred on trust business. Currently no trustee receives any car or motoring expenses.

In addition to the Management Board, there are three strategy groups which are responsible for helping to achieve the Trust's five strategic objectives. these groups report to the Management Board and have executive functions delegated to them under the trust's Scheme of Delegation.

Currently the Trust does not employ any paid staff, although it does use consultancy and professional services on a fee basis.

There were no serious incidents in the Trust for the period of this return.

**2. Board of Trustees.** (all trustees served throughout the year unless stated otherwise)

Richard H Astle (Chair of Trustees)

Robert D. Cowcill

Andrew Curwen (Honorary Treasurer)

Peter J Hiller

Brian Lawrence

Claire J Noble

Lauren N Saunby

Justin S Tilley.

**3. Bankers**

Metro Bank plc. 29 Long Causeway, Peterborough. PE1 1YJ

**4. Independent Examiner of Accounts**

Ian Mace, ACA, 2 Garden Close, Grantham, NG31 9EF.

**5. Solicitors for the Trust**

Roythornes Solicitors, Enterprise Way, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 3YR

**6. Insurance Brokers**

PIB Insurance Brokers, 1 Penman Way, Grove Park, Leicester. LE19 1SY

## 7. Annual Report of the Chair of the Trust.

2024 was a significant year for the Trust as we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with record membership numbers and a 10% increase in our landholdings through the purchase of a new reserve at Christ's College Pits. We were also able to move the John Clare Countryside project significantly forward.

Over the course of the year, we **continued to engage our members (strategic objectives 1 and 5)** and other visitors through a programme of monthly events, ranging from walks around our reserves, visits to other local sites, training and identification courses and illustrated talks. We also introduced a new Langdyke Book Club which proved immediately popular. Our members continued to enjoy opportunities to volunteer on the reserves and to use our Facebook Private Group – which has now over 1000 members - to post their photos and seek guidance on identification. In the previous year membership declined slightly. In 2024 it has leapt back as a result of the structured membership recruitment and retention strategy put in place by our People and Communities Team. Our Artists in Residence delivered a full programme during the year, including workshops for members and a wonderfully curated exhibition of their work.

Our reserves (**strategic objectives 2 and 3**) are managed under the supervision of the Trust's Reserves Committee. In 2024 we completed the purchase of 22 acres of wetland, meadow and woodland at Christ's College Pits and were able to start initial work on site, designed to encourage greater access and improved nature rich habitats. Initial surveys of the site have demonstrated its importance for nature, particularly invertebrates and wild-flowers. We are now working with the Environment Agency to improve access to the general public off the Maxey Cut and are in negotiations with neighbouring landowners to increase the size of the reserve. We were also able to install new viewing facilities for the general public at our Vergette Wood Meadow reserve and to create three new ponds at our Etton High Meadow reserve, both thanks to a significant donation from a Langdyke member, benefiting both people and nature.

We continued our work to help nature recover across **the wider countryside (strategic objective 4)** and held two conferences during the year to promote the John Clare Countryside, the first attended by the Leader of Peterborough City Council and the Elected Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Both offered ringing endorsements of the project as follows: Leader of Peterborough City Council, Councillor Dennis Jones said: "It was fantastic to see the passion and ambition in the room at the conference and hear more about this exciting project. This is a vitally important project for the people of Peterborough – one that can help us deliver our ambitious growth agenda to improve social, economic and health outcomes across the city. The project has the potential to be an internationally significant example of how we can combine nature, arts and heritage under the banner of Britain's greatest nature poet, to deliver

better health, community cohesion and overall quality of life. It truly is a project for Peterborough and our residents and one that I am very happy to get behind and help make happen!"

Mayor Dr Nik Johnson said, "This was an excellent event about an inspirational project. The John Clare Countryside has the unique potential to address so many key themes: enhancing health and well-being, restoring nature and mitigating climate change, creating sustainable models of farming and a vibrant and internationally renowned landscape that puts our region firmly on the map as a centre for nature-based solutions. The unifying figure of John Clare, the country's foremost poet of nature, and someone who struggled through poverty and ill health, gives it real resonance as an exemplar of how we can mobilise arts and heritage to help enhance outcomes for all."

As part of the John Clare Countryside Project, 2024 saw the planting of new hedgerows in Helpston and Maxey and the restoration of a significant pond in Ailsworth parish.

## **8. Achievements against objectives set**

The Trust's strategy sets out five key objectives, as set out below, a review of progress against objectives is contained in the Chair's annual report above.

1. To increase membership year on year.
2. To enhance its existing reserves for nature
3. To expand its reserves
4. To promote the John Clare Countryside
5. To engage and inspire its members.

2024 saw significant progress against each of these objectives. Membership has continued to increase and is now at record levels. Our nature reserves are increasing their biodiversity value year on year, as shown by our regular surveys of each site, particularly in terms of invertebrate species, and we have most significantly been able to increase our landholdings by over 10% through the acquisition of Christ's College Reserve. Progress with the John Clare Countryside is recorded in section seven of this report.

The Trust's Trustees also took time to review the mid-long-term future of the charity, particularly focusing on whether the growth opportunities that are coming forward to take on more reserves, are achievable within the context of the Trust's purely volunteer

approach to resourcing. A strategic workshop agreed to continue with the current approach for the foreseeable future but to start conversations with key local charitable partners about potential partnerships or even mergers that could address this emerging issue. These initial conversations took place in the last months of 2024 and are ongoing at the time of writing this report.

## **9. Contributions made by volunteers.**

Langdyke has no paid members of staff. All our activities are devised, organised and delivered by volunteers.

Each week there are at least two work parties on our reserves, with additional work parties organised from September onwards at other locations through the John Clare Countryside project. Behind the scenes we also have volunteer-led committees that plan our conservation work (The Reserves Committee), our membership recruitment and engagement (People and Communities Committee) and manage our operations (Finance and Governance Committee). In total we have well over 70 active volunteers, playing a key role in the delivery of our objectives.

During 2024 we were also able to engage a number of local companies in our work, organising and delivering corporate work parties on a number of occasions for companies such as Caterpillar, Compare the Market and Wave.

## **10. Financial Review**

2024 was a busy financial year for the Trust with continued fund raising and significant spend - principally on the Purchase of Christ's College Pit. As a result, there was as planned, an overall deficit in the year of £41,616. However, after significant fund raising in 2023 and 2024 our financial position remains good with an increase in unrestricted funds of 8.7% to just over £50,000. Pleasingly, subscription income has held up helped by £1,200 of income from a small number of new lifetime members. Excluding the income from the lifetime members, subscriptions rose around 12% in 2024.

Total income for the year amounted to £86,972 – a small decrease from 2023 (£89,584). Income for unrestricted purposes amounted to £34,203 – a 16% increase on 2023 (£29,467) mainly due to higher membership subscriptions and interest income as a result of rate improvements. Restricted income however dropped from £60,116 in 2023 to £52,770 in 2024 mainly as a result of the differing fundraising activities in the 2 years.

The major elements of our restricted income arose from:

- Further fundraising for the opportunity to purchase a strategic reserve from Christ's College Cambridge - £28,250 . of which £26,520 was received from Augean through the Grantscape fund
- grants received from the Environment Agency relating to work at Maxey Cut (£7,500), Compare the Market (£6,000) and ongoing funding from National Grid plc in connection with Bainton Heath (£10,750).

Government Agricultural Subsidies, such as Basic Farm Payments, Entry and Higher-level stewardship totalled £19,256 versus £17,761 in 2023. The regime around such payments from Government is changing and we can expect reductions relating to each parcel of land in the future. These payments are very important to the trust and represent a significant portion of the trust's unrestricted revenue. The changing regime continues to be monitored carefully by the trust.

Apart from immaterial amounts received via the Charities Aid Foundation of America, the trust received income only from sources within the United Kingdom during the year.

Expenditure amounted to £128,588 (versus £28,633 in 2023). This major change was principally driven by a significant increase in reserves spend, which rose from £10,176 in 2023 to £118,536 in 2024 and included:

- the purchase of Christ's College Pit for £52,701 (including professional fees) and subsequent reserve spend of around £6,500
- £29,500 of expenditure from the Capital Projects restricted funds including: a pond at Etton High Meadow, a viewing platform and other work at Vergette's Meadow and improvements to the car park at Swaddywell Pit
- emergency work to remove Crassula at Etton Maxey of £7,500
- an increase in spend at Bainton Heath of over £5,000 despite access difficulties
- essential equipment purchased using the PECT restricted fund of around £2,600.

After all the above items, regular expenditure on reserves was around £14,700 versus of £10,176 in 2023 and £16,834 in 2022. Excluding the reserves expenditure, the main changes in expenditure from the prior year were:

- a reduction in specific Health and Safety spend as the £4,656 in 2023 included the purchase of 2 defibrillators and first aid courses for volunteers which are on a 3-year rolling programme
- a relative absence of professional fees not charged to a related restricted fund

- £1,296 of spend on community projects in 2024 versus £4,358 in 2023.

In 2024 nearly 95% of our total expenditure of £128,588 related to: work on, or health and safety at, the reserves, equipment purchase and maintenance, and community projects. Of the remaining 5%, 2.2% was on insurance, 2.0% for publicity and members' events, and around 1% on administration.

Unrestricted cash reserves rose 8.7% from £46,188 at 31 December 2023 to £50,219 at 31 December 2024. Restricted cash reserves decreased from £127,463 in 2023 to £81,817 at the 2024 year end. After a relatively low level of spend in unrestricted funds versus income in 2023 and 2024 we expect an increase in 2025 as various essential works at the reserves are planned in the budget.

The trust has a policy that recommends that cash reserves should not fall below an average of 4 months expenditure. The current unrestricted cash reserves indicate that the trust continues to operate within this threshold.

As reported last year, in 2022 the trust used, for the first time, the services of a Professional fund raiser to assist in the successful fundraising for the purchase of Christ's College Pit. A further payment of £500 was made to the same fund raiser in 2023. No payments were made for fund raising assistance in 2024.

The trust does not work, neither did it have expenses, outside England and Wales.

The trust receives no income from Central or Local Government Contracts during the year, neither has the Trust entered into any such contracts. During 2024 the Trust received income from Government Subsidy for Higher Level Stewardship and Basic Farm Payments of £19,256 (£17,761 in 2023). It also received restricted income of £7,500 from the Environment Agency for the Trust's assistance with work to be undertaken at Maxey Cut.

Richard Astle  
Chair of Trustees  
18 July 2024

Andrew Curwen  
Honorary Treasurer  
18 July 2024

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>									
Subscriptions	9,093.85		0.00		9,093.85		6,997.84		2
Donations - restricted	0.00		28,520.00		28,520.00		41,366.22		3
Donations unrestricted	320.69		0.00		320.69		708.59		
Grants	0.00		24,250.00		24,250.00		18,750.00		4
Government Rural Subsidies	19,256.04		0.00		19,256.04		17,761.36		5
Income from Events	807.44		0.00		807.44		698.64		
Other income	0.00		0.00		0.00		1,750.00		
Interest	4,724.35		0.00		4,724.35		1,551.47		
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>34,202.37</b>		<b>52,770.00</b>		<b>86,972.37</b>		<b>89,584.12</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>									
Governance Costs	186.00				186.00		144.00		6
Administrative and IT Costs	701.85				701.85		424.73		
Training Costs and Health and Safety	11.00				11.00		4,656.79		6
Publicity and Communications	1,600.28				1,600.28		722.14		6
Professional Advice	52.00				52.00		1,248.00		7
Management of Animal Flock	826.41				826.41		705.56		
Purchase of Equipment	699.68		0.00		699.68		1,425.23		
Maintenance of Assets	445.50				445.50		1,208.11		
Insurances	2,848.02				2,848.02		2,114.77		
Property Expenses	358.53				358.53		278.48		
Cost of Events for Members	1,026.40				1,026.40		1,172.06		
Community Projects incl JCC	1,295.83		0.00		1,295.83		4,357.58		8
Expenditure on Reserves	20,120.23		98,416.44		118,536.67		10,175.97		9
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>30,171.73</b>		<b>98,416.44</b>		<b>128,588.17</b>		<b>28,633.42</b>	
<b>Surplus /(Deficit) on Year</b>		<b>4,030.64</b>		<b>(45,646.44)</b>		<b>(41,615.80)</b>		<b>60,950.70</b>	

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
		£		£		£		£	
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>									
Cash funds brought /fwd. at 1 January		46,188.41		127,463.49		173,651.90		112,751.20	
Adj for £50 float paid into bank 16/3/23		0.00		0.00		0.00		(50.00)	
Adj for de minimis old funds written off		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)for year		4,030.64		(45,646.44)		(41,615.80)		60,950.70	
Cash funds carried /fwd. at 31 December		50,219.05		81,817.05		132,036.10		173,651.90	10 & 11

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1 - Accounting Policies**

The Accounts of the Langdyke Countryside Trust Charitable Incorporated Organisation meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. Under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 charities, that are not companies, are allowed to prepare receipts and payments accounts provided that the charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000. The trustees have therefore opted to take advantage of this provision and to prepare receipts and payments accounts.

As the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, all purchases of land/other assets are shown as part of the revenue account and charged in total in the year of purchase.

	<b>31st Dec. 2024</b>	<b>31st Dec. 2023</b>
<b>2 - Subscriptions</b>		
Subscriptions	£6,554.00	£5,580.00
Lifetime Subscriptions	£1,200.00	£0.00
Gift aid Tax Refunds	<u>£1,339.85</u>	<u>£1,417.84</u>
	<u>£9,093.85</u>	<u>£6,997.84</u>
<b>3 - Donations - restricted</b>		
Christ College Pits appeal	£28,520.00	£32,866.22
Capital projects	£0.00	£0.00
Capital projects - Gift aid Tax Refund	£0.00	£7,500.00
Other donations	£0.00	£1,000.00
	<u>£28,520.00</u>	<u>£41,366.22</u>
<b>4 - Grants Received</b>		
National Grid plc - Bainton Heath	£10,750.00	£10,750.00
Compare the Market	£6,000.00	£0.00
Environment Agency - Maxey Cut	£7,500.00	£0.00
Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT)	£0.00	£8,000.00
	<u>£24,250.00</u>	<u>£18,750.00</u>
<b>5 - Government Rural Subsidies</b>		
Basic Farm Payment for year	£8,902.54	£7,407.86
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Torpel	£938.00	£938.00
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Etton/Maxey	£7,701.00	£7,701.00
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Swaddywell	<u>£1,714.50</u>	<u>£1,714.50</u>
Total Revenue for year	<u>£19,256.04</u>	<u>£17,761.36</u>

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**6 - Training and Health and Safety, Governance Costs and Publicity and Communications**

Training and Health and Safety decreased significantly in 2024 due to the absence of First Aid training (on a 3 year cycle) and the purchase of 2 defibrilators both of which occurred in 2023. Governance Costs include costs associated with the AGM. Costs of producing the Annual Report are included in Publicity and Communications.

**7 - Professional Fees.**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Fund Raising	£0.00	£500.00
Advice on Subsidies	£0.00	£360.00
Other	£52.00	£388.00
	<u>£52.00</u>	<u>£1,248.00</u>

**8. - Community Projects**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
JCC (John Clare Countryside)	£1,295.83		£1,295.83	£4,357.58
	<u>£1,295.83</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£1,295.83</u>	<u>£4,357.58</u>

**9 - Expenditure on Reserves (inc. restricted Funds)**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
- Bainton Heath	£0.00	£5,621.19	£5,621.19	£678.97	£4,553.00
- Etton/Maxey Pit	£12,043.61		£12,043.61	£4,312.14	£6,985.84
- Etton High Meadow	£1,710.33		£1,710.33	£1,225.92	£1,633.33
- Vergette's Meadow	£2,332.66		£2,332.66	£1,396.00	£1,150.15
- Swaddywell	£1,615.13		£1,615.13	£2,166.94	£1,973.56
- Torpel Field	£705.85		£705.85	£0.00	£538.60
- Christ's College Pit		£59,200.26	£59,200.26	£300.00	£0.00
- Capital Projects Appeal		£29,508.00	£29,508.00	£0.00	£0.00
- Compare the Market		£1,443.99	£1,443.99	£0.00	£0.00
- PECT		£2,643.00	£2,643.00	£0.00	£0.00
- General - incl M'lady's/Viewing platform	£1,712.65		£1,712.65	£96.00	£0.00
	<u>£20,120.23</u>	<u>£98,416.44</u>	<u>£118,536.67</u>	<u>£10,175.97</u>	<u>£16,834.48</u>

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<b>10 - Restricted Fund Balances</b>	<b>Balance at 1 January 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Other Adj</b>	<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>
Capital Projects Appeal	£37,500.00		(£29,508.00)		£7,992.00
Christ College Pits Appeal	£47,208.81	£28,520.00	(£59,200.26)		£16,528.55
National Grid - Bainton Heath	£35,244.68	£10,750.00	(£5,621.19)		£40,373.49
Other restricted donations	£0.00				£0.00
Viewing Platform at Etton	(£490.00)				(£490.00)
Peterborough Environment City Trust	£8,000.00		(£2,643.00)		£5,357.00
Compare the Market.com	£0.00	£6,000.00	(£1,443.99)		£4,556.01
Environment Agency - Maxey Cut	£0.00	£7,500.00			£7,500.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>£127,463.49</b>	<b>£52,770.00</b>	<b>(£98,416.44)</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£81,817.05</b>

Expenditure on Capital Projects included a Pond at Etton High Meadow and other works at both Swaddywell Pit and Vergette's Meadow. Expenditure on Christ's College included the initial purchase of £52,701 and subsequent work including a biodiversity survey, clearing work and signage.

Other adjustments totalling £344.71 were made in 2023 to write up/down to zero those funds (both positive and negative) which were effectively defunct with no further activity. As no specific fundraising was launched for the viewing platform at Etton, the intention in 2025 is to write off the remaining negative balance against unrestricted reserves.

<b>11 - Cash Balances at period end</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2023</b>
Ordinary Account - Metro Bank	£13,057.12	£4,006.27
Deposit Account 1 - Metro Bank	£0.00	£20,883.21
Deposit Account 2 - Metro Bank	£117,968.77	£148,762.42
Virgin Money 35 day Deposit Account	£1,010.21	£0.00
	<u>£132,036.10</u>	<u>£173,651.90</u>
Less Unpresented cheques	£0.00	£0.00
	<u>£132,036.10</u>	<u>£173,651.90</u>

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**12 - Tangible Assets retained for the Trust's own use (at cost)**

As all asset purchases are charged to the revenue account at the time of purchase no depreciation is shown in this table.

	Assets as at 1/1/2024	Purchases	Disposals	Assets as at 31/12/2024
Torpel Field	£85,000	£0	£0	£85,000
Torpel Cabin	£35,214	£0	£0	£35,214
Swaddywell Pit	£35,000	£0	£0	£35,000
Swaddywell Cabin	£11,300	£0	£0	£11,300
Christ's College Pit	£0	£52,701	£0	£52,701
Reserve enhancements	£29,058	£32,440	£0	£61,498
Mobile equipment	£3,203	£2,643	£0	£5,846
Container	£1,500	£0	£0	£1,500
	£200,275	£87,784	£0	£288,059

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Chair and Trustee  
Date 20/03/2025

*A. Curwen*

**Andrew Curwen**  
Trustee and Honorary Treasurer  
Date 20/03/2025

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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Ian Mace ACA

Independent Examiner: Dated 17 April 2025

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>									
Subscriptions	9,093.85		0.00		9,093.85		6,997.84		2
Donations - restricted	0.00		28,520.00		28,520.00		41,366.22		3
Donations unrestricted	320.69		0.00		320.69		708.59		
Grants	0.00		24,250.00		24,250.00		18,750.00		4
Government Rural Subsidies	19,256.04		0.00		19,256.04		17,761.36		5
Income from Events	807.44		0.00		807.44		698.64		
Other income	0.00		0.00		0.00		1,750.00		
Interest	4,724.35		0.00		4,724.35		1,551.47		
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>34,202.37</b>		<b>52,770.00</b>		<b>86,972.37</b>		<b>89,584.12</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>									
Governance Costs	186.00				186.00		144.00		6
Administrative and IT Costs	701.85				701.85		424.73		
Training Costs and Health and Safety	11.00				11.00		4,656.79		6
Publicity and Communications	1,600.28				1,600.28		722.14		6
Professional Advice	52.00				52.00		1,248.00		7
Management of Animal Flock	826.41				826.41		705.56		
Purchase of Equipment	699.68		0.00		699.68		1,425.23		
Maintenance of Assets	445.50				445.50		1,208.11		
Insurances	2,848.02				2,848.02		2,114.77		
Property Expenses	358.53				358.53		278.48		
Cost of Events for Members	1,026.40				1,026.40		1,172.06		
Community Projects incl JCC	1,295.83		0.00		1,295.83		4,357.58		8
Expenditure on Reserves	20,120.23		98,416.44		118,536.67		10,175.97		9
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>30,171.73</b>		<b>98,416.44</b>		<b>128,588.17</b>		<b>28,633.42</b>	
<b>Surplus /(Deficit) on Year</b>		<b>4,030.64</b>		<b>(45,646.44)</b>		<b>(41,615.80)</b>		<b>60,950.70</b>	

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
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	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
		£		£		£		£	
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>									
Cash funds brought /fwd. at 1 January		46,188.41		127,463.49		173,651.90		112,751.20	
Adj for £50 float paid into bank 16/3/23		0.00		0.00		0.00		(50.00)	
Adj for de minimis old funds written off		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)for year		4,030.64		(45,646.44)		(41,615.80)		60,950.70	
Cash funds carried /fwd. at 31 December		50,219.05		81,817.05		132,036.10		173,651.90	10 & 11

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1 - Accounting Policies**

The Accounts of the Langdyke Countryside Trust Charitable Incorporated Organisation meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. Under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 charities, that are not companies, are allowed to prepare receipts and payments accounts provided that the charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000. The trustees have therefore opted to take advantage of this provision and to prepare receipts and payments accounts.

As the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, all purchases of land/other assets are shown as part of the revenue account and charged in total in the year of purchase.

	<b>31st Dec. 2024</b>	<b>31st Dec. 2023</b>
<b>2 - Subscriptions</b>		
Subscriptions	£6,554.00	£5,580.00
Lifetime Subscriptions	£1,200.00	£0.00
Gift aid Tax Refunds	<u>£1,339.85</u>	<u>£1,417.84</u>
	<u>£9,093.85</u>	<u>£6,997.84</u>
<b>3 - Donations - restricted</b>		
Christ College Pits appeal	£28,520.00	£32,866.22
Capital projects	£0.00	£0.00
Capital projects - Gift aid Tax Refund	£0.00	£7,500.00
Other donations	£0.00	£1,000.00
	<u>£28,520.00</u>	<u>£41,366.22</u>
<b>4 - Grants Received</b>		
National Grid plc - Bainton Heath	£10,750.00	£10,750.00
Compare the Market	£6,000.00	£0.00
Environment Agency - Maxey Cut	£7,500.00	£0.00
Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT)	£0.00	£8,000.00
	<u>£24,250.00</u>	<u>£18,750.00</u>
<b>5 - Government Rural Subsidies</b>		
Basic Farm Payment for year	£8,902.54	£7,407.86
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Torpel	£938.00	£938.00
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Etton/Maxey	£7,701.00	£7,701.00
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Swaddywell	<u>£1,714.50</u>	<u>£1,714.50</u>
Total Revenue for year	<u>£19,256.04</u>	<u>£17,761.36</u>

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**6 - Training and Health and Safety, Governance Costs and Publicity and Communications**

Training and Health and Safety decreased significantly in 2024 due to the absence of First Aid training (on a 3 year cycle) and the purchase of 2 defibrilators both of which occurred in 2023. Governance Costs include costs associated with the AGM. Costs of producing the Annual Report are included in Publicity and Communications.

**7 - Professional Fees.**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Fund Raising	£0.00	£500.00
Advice on Subsidies	£0.00	£360.00
Other	£52.00	£388.00
	<u>£52.00</u>	<u>£1,248.00</u>

**8. - Community Projects**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
JCC (John Clare Countryside)	£1,295.83		£1,295.83	£4,357.58
	<u>£1,295.83</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£1,295.83</u>	<u>£4,357.58</u>

**9 - Expenditure on Reserves (inc. restricted Funds)**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
- Bainton Heath	£0.00	£5,621.19	£5,621.19	£678.97	£4,553.00
- Etton/Maxey Pit	£12,043.61		£12,043.61	£4,312.14	£6,985.84
- Etton High Meadow	£1,710.33		£1,710.33	£1,225.92	£1,633.33
- Vergette's Meadow	£2,332.66		£2,332.66	£1,396.00	£1,150.15
- Swaddywell	£1,615.13		£1,615.13	£2,166.94	£1,973.56
- Torpel Field	£705.85		£705.85	£0.00	£538.60
- Christ's College Pit		£59,200.26	£59,200.26	£300.00	£0.00
- Capital Projects Appeal		£29,508.00	£29,508.00	£0.00	£0.00
- Compare the Market		£1,443.99	£1,443.99	£0.00	£0.00
- PECT		£2,643.00	£2,643.00	£0.00	£0.00
- General - incl M'lady's/Viewing platform	£1,712.65		£1,712.65	£96.00	£0.00
	<u>£20,120.23</u>	<u>£98,416.44</u>	<u>£118,536.67</u>	<u>£10,175.97</u>	<u>£16,834.48</u>

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<b>10 - Restricted Fund Balances</b>	<b>Balance at 1 January 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Other Adj</b>	<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>
Capital Projects Appeal	£37,500.00		(£29,508.00)		£7,992.00
Christ College Pits Appeal	£47,208.81	£28,520.00	(£59,200.26)		£16,528.55
National Grid - Bainton Heath	£35,244.68	£10,750.00	(£5,621.19)		£40,373.49
Other restricted donations	£0.00				£0.00
Viewing Platform at Etton	(£490.00)				(£490.00)
Peterborough Environment City Trust	£8,000.00		(£2,643.00)		£5,357.00
Compare the Market.com	£0.00	£6,000.00	(£1,443.99)		£4,556.01
Environment Agency - Maxey Cut	£0.00	£7,500.00			£7,500.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>£127,463.49</b>	<b>£52,770.00</b>	<b>(£98,416.44)</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£81,817.05</b>

Expenditure on Capital Projects included a Pond at Etton High Meadow and other works at both Swaddywell Pit and Vergette's Meadow. Expenditure on Christ's College included the initial purchase of £52,701 and subsequent work including a biodiversity survey, clearing work and signage.

Other adjustments totalling £344.71 were made in 2023 to write up/down to zero those funds (both positive and negative) which were effectively defunct with no further activity. As no specific fundraising was launched for the viewing platform at Etton, the intention in 2025 is to write off the remaining negative balance against unrestricted reserves.

<b>11 - Cash Balances at period end</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2023</b>
Ordinary Account - Metro Bank	£13,057.12	£4,006.27
Deposit Account 1 - Metro Bank	£0.00	£20,883.21
Deposit Account 2 - Metro Bank	£117,968.77	£148,762.42
Virgin Money 35 day Deposit Account	£1,010.21	£0.00
	<u>£132,036.10</u>	<u>£173,651.90</u>
Less Unpresented cheques	£0.00	£0.00
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**12 - Tangible Assets retained for the Trust's own use (at cost)**

As all asset purchases are charged to the revenue account at the time of purchase no depreciation is shown in this table.

	Assets as at 1/1/2024	Purchases	Disposals	Assets as at 31/12/2024
Torpel Field	£85,000	£0	£0	£85,000
Torpel Cabin	£35,214	£0	£0	£35,214
Swaddywell Pit	£35,000	£0	£0	£35,000
Swaddywell Cabin	£11,300	£0	£0	£11,300
Christ's College Pit	£0	£52,701	£0	£52,701
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Mobile equipment	£3,203	£2,643	£0	£5,846
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**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180626

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# Accounts

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Langdyke  
Countryside Trust

# **LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST**

**Registered as a Charity and Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England & Wales No 1180626**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY to 31 DECEMBER 2023**

## **1. Governance**

Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO was registered as a Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO) (no 1180626) by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 9th November 2018. The objectives of the CIO are to promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the biodiversity, landscape, natural and cultural heritage of the rural areas of Peterborough, for the benefit of local people, visitors and the general public; and to advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the rural areas of Peterborough, and its historic and cultural aspects.

These objectives are achieved by the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment and heritage in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and South Lincolnshire through restoring and managing the habitat and promoting biological diversity to enhance people's enjoyment and understanding of wildlife and their heritage.

Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO is governed by its Constitution approved and registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 9 November 2018. The Trust holds an Annual General Meeting, at which, all full paid-up members and honorary members, are entitled to attend and vote. This meeting elects the Trustees of the Trust.

The CIO is managed by its trustees supported by a Management Board. The number of trustees is set by the constitution and may be between four and twelve. As at 31/12/2023 there were eight trustees and a list of trustees is given below. Trustees are appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Other members of the Management Board are appointed by the Board of Trustees. There is no set time period for service on the Management Board. The Management Board is responsible for the day-to-day management of the trust, such as setting budgets, approving all trust management policies and procedures, approving the trust accounts, etc. All Trustees are full members of the Management Board. The Management Board is chaired by the Chair of Trustees. Trustees receive no remuneration, but are entitled to re-imburement for any expenses, incurred on trust business. Currently no trustee receives any car or motoring expenses.

In addition to the Management Board, there are three strategy groups which are responsible for helping to achieve the Trust's five strategic objectives. these groups report to the Management Board and have executive functions delegated to them under the trust's Scheme of Delegation.

Currently the Trust does not employ any paid staff, although it does use consultancy and professional services on a fee basis.

There were no serious incidents in the trust for the period of this return.

**2. Board of Trustees.** (all trustees served throughout the year unless stated otherwise)

Richard H Astle (Chair of Trustees)

David J. Alvey (retired 17/6/23)

Robert D. Cowcill

Andrew Curwen (Honorary Treasurer – appointed 13/2/23)

Peter J Hiller

Brian Lawrence

Antony Mould (retired 17/6/23)

Claire J Noble

Adam E Saunby (retired 17/6/23)

Lauren N Saunby (appointed 17/6/23)

Justin S Tilley.

On 1/3/2023 Brian Lawrence stood down from his role and was replaced as Honorary Treasurer by Andrew Curwen.

**3. Bankers**

Metro Bank plc. 29 Long Causeway, Peterborough. PE1 1YJ

**4. Independent Examiner of Accounts**

Ian Mace, ACA, 2 Garden Close, Grantham, NG31 9EF.

**5. Solicitors for the Trust**

Roythornes Solicitors, Enterprise Way, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 3YR

## 6. Insurance Brokers

PIB Insurance Brokers, 1 Penman Way, Grove Park, Leicester. LE19 1SY

## 7. Annual Report of the Chair of the Trust.

2023 was another year of hard work and general success for the Trust. Langdyke's work revolves around nature and people. Wherever we can we aim to bring these two objectives together, allowing our members, local people and visitors a chance to enjoy and understand their local environment, while at the same time creating or maintaining areas where nature can thrive undisturbed.

Over the course of the year, we **engaged our members (strategic objectives 1 and 5)** and other visitors through a programme of monthly events, ranging from walks around our reserves, visits to other local sites, training and identification courses and illustrated talks. Our members also benefited from opportunities to volunteer on the reserves and to use our Facebook pages to post their photos and seek guidance on identification. Membership has declined slightly over the year, but the number of active volunteers continues to increase, and our People and Communities Committee is developing a structured membership recruitment and retention strategy. We will be undertaking a Membership Survey in 2024. We were also able to appoint a volunteer to look after our volunteers, in terms of communication and recognition. Our Artists in Residence delivered a full programme during the year, including workshops for members and a wonderfully curated exhibition of their work, while our Poet in Residence was able to join several events and give readings of his poetry, inspired by the Trust's reserves and work.

Our reserves (**strategic objectives 2 and 3**) are all managed under the supervision of the Trust's Reserves Committee and benefit greatly from this co-ordinated approach, allowing shared best practice as well as health and safety oversight. A number of training courses were held during the year for our volunteers, including on key tasks such as strimming and a refresher first aid course.

As well as the weekly work-parties on our existing reserves, we were able to commence work on a new reserve at M'Lady's Pond, where removal of some surrounding trees will enable more light to enter the pond, which will encourage biodiversity. We were unfortunately unable to finalise the purchase of another new reserve at Christ's College Pits during the year, due to unforeseen legal issues. These have now been resolved and the acquisition was completed in April 2024 with initial management work starting on site soon afterwards. We would like to record our thanks to all funders of this project and in particular Cambridge Chrysalis Trust and the Augean Community Fund.

Specific outcomes for nature include a record year for the rare Autumn Ladies Tresses at Swaddywell Pit and of Pyramidal Orchids at Etton-Maxey Pits. There was also a welcome return of the Nightingale to our Bainton Heath reserve, although management work here was curtailed due to ongoing access issues over neighbouring land, which we are addressing through our landlord, National Grid.

The appointment of a new Treasurer during 2023 provided a neat opportunity for the Trust to review its overall strategy and objectives over the summer, with a consensus that the current objectives continue to reflect the strategic intent of the Trust. A key reflection of that review was that the Trust will need to consider carefully what additional commitments it can take on within the capacity of its current voluntary structure. The new Treasurer also instituted an ongoing review of our governance structures and documentation, which will result in an updated and more detailed risk management plan.

We continued our work to help nature recover across **the wider countryside (strategic objective 4)**, working with partners at Nene Park Trust, Natural England, the Wildlife Trusts and PECT as part of the John Clare Countryside project to help deliver nature projects across 25 parishes. Langdyke acts as the co-ordinating partner for a cluster of five parishes within the project area and is actively engaged with volunteer groups in each of these parishes. A number of projects were delivered during the year, including planting several new hedgerows and the creation of new wildflower meadows. There was also an active programme of bulb planting across the parishes. Significantly our role within the John Clare Countryside partnership, allowed us to bring together the major local landowners in a new partnership to design a landscape scale nature recovery programme across their land.

## **8. Achievements against objectives set**

The Trust's strategy sets out five key objectives, as set out below, a review of progress against objectives is contained in the Chair's annual report.

1. To double membership
2. To enhance its existing reserves for nature
3. To expand its reserves
4. To promote the John Clare Countryside
5. To engage and inspire its members.

As set out above, the Trust reviewed these objectives during 2023 and concluded that the aspiration to double membership was unachievable in the medium term and that this should be re-worded as an objective to increase membership year on year. All other

objectives as noted in the Chairman's report are being actively and successfully pursued. Each objective is 'owned' by one of the Trust's committees and progress is regularly reviewed.

## **9. Contributions made by volunteers.**

Langdyke has no paid members of staff. All our activities are devised, organised and delivered by volunteers.

Each week there are at least two work parties on our reserves, with additional work parties organised from September onwards at other locations through the John Clare Countryside project. Behind the scenes we also have volunteer-led committees that plan our conservation work (The Reserves Committee), our membership recruitment and engagement (People and Communities Committee) and manage our operations (Finance and Governance Committee). In total we have well over 70 active volunteers, playing a key role in the delivery of our objectives.

## **10. Financial Review**

2023 was the first year for 3 years largely unaffected by the Covid-19 pandemic with a full return to planned works at our various reserves. Subscription income in the 2 years to 2022 had increased significantly, possibly as an unanticipated but potentially beneficial side effect of the pandemic. 2023 however, saw a reduction in subscription income of nearly 12% meaning it has returned to a very similar level to that experienced in 2021.

Total income for the year amounted to £89,584 – a decrease from 2022 (£103,674) but still significantly higher than 2021 (£35,772). Income for unrestricted purposes amounted to £29,467 – very similar to 2022 (£29,782). Restricted income however dropped from £73,893 in 2022 to £60,116 in 2023. This change is mainly as a result of the differing fundraising activities in each year.

The major elements of our restricted income arose from:

- Further fundraising for the opportunity to purchase a strategic reserve from Christ's College Cambridge - £32,866.
- Gift aid of £7,500 on a donation received in 2022.
- Grants received from National Grid plc in connection with Bainton Heath (£10,750) and Peterborough Environment City Trust (£8,000).

Government Agricultural Subsidies, such as Basic Farm Payments, Entry and Higher-level stewardship totalled £17,761 versus £21,185 in 2022 - a decrease of around 16%. The regime around such payments from Government is changing and we can continue to expect further reductions in the future. These payments are very important to the trust and represent a significant portion of the trust's unrestricted revenue. The changing regime continues to be monitored carefully by the trust.

The trust received income only from sources within the United Kingdom during the year.

Expenditure amounted to £28,633 (versus £44,757 in 2022). The major changes from 2022 included:

- the relative absence of Professional fees which were £13,640 in 2022 - only £1,248 in 2023.
- a significant increase in Training/Health and Safety costs to £4,657 (£26 in 2022) through our programme of triennial first aid training for volunteers and the purchase of 2 defibrillators.
- Community projects which totalled £4,358 versus £7,600 in 2022.
- Expenditure on reserves decreased from £16,834 in 2022 to £10,176 in 2023. The majority of this reduction relates to Bainton Heath where we could only spend £679 in 2023 against £4,553 in 2022 due to issues which have arisen relating to access to the site. The spend on the remainder of the wider reserves portfolio is not dissimilar to the previous year.

Unrestricted cash reserves rose 6% from £43,574 at 31 December 2022 to £46,188 at 31 December 2023. Restricted cash reserves increased from £69,178 to £127,463 at 31 December 2023. Much of this increase relates to continued fundraising activity in anticipation of the purchase of the strategic reserve from Christ's College in 2024.

The trust has a policy that recommends that cash reserves should not fall below an average of 4 months expenditure. The current unrestricted cash reserves indicate that the trust continues to operate within this threshold.

As reported last year, in 2022 the trust used, for the first time, the services of a Professional fund raiser to assist in the successful fundraising for the purchase of Christ's College Pit. A further payment of £500 was made to the same fund raiser in 2023.

The trust does not work, neither did it have expenses, outside England and Wales.

The trust receives no income from Central or Local Government Contracts during the year, neither has the Trust entered into any such contracts. During 2023 the Trust received income from Government Subsidy for Higher Level Stewardship and Basic Farm Payments of £17,761 (£21,185 in 2022). It also received a restricted grant of £8,000 from Peterborough City Environment Trust for the purchase of equipment.

Richard Aistle  
Chair of Trustees  
18 July 2024

Andrew Curwen  
Honorary Treasurer  
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<b>RECEIPTS</b>									
Subscriptions	6,997.84		0.00		6,997.84		7,828.60		2
Donations - restricted	0.00		41,366.22		41,366.22		44,642.59		3
Donations unrestricted	708.59		0.00		708.59		636.66		
Grants	0.00		18,750.00		18,750.00		29,250.00		4
Government Rural Subsidies	17,761.36		0.00		17,761.36		21,185.37		5
Income from Events	698.64		0.00		698.64		41.38		
Other income	1,750.00		0.00		1,750.00		0.00		
Interest	1,551.47		0.00		1,551.47		90.08		
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>29,467.90</b>		<b>60,116.22</b>		<b>89,584.12</b>		<b>103,674.68</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>									
Governance Costs	144.00		0.00		144.00		30.00		6
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Professional Advice	1,248.00		0.00		1,248.00		13,639.80		7
Purchase of Subsidy Quota	0.00		0.00		0.00		935.00		
Management of Animal Flock	705.56		0.00		705.56		897.44		
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Maintenance of Assets	1,208.11		0.00		1,208.11		286.59		
Insurances	2,114.77		0.00		2,114.77		2,030.31		
Property Expenses	278.48		0.00		278.48		345.09		
Cost of Events for Members	1,172.06		0.00		1,172.06		290.89		
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Expenditure on Reserves	9,665.00		510.97		10,175.97		16,834.48		9
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>27,147.89</b>		<b>1,485.53</b>		<b>28,633.42</b>		<b>44,757.22</b>	
<b>Surplus /(Deficit)on Year</b>		<b>2,320.01</b>		<b>58,630.69</b>		<b>60,950.70</b>		<b>58,917.46</b>	

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	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>									
Cash funds brought /fwd. at 1 January		43,573.69		69,177.51		112,751.20		53,833.74	
Adj for £50 float paid into bank 16/3/23		(50.00)		0.00		(50.00)		0.00	
Adj for de minimis old funds written off		344.71		(344.71)					
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Cash funds carried /fwd. at 31 December		46,188.41		127,463.49		173,651.90		112,751.20	10 & 11

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	<b>31st Dec. 2023</b>	<b>31st Dec. 2022</b>
<b>2 - Subscriptions</b>		
Subscriptions	£5,580.00	£6,689.00
Gift aid Tax Refunds	£1,417.84	£1,139.60
	<u>£6,997.84</u>	<u>£7,828.60</u>
<b>3 - Donations - restricted</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Christ College Pits appeal	£32,866.22	£14,642.59
Capital projects	£0.00	£30,000.00
Capital projects - Gift aid Tax Refund	£7,500.00	£0.00
Other donations	£1,000.00	£0.00
	<u>£41,366.22</u>	<u>£44,642.59</u>
<b>4 - Grants Received</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
National Grid plc - Bainton Heath	£10,750.00	£29,250.00
Peterborough Environment City Trust	£8,000.00	£0.00
	<u>£18,750.00</u>	<u>£29,250.00</u>
<b>5 - Government Rural Subsidies</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Basic Farm Payment for year	£7,407.86	£9,117.37
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Torpel	£938.00	£938.00
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Etton/Maxey	£7,701.00	£7,701.00
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Swaddywell	£1,714.50	£3,429.00
Total Revenue for year	<u>£17,761.36</u>	<u>£21,185.37</u>

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**6 - Training and Health and Safety, Governance Costs and Publicity and Communications**

Training and Health and Safety increased in 2023 due to the cyclical timing of First Aid training and the purchase of 2 defibrilators. Governance Costs include costs associated with AGM.

Costs of producing the Annual Report are included in Publicity and Communications.

**7 - Professional Fees.**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Fund Raising	£500.00	£5,955.00
Legal Fees - Bainton Partnership	£0.00	£3,603.60
Legal Fees - New Reserves	£0.00	£3,481.20
Advice on Subsidies	£360.00	£600.00
Other	£388.00	£0.00
	<u>£1,248.00</u>	<u>£13,639.80</u>

**8. - Community Projects**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
JCC (John Clare Countryside)	£4,357.58	£0.00	£4,357.58	£0.00
Castor/Ailsworth Area	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,050.00
Parish Nature Recovery Projects	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Woodland Access - River Welland	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,659.41
Viewing Platform At Etton	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£490.00
Burghley Estate lands	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
Walcot Estate	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£900.00
	<u>£4,357.58</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£4,357.58</u>	<u>£7,599.41</u>

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<b>9 - Expenditure on Reserves (inc. restricted Funds)</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
- Bainton Heath	£468.00	£210.97	£678.97	£4,553.00	£45.01
- Etton/Maxey Pit	£4,312.14	£0.00	£4,312.14	£6,985.84	£4,587.84
- Etton High Meadow	£1,225.92	£0.00	£1,225.92	£1,633.33	£243.70
- Vergettes Meadow	£1,396.00	£0.00	£1,396.00	£1,150.15	£246.31
- Swaddywell	£2,166.94	£0.00	£2,166.94	£1,973.56	£1,650.41
- Torpel Field	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£538.60	£2,005.80
- Christ's College Pit	£0.00	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00
- General - incl Southern Committee	£96.00	£0.00	£96.00	£0.00	£126.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,665.00</b>	<b>£510.97</b>	<b>£10,175.97</b>	<b>£16,834.48</b>	<b>£8,905.93</b>
<b>10 - Restricted Fund Balances</b>	<b>Balance at 1 January 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Other Adj</b>	<b>Balance at 31 December</b>
Welland River Trust	£106.77			(£106.77)	£0.00
Capital Projects Appeal	£30,000.00	£7,500.00			£37,500.00
Christ College Pits Appeal	£14,642.59	£32,866.22	(£300.00)		£47,208.81
National Grid - Bainton Heath	£24,705.65	£10,750.00	(£210.97)		£35,244.68
Other restricted donations	£0.00	£1,000.00	(£974.56)	(£25.44)	£0.00
Viewing Platform at Etton	(£490.00)				(£490.00)
Peterborough Environment City Trust	£0.00	£8,000.00			£8,000.00
NeneScape Footpath Leaflet	£241.00			(£241.00)	£0.00
Book Reprint Fund	(£28.50)			£28.50	£0.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>£69,177.51</b>	<b>£60,116.22</b>	<b>(£1,485.53)</b>	<b>(£344.71)</b>	<b>£127,463.49</b>

Other adjustments represent adjustments to write up or down to zero those funds (both positive and negative) which are effectively defunct with no further activity anticipated and are de minimis in the overall view of the accounts. The decision to write these amounts out of restricted funds was approved by the Trustees in 2023.

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<b>11 - Cash Balances at period end</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>
Ordinary Account - Metro Bank	£4,006.27	£3,842.27
Deposit Account 1 - Metro Bank	£20,883.21	£108,858.93
Deposit Account 2 - Metro Bank	<u>£148,762.42</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	£173,651.90	£112,701.20
Less Unpresented cheques	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	£173,651.90	£112,701.20
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash Imprest)	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£50.00</u>
	<u>£173,651.90</u>	<u>£112,751.20</u>
 <b>12 - Tangible Assets retained for the Trust's own use (at cost)</b>		
As all asset purchases are charged to the revenue account at the time of purchase no depreciation is shown in this table		
	<b>Assets as at</b>	<b>Assets as at</b>
	<b>1/1/2023</b>	<b>31/12/2023</b>
	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Disposals</b>
Torpel Field	£85,000	£0
Torpel Cabin	£35,214	£0
Swaddywell Pit	£35,000	£0
Swaddywell Cabin	£11,300	£0
Reserve infrastructure	£29,058	£0
Mobile equipment	£3,203	£0
Container	<u>£1,500</u>	<u>£0</u>
	<u>£200,275</u>	<u>£0</u>

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**13 - Liabilities**

The Trustees of Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO are not aware of any significant or contingent liabilities as at the date of approving these accounts.

Signed as approved by the Trustees on 21 March 2024.

*R. Astle*

**Richard H. Astle**

Chair and Trustee

Date 21/03/2024

*A. Curwen*

**Andrew Curwen**

Trustee and Honorary Treasurer

Date 21/03/2024

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Langdyke Countryside Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required but that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts, and  
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiners report**

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trust and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements to keep proper accounting records have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*I. Mace*

Ian Mace ACA

Independent Examiner: Dated 9 May 2024

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<b>9 - Expenditure on Reserves (inc. restricted Funds)</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<u>£9,665.00</u>	<u>£510.97</u>	<u>£10,175.97</u>	<u>£16,834.48</u>	<u>£8,905.93</u>
<b>10 - Restricted Fund Balances</b>	<b>Balance at 1 January 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Other Adj</b>	<b>Balance at 31 December</b>
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Other restricted donations	£0.00	£1,000.00	(£974.56)	(£25.44)	£0.00
Viewing Platform at Etton	(£490.00)				(£490.00)
Peterborough Environment City Trust	£0.00	£8,000.00			£8,000.00
NeneScape Footpath Leaflet	£241.00			(£241.00)	£0.00
Book Reprint Fund	(£28.50)			£28.50	£0.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<u>£69,177.51</u>	<u>£60,116.22</u>	<u>(£1,485.53)</u>	<u>(£344.71)</u>	<u>£127,463.49</u>

Other adjustments represent adjustments to write up or down to zero those funds (both positive and negative) which are effectively defunct with no further activity anticipated and are de minimis in the overall view of the accounts. The decision to write these amounts out of restricted funds was approved by the Trustees in 2023.

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

<b>11 - Cash Balances at period end</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>
Ordinary Account - Metro Bank	£4,006.27	£3,842.27
Deposit Account 1 - Metro Bank	£20,883.21	£108,858.93
Deposit Account 2 - Metro Bank	<u>£148,762.42</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	£173,651.90	£112,701.20
Less Unpresented cheques	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	£173,651.90	£112,701.20
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash Imprest)	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£50.00</u>
	<u>£173,651.90</u>	<u>£112,751.20</u>
 <b>12 - Tangible Assets retained for the Trust's own use (at cost)</b>		
As all asset purchases are charged to the revenue account at the time of purchase no depreciation is shown in this table		
	<b>Assets as at</b>	<b>Assets as at</b>
	<b>1/1/2023</b>	<b>31/12/2023</b>
	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Disposals</b>
Torpel Field	£85,000	£0
Torpel Cabin	£35,214	£0
Swaddywell Pit	£35,000	£0
Swaddywell Cabin	£11,300	£0
Reserve infrastructure	£29,058	£0
Mobile equipment	£3,203	£0
Container	<u>£1,500</u>	<u>£0</u>
	<u>£200,275</u>	<u>£0</u>

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**13 - Liabilities**

The Trustees of Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO are not aware of any significant or contingent liabilities as at the date of approving these accounts.

Signed as approved by the Trustees on 21 March 2024.

*R. Astle*

**Richard H. Astle**

Chair and Trustee

Date 21/03/2024

*A. Curwen*

**Andrew Curwen**

Trustee and Honorary Treasurer

Date 21/03/2024

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Langdyke Countryside Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required but that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts, and  
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiners report**

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trust and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements to keep proper accounting records have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*I. Mace*

Ian Mace ACA

Independent Examiner: Dated 9 May 2024

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180626

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# Accounts

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# **LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST**

**Registered as a Charity and Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England & Wales  
No 1180626**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE  
YEAR**

# 1 JANUARY to 31 DECEMBER 2022

## 1. Governance

Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO was registered as a Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO) (no 1180626) by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 9th November 2018. The objectives of the CIO are to promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the biodiversity, landscape, natural and cultural heritage of the rural areas of Peterborough, for the benefit of local people, visitors and the general public; and to advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the rural areas of Peterborough, and its historic and cultural aspects.

These objectives are achieved by the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment and heritage in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and South Lincolnshire through restoring and managing the habitat and promoting biological diversity to enhance people's enjoyment and understanding of wildlife and their heritage.

Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO is governed by its Constitution approved and registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 9 November 2018. The Trust holds an Annual General Meeting, at which, all full paid-up members and honorary members, are entitled to attend and vote. This meeting elects the Trustees of the Trust.

The CIO is managed by its trustees supported by a Management Board. The number of trustees is set by the constitution and may be between four and twelve. As at 31/12/2022 there were nine trustees and a list of trustees is given below. Trustees are appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Other members of the Management Board are appointed by the Board of Trustees. There is no set time period for service on the Management Board. The Management Board is responsible for the day-to-day management of the trust, such as setting budgets, approving all trust management policies and procedures, approving the trust accounts, etc. All

Trustees are full members of the Management Board. The Management Board is chaired by the Chair of Trustees. Trustees receive no remuneration, but are entitled to re-imbusement for any expenses, incurred on trust business. Currently no trustee receives any car or motoring expenses.

In addition to the Management Board, there are five strategy groups which are responsible for helping to achieve the Trust's five strategic objectives. these groups report to the Management Board and have executive functions delegated to them under the trust's Scheme of Delegation.

Currently the Trust does not employ any paid staff, although it does use consultancy and professional services on a fee basis.

There were no serious incidents in the trust for the period of this return.

## **2. Board of Trustees.** (all trustees served throughout the year unless stated otherwise)

Richard H Astle (Chair of Trustees)  
Claire J Noble (appointed 16/7/22)  
David J. Alvey  
Robert D. Cowcill  
Christopher J. Gardiner (retired 16/7/22)  
Peter J Hiller (appointed 16/7/22)  
Brian Lawrence (Honorary Treasurer)  
Antony Mould  
Adam E Saunby  
Justin S Tilley  
Christopher. D. Topper (retired 16/7/22).

On 1/3/2023 Brian Lawrence stood down from his role and was replace as Honorary Treasurer by Andrew Curwen. Mr Curwen was appointed as a Trustee 13/2/2023.

## **3. Bankers**

Metro Bank plc. 29 Long Causeway, Peterborough. PE1 1YJ

#### **4. Independent Examiner of Accounts**

Ian Mace, ACA, Rutland House, Wothorpe Park, Wothorpe, Stamford, PE9 3LA.

#### **5. Solicitors for the Trust**

Roythornes Solicitors, Enterprise Way, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 3YR

#### **6. Insurance Brokers**

PIB Insurance Brokers, 1 Penman Way, Grove Park, Leicester. LE19 1SY

#### **7. Annual Report of the Chair of the Trust.**

2022 was another year of hard work and general success for the Trust.

**Our reserves continue to prosper.** Whether it's the return of Nightingale to Bainton Pits, the increasing number of Man Orchids at Swaddywell and the continued success of Operation Turtle Dove at Etton Maxey Pits, Langdyke's reserves are in great shape for nature. There was a new project at Swaddywell working with Butterfly Conservation to increase habitat for key butterfly species and two new scrapes were dug at Etton Maxey Pits, creating new habitats for wetland birds and insects.

Most notably we were also able to **increase the number and extent of our reserves**, meaning more land is being managed for nature locally. We entered into an agreement to manage an additional meadow immediately west of Vergette Wood Meadow and concluded a long-term management agreement with Nene Park Trust to look after M'Ladys' Pond near Ailsworth. Our efforts to buy two more pits south of the Maxey Cut, Christ

College Pits, were also a big focus of our work. We launched a successful fundraising campaign for the purchase and initial management of the reserve. We hope to conclude the purchase in the next financial year.

We continued our work to help nature recover across **the wider countryside**, working with partners at Nene Park Trust, Natural England, the Wildlife Trusts and PECT as part of the John Clare Countryside project to help deliver nature projects across 25 parishes. The project has planted 1.6 km of new hedgerow, more than 400 native trees and established 280 m<sup>2</sup> of wildflower meadow. The partnership team, led by one of Langdyke's members, also engaged over 800 people at more than 70 walks, work parties and talks.

Our efforts **to engage our members** focused on a regular series of events, including guided walks, online talks and two training sessions on how to identify local bird species. We continued to hold our regular work parties on Monday and Thursdays every week, and also held a number of corporate work parties both on our reserves and in the wider countryside. The work of our artists in residence was of particular significance attracting a wider audience beyond our traditional membership base. We also appointed our first poet in residence, who attended several events, reading from his own work, inspired by local nature. Our **membership** continues to increase, albeit at a slower rate than in previous years.

The Langdyke Board took the opportunity in 2022 to review its Health and Safety Policy and general performance in this area. A health and safety professional visited Swaddywell during a weekly work party and reviewed both our activities and documentation. The outcome of the review supported our own view that we were undertaking the appropriate requirements to keep ourselves, our volunteers, members and visitors safe. Whilst there were a number of recommendations these primarily related to our record keeping and documentation. A Trust wide Risk Register has been compiled and a new layout to our Risk Assessments implemented as well as a notification system to ensure we report all incidents. This will enable us to continue to improve our systems and prevent more serious accidents occurring.

Given the high temperatures last year, equipment was purchased specifically to reduce the risk of fires causing significant damage. Fire extinguishers were sourced and installed at Torpel and Swaddywell cabins and fire beaters purchased for the reserves. First Aid training and further brush cutter and strimmer training was undertaken by several volunteers to ensure we continue to have appropriate trained personnel at work parties and events.

## **8. Achievements against objectives set**

Following a review of its strategy and objectives in 2021, the Trust set out five key objectives, as follows:

1. To double membership
2. To enhance its existing reserves for nature
3. To expand its reserves
4. To promote the John Clare Countryside
5. To engage and inspire its members.

As set out above, the Trust continued to work towards the achievement of its objectives. In particular, we were able to extend the amount of land under our management, and to continue to improve the habitats on our reserves for nature. We are also very pleased with the progress of the John Clare Countryside project, which continues to gain momentum and deliver practical on the ground outcomes, as outlined above. There is recognition that although our membership is growing, it will be difficult to double it, and we are considering revising that objective going forward, to a more achievable target. The Trust reviews its objectives annually.

## **9. Contributions made by volunteers.**

Langdyke has no paid members of staff. All our activities are devised, organised and delivered by volunteers.

Each week there are at least two work parties on our reserves, with additional work parties organised from September onwards at other locations through the John Clare Countryside project. Behind the scenes we also have volunteer-led committees that plan our conservation work (The Reserves Committee), our membership recruitment and engagement (People and Communities Committee) and manage our operations (Finance and

Governance Committee). In total we have well over 70 active volunteers, playing a key role in the delivery of our objectives. The trust only received income from sources within the United Kingdom during the year.

## **10. Financial Review**

After two difficult years impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic there was a partial return to 'norm' relating to planned works. Following a 40% increase in subscription income in 2021 (an unanticipated but potentially beneficial side effect of the pandemic) it was encouraging to see continued growth in membership revenue albeit at a much slower rate of nearly 11%.

Total income for the year amounted to £103,674 - a significant increase from 2021 (£35,773) mainly as a result of fundraising activity and amounts received for restricted activities - see below.

The major increases in income, all of which falls into the "restricted" category, during the year (zero income in 2021) arose from:

- Donations for Capital projects (£30,000) and fundraising for the opportunity to purchase a strategic reserve from Christ's College Cambridge (£14,642).
- Grants received from National Grid plc in connection with Bainton Heath (£29,250).

Government Agricultural Subsidies, such as Basic Farm Payments, Entry and Higher-level stewardship totalled £21,185 (versus £20,582 in 2021) are very important to the trust and represent a significant portion of the trust's unrestricted revenue. The changing regime going forward, where this level of income is likely to reduce significantly over time, is being monitored carefully by the trust.

The trust received only received income from sources within the United Kingdom during the year.

Expenditure amounted to £44,757 (versus £27,313 in 2021). The major changes from 2021 included:

- Professional fees (£13,640 v £0 in 2021) in connection with fundraising for the Christ's College Pit opportunity, Bainton Heath and expenditure on other new reserves.

- Community projects which totalled £7,600 in 2022 versus £11,746 in 2021: This change hides two unconnected significant movements - In 2021 expenditure included £10,000 of grants paid to assist local Parish Councils to prepare their nature recovery plans. No payments were made of a similar nature in 2022. However, £4,660 was paid from restricted funds in 2022 (£0 in 2021) in connection with the River Welland Woodland access project.
- Expenditure on reserves rose from £8,906 in 2021 by nearly 90% to £16,834 in 2022. This reflects two major components; first, an increase of £4,500 in restricted expenditure on Bainton Heath and second, a general increase of 37% on the wider reserves portfolio as activity increased significantly following the relaxation of Covid related restrictions.

The increased activity following the emergence from Covid restrictions saw an anticipated reduction in unrestricted cash reserves from £47,875 at 31 December 2021 to £43,574 at 31 December 2022. Restricted cash reserves increased from £5,959 to £69,178 following the significant donations and fundraising activity mentioned above.

The trust has a policy that recommends that cash reserves should not fall below an average of 4 months expenditure. The current unrestricted cash reserves indicate that the trust continues to operate within this threshold.

For the first time in 2022 the trust used the services of a Professional fund raiser to assist in the successful fundraising for the purchase of Christ's College Pit.

The trust does not work, neither did it have expenses, outside England and Wales.

The trust receives no income from Central or Local Government Contracts during the year, neither has the Trust entered into any such contracts. During 2022 the Trust received income from Government Subsidy for Higher Level Stewardship and Basic Farm Payments of £21,185 (£20,582 in 2021).

Richard Astle  
Chair of Trustees  
17 June 2023

Andrew Curwen  
Honorary Treasurer  
17 June 2023.

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Langdyke Countryside Trust Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the CIO")**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.



**Ian Mace ACA**  
Rutland House  
Wothorpe Park  
Wothorpe  
Stamford  
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Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>									
Subscriptions	7,828.60		0.00		7,828.60		7,055.49		2
Donations	636.66		44,642.59		45,279.25		575.06		3
Grants	0.00		29,250.00		29,250.00		7,266.18		4
Government Rural Subsidies	21,185.37		0.00		21,185.37		20,581.99		5
Income from Events	41.38		0.00		41.38		138.72		
Torpel Cabin Income	0.00		0.00		0.00		120.00		
Interest	90.08		0.00		90.08		35.11		
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>29,782.09</b>		<b>73,892.59</b>		<b>103,674.68</b>		<b>35,772.55</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>									
Governance Costs	30.00		0.00		30.00		69.98		6
Administrative and IT Costs	390.41		0.00		390.41		735.38		
Training Costs	25.50		0.00		25.50		10.20		
Publicity and Communications	638.10		0.00		638.10		751.38		
Professional Advice	13,639.80		0.00		13,639.80		0.00		7
Purchase of Subsidy Quota	935.00		0.00		935.00		0.00		
Management of Animal Flock	897.44		0.00		897.44		1,138.76		
Purchase of Equipment	814.20		0.00		814.20		819.03		
Maintenance of Assets	286.59		0.00		286.59		470.92		
Insurances	2,030.31		0.00		2,030.31		1,784.14		
Property Expenses	345.09		0.00		345.09		319.96		
Cost of Events for Members	290.89		0.00		290.89		560.99		
Community Projects	1,470.00		6,129.41		7,599.41		11,746.37		8
Expenditure on Reserves	12,290.13		4,544.35		16,834.48		8,905.93		9
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>34,083.46</b>		<b>10,673.76</b>		<b>44,757.22</b>		<b>27,313.04</b>	
<b>Surplus /(Deficit)on Year</b>		<b>(4,301.37)</b>		<b>63,218.83</b>		<b>58,917.46</b>		<b>8,459.51</b>	

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>									
Cash funds brought /fwd. at 1 January		47,875.06		5,958.68		53,833.74		45,374.23	
Surplus/(Deficit)for year		(4,301.37)		63,218.83		58,917.46		8,459.51	
Cash funds carried /fwd. at 31 December		43,573.69		69,177.51		112,751.20		53,833.74	10 & 11

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1 - Accounting Policies**

The Accounts of the Langdyke Countryside Trust Charitable Incorporated Organisation meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. Under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 charities, that are not companies, are allowed to prepare receipts and payments accounts provided that the charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000. The trustees have therefore opted to take advantage of this provision and to prepare receipts and payments accounts.

As the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, all purchases of land and other assets are shown as part of the revenue account and charged in total in the year of purchase.

	<b>31st Dec. 2022</b>	<b>31st Dec. 2021</b>
<b>2 - Subscriptions</b>		
Subscriptions	£6,689.00	£5,920.00
Gift aid Tax Refunds	£1,139.60	£1,135.49
	<u>£7,828.60</u>	<u>£7,055.49</u>
<b>3 - Donations</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Christ College Pits appeal	£14,642.59	£0.00
Capital Projects Appeal	£30,000.00	£0.00
Other Donations	£636.66	£575.06
	<u>£45,279.25</u>	<u>£575.06</u>
<b>4 - Grants Received</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
National Grid plc - Bainton Heath	£29,250.00	£0.00
Earl FitzWilliam's Charity	£0.00	£2,500.00
Welland River Trust	£0.00	£4,766.18
	<u>£29,250.00</u>	<u>£7,266.18</u>
<b>5 - Government Rural Subsidies</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Basic Farm Payment for year	£9,117.37	£9,725.89
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Torpel	£938.00	£938.00
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Etton/Maxey	£7,701.00	£8,203.60
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Swaddywell	£3,429.00	£1,714.50
Total Revenue for year	<u>£21,185.37</u>	<u>£20,581.99</u>

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
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**6 - Governance Costs**

Governance Costs include costs such as the Annual Report, AGM and Management Committee Meetings.

**7 - Professional Fees.**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Fund Raising	£5,955.00	£0.00
Legal Fees - Bainton Partnership	£3,603.60	£0.00
Legal Fees - New Reserves	£3,481.20	£0.00
Advice on Subsidies	£600.00	£0.00
	<b>£13,639.80</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

**8. - Community Projects**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Barnack Area	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£166.37
Castor/Ailsworth Area	£70.00	£980.00	£1,050.00	£1,580.00
Parish Nature Recovery Projects	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00
Woodland Access - River Welland	£0.00	£4,659.41	£4,659.41	£0.00
Viewing Platform At Etton	£0.00	£490.00	£490.00	£0.00
Burghley Estate lands	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00
Walcot Estate	£900.00	£0.00	£900.00	£0.00
	<b>£1,470.00</b>	<b>£6,129.41</b>	<b>£7,599.41</b>	<b>£11,746.37</b>

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<b>9 - Expenditure on Reserves (inc. restricted Funds)</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>
- Bainton Heath	£8.65	£4,544.35	£4,553.00		£45.01
- Etton/Maxey Pit	£6,985.84	£0.00	£6,985.84		£4,587.84
- Etton High Meadow	£1,633.33	£0.00	£1,633.33		£243.70
- Vergettes Meadow	£1,150.15	£0.00	£1,150.15		£246.31
- Swaddywell	£1,973.56	£0.00	£1,973.56		£1,650.41
- Torpel Field	£538.60	£0.00	£538.60		£2,005.80
- General Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£126.86
<b>Total</b>	<u>£12,290.13</u>	<u>£4,544.35</u>	<u>£16,834.48</u>		<u>£8,905.93</u>
<b>10 - Restricted Fund Balances</b>		<b>At 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>At 31/12/2022</b>
Welland River Trust		£4,766.18	£0.00	£4,659.41	£106.77
Capital Projects Appeal		£0.00	£30,000.00	£0.00	£30,000.00
Christ College Pits Appeal		£0.00	£14,642.59	£0.00	£14,642.59
National Grid - Bainton Heath		£0.00	£29,250.00	£4,544.35	£24,705.65
Earl Fitzwilliam Charity		£980.00	£0.00	£980.00	£0.00
Viewing Platform at Etton		£0.00	£0.00	£490.00	(£490.00)
NeneScape Footpath Leaflet		£241.00	£0.00	£0.00	£241.00
Book Reprint Fund		-£28.50	£0.00	£0.00	(£28.50)
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<u>£5,958.68</u>	<u>£73,892.59</u>	<u>£10,673.76</u>	<u>£69,177.51</u>

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

11 - Cash Balances at period end	As at 31 December 2022	As at 31 December 2021		
Ordinary Account - Metro Bank	£3,842.27	£6,328.89		
Deposit Account - Metro Bank	<u>£108,858.93</u>	<u>£48,268.85</u>		
	£112,701.20	£54,597.74		
Less Unpresented cheques	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£814.00</u>		
	£112,701.20	£53,783.74		
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash Imprest)	<u>£50.00</u>	<u>£50.00</u>		
	<u>£112,751.20</u>	<u>£53,833.74</u>		
<b>12 - Tangible Assets retained for the Trust's own use (at cost)</b>				
As all asset purchases are charged to the revenue account at the time of purchase no depreciation is shown in this table				
	<b>At 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	<b>At 31/12/2022</b>
Torpel Field	£85,000	£0	£0	£85,000
Torpel Cabin	£35,214	£0	£0	£35,214
Swaddywell Pit	£35,000	£0	£0	£35,000
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Reserve infrastructure	£29,058	£0	£0	£29,058
Mobile equipment	£3,203	£0	£0	£3,203
Container	£1,500	£0	£0	£1,500
	<u>£200,275</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£200,275</u>

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**13 - Liabilities**

The Trustees of Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO are not aware of any significant or contingent liabilities as at the date of the approving these accounts.

Signed as approved by the trustees on 24 April 2023.

*R. Astle*

**Richard H. Astle**

Chair and Trustee

24 April 2023

*B Lawrence*

**Brian Lawrence**

Trustee

24 April 2023

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Langdyke Countryside Trust Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the CIO")**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.



**Ian Mace ACA**  
Rutland House  
Wothorpe Park  
Wothorpe  
Stamford  
Lincs

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180626

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# Accounts

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Langdyke  
Countryside Trust

# **LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST**

**Registered as a Charity and Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England & Wales No 1180626**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY to 31 DECEMBER 2021**

## **1. Governance**

Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO was registered as a Charitable Incorporate Organisation (CIO) (no 1180626) by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 9th November 2018. The objectives of the CIO are to promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the biodiversity, landscape, natural and cultural heritage of the rural areas of Peterborough, for the benefit of local people, visitors and the general public; and to advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the rural areas of Peterborough, and its historic and cultural aspects.

These objectives are achieved by the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment and heritage in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and South Lincolnshire through restoring and managing the habitat and promoting biological diversity to enhance people's enjoyment and understanding of wildlife and their heritage.

Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO is governed by its Constitution approved and registered by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 9 November 2018. The Trust holds an Annual General Meeting, at which, all full paid-up members and honorary members, are entitled to attend and vote. This meeting elects the Trustees of the Trust.

The CIO is managed by its trustees supported by a Management Board. The number of trustees is set by the constitution and may be between four and twelve. Currently there are nine trustees and a list of trustees are given below. Trustees are appointed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Other members of the Management Board are appointed by the Board of Trustees. There is no set time period for service on the Management Board. The Management Board is responsible for the day-to-day management of the trust, such as setting budgets, approving all trust management policies and procedures, approving the trust accounts, etc. All Trustees are full members of the Management Board. The Management Board is chaired by the Chair of Trustees. Trustees receive no remuneration, but are entitled to reimbursement for any expenses, incurred on trust business. Currently no trustee receives any car or motoring expenses.

In addition to the Management Board, there are five strategy groups which are responsible for helping to achieve the Trust's five strategic objectives. these groups report to the Management Board and have executive functions delegated to them under the trust's Scheme of Delegation.

Currently the Trust does not employ any paid staff, although it does use consultancy and professional services on a fee basis.

There were no serious incidents in the trust for the period of this return.

**2. Board of Trustees.** (all trustees served throughout the year unless stated otherwise)

Richard H Astle (Chair of Trustees)  
David J. Alvey  
Michael J. Clatworthy (Retired 15/10/21)  
Robert D. Cowcill  
Christopher J. Gardiner  
Michael P. Horne (Retired 15/10/21)  
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Antony Mould  
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Metro Bank plc. 29 Long Causeway, Peterborough. PE1 1YJ

**4. Independent Examiner of Accounts**

Desmond Quinn BA ACMA., 30 Cherryfields, Ham Lane, Orton Waterville, Peterborough. PE2 5XD

**5. Solicitors for the Trust**

Roythornes Solicitors, Enterprise Way, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 3YR

**6. Insurance Brokers**

PIB Insurance Brokers, 1 Penman Way, Grove Park, Leicester. LE19 1SY

## **7. Annual Report of the Chair of the Trust.**

During 2021 the Trust continued to take forward its strategic objectives committing to significantly increasing its own land-holdings, doubling its membership and working with its partners to take forward the vision for nature recovery across John Clare Countryside.

The Trust is actively looking at ways in which it can increase its land-holdings and during the year commenced discussion with a number of local landowners about opportunities to purchase or lease more land contiguous with our existing reserves. In addition, we worked to secure extensions on the land we currently lease or manage under licence at Bainton Heath, Etton High Meadow and Vergette Wood Meadow. All of these opportunities should come to fruition in 2022.

We continued our careful management of our existing reserves. This included the installation of a new sand martin box at Vergette Wood Meadow and further work to reduce crassula and encourage nesting birds on the Etton Maxey Pits reserve. The small car park at Swaddywell was extended to help cater for visitors and areas of bramble were cleared from the roadway area. The orchard at Etton High Meadow continued to grow and the wildflower meadow there is developing, helped by some more seeding in the winter period. Key species such as turtle dove, grizzled skipper and man orchid continue to flourish on the reserves. Our flock of sheep continued to thrive and to fulfil their work, grazing the grasslands to help support the creation of wild-flower meadows.

Our offer to members continued to evolve too. In the year we greeted 10 external speakers, hosted 18 events and brought more than 250 people together. We launched a wildlife friendly gardening campaign, organised a glow worm survey by volunteer members, delivered three family fun days and two online quizzes. 82 people made pledges through the gardening campaign. Overall membership increased from 191 to 216 paid up members.

Langdyke Countryside Trust works in partnership with the John Clare Countryside partnership to achieve its objectives in the area. The John Clare partnership, conceived by Langdyke in 2019 - has gone from strength to strength, aided by a major grant from Government which allowed us, working through the Peterborough Environment City Trust, to establish a full-time project team in September 2021. This team has organised work parties and events, planting hundreds of metres of new hedgerow and thousands of bulbs. Just one example of its work is the new hedgerow along the road between Ginton and Helpston – something that will grow into a real feature of our landscape in the years to come. The team is also taking forward plans for new heritage trails across the countryside as well as working

closely with local landowners to develop plans for nature recovery across the wider countryside. the project has its own website – [www.johnclarecountryside.co.uk](http://www.johnclarecountryside.co.uk)

## **8. Achievements against objectives set.**

As set out above, the Trust continued to work towards the achievement of its objectives. Membership continues to increase and our offer to members is more diverse than ever before. We have opportunities to increase our land-holdings, while 2021 was a year of significant progress for the John Clare Countryside Project. An additional objective is to inspire our members through the creative arts, often with a link to the poet, John Clare. During the year we appointed a second artist in residence who took forward several important projects designed to engage and involve our members, including an art trail for the Trust's open day in July 2021 and the collation of a collection of Langdyke inspired art at a local exhibition. There was also a creative workshop to celebrate the starling murmuration on the Etton Maxey Pits reserve.

## **9. Contributions made by volunteers.**

Langdyke has no paid members of staff. All our activities are devised, organised and delivered by volunteers.

Each week there are at least two work parties on our reserves, with additional work parties organised from September onwards at other locations through the John Clare Countryside project. Behind the scenes we also have volunteer-led committees that plan our conservation work (The Reserves Committee), our membership recruitment and engagement (People and Communities Committee) and manage our operations (Finance and Governance Committee). In total we have well over 70 active volunteers, playing a key role in the delivery of our objectives. We hosted a small event for our volunteers late in 2021 to say thank you for their efforts, with hospitality donated by a corporate sponsor. The trust received only received income from sources within the United Kingdom during the year.

## 10. Financial Review

As stated, above 2021 was greatly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic which delayed or deferred much of the work planned for the year. In spite of the Covid-19 pandemic work continued to increase the number of members which resulted in a 40% increase in membership subscriptions inc.

Total income for the year amounted to £35,773. The trust received only received income from sources within the United Kingdom during the year.

Government Agricultural Subsidies, such as Basic Farm Payments, Entry- and Higher-level stewardship (£20,582) are very important to the trust and represented over 50% of the trust's revenue, in 2021. The figure was significantly larger than the 2020 figure because three of the receipts usual paid in December 2020 were not received until the first three months of 2021.

Expenditure which amounted to £27313, during the year was higher than 2020 because the Trust made a grant of £10,000 to assist local Parish Councils in preparing their Nature Recovery Plans. Much work planned on our reserves was delayed or deferred for a second year owing to Covid-19 restrictions. Hopefully, we will be able to undertake this work during 2022 as the work is vital to ensure that our nature reserves are kept in good condition. At least £3,000 of the cash reserves carried forward as being held to pay legal fees for work done in respect of three pieces of land being leased to the Trust.

Because of the delay in undertaking work during 2021 the Trust's unrestricted cash reserves increased by £ 2,966 to £47,875. The Management Board consider this level of reserves to be excessive. Plans had been made to undertake significant works on the nature reserves to improve habitat and these works delayed, will hopefully go ahead in 2022 which will reduce the cash balances of the Trust. The trust has adopted a policy of carrying forward each year, an amount equal to at least 30% of unrestricted income for the year.

The trust has a policy that recommends that cash reserves should not fall below an average of 4 months expenditure However, as explained about this level is currently being exceeded owing to delays with work caused by Covid-19 restrictions.

Because a significant proportion of the income of the Trust arises through Government Rural Subsidies, the Management Board has developed a Medium-Term Strategy for the Trust which includes a Financial Plan. This plan will examine the effect of the Government's new Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS) on the Trust's income streams.

The trust does not use the services of Professional fund raisers.

The trust does not work neither did it have expenses outside England and Wales.

The trust receives no income from Central or Local Government Contracts during the year, neither has the Trust entered into any such contracts. During 2021 the Trust received income from Government Subsidy for Higher Level Stewardship and Basic Farm Payment of £20,582.

Richard Aistle  
Chair of Trustees  
16 July 2022

Brian Lawrence  
Honorary Treasurer  
16 July 2022.

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>									
Subscriptions	7,055.49		0.00		7,055.49		5,014.71		2
Donations	575.06		0.00		575.06		145.00		3
Grants	0.00		7,266.18		7,266.18		10,000.00		4
Government Rural Subsidies	20,581.99		0.00		20,581.99		11,160.90		5
Income from Events	138.72		0.00		138.72		0.00		
Torpel Cabin Income	120.00		0.00		120.00		0.00		
Interest	35.11		0.00		35.11		81.52		
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>28,506.37</b>		<b>7,266.18</b>		<b>35,772.55</b>		<b>26,402.13</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>									
Governance Costs	69.98		0.00		69.98		155.00		6
Administrative and IT Costs	735.38		0.00		735.38		313.42		
Training Costs	10.20		0.00		10.20		1,426.68		
Publicity and Communications	751.38		0.00		751.38		1,022.16		
Professional Advice	0.00		0.00		0.00		2,090.00		
Archaeological Research	0.00		0.00		0.00		218.34		
Management of Animal Flock	1,138.76		0.00		1,138.76		1,560.47		
Purchase of Capital Assets	0.00		0.00		0.00		1,500.00		
Purchase of Equipment	819.03		0.00		819.03		2,641.68		
Maintenance of Assets	470.92		0.00		470.92		418.00		
Insurances	1,784.14		0.00		1,784.14		1,720.69		
Property Expenses	319.96		0.00		319.96		375.69		
Cost of Events for Members	560.99		0.00		560.99		0.00		
Community Projects	10,069.75		1,676.62		11,746.37		646.40		7
Expenditure on Reserves	8,809.47		96.46		8,905.93		6,391.07		8
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>25,539.96</b>		<b>1,773.08</b>		<b>27,313.04</b>		<b>20,479.60</b>	
<b>Surplus /(Deficit)on Year</b>		<b>2,966.41</b>		<b>5,493.10</b>		<b>8,459.51</b>		<b>5,922.53</b>	

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>									
Cash funds brought /fwd. at 1 January		44,908.65		465.58		45,374.23		39,451.70	
Surplus/(Deficit)for year		2,966.41		5,493.10		8,459.51		5,922.53	
Cash funds carried /fwd. at 31 December		47,875.06		5,958.68		53,833.74		45,374.23	9 & 10

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1 - Accounting Policies**

The Accounts of the Langdyke Countryside Trust Charitable Incorporated Organisation meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. Under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 charities, that are not companies, are allowed to prepare receipts and payments accounts provided that the charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000. The trustees have therefore opted to take advantage of this provision and to prepare receipts and payments accounts.

As the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, all purchases of land and other assets are shown as part of the revenue account and charged in total in the year of purchase.

**2 - Subscriptions**

	<b>31st Dec. 2021</b>	<b>31st Dec. 2020</b>
Subscriptions	£5,920.00	£4,586.00
Gift Aid Tax Refund	£1,135.49	£428.71
	<u>£7,055.49</u>	<u>£5,014.71</u>

**3 - Donations**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Donation from the previous unincorporated Langdyke Countryside Trust	£0.00	£0.00
General Donations	£575.06	£145.00
	<u>£575.06</u>	<u>£145.00</u>

**4 - Grants Received**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Peterborough City Council	£0.00	£10,000.00
Earl Fitzwilliam's Charity	£2,500.00	£0.00
Welland River Trust	£4,766.18	£0.00
	<u>£7,266.18</u>	<u>£10,000.00</u>

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
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<b>5 - Government Rural Subsidies</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Basic Farm Payment for year	£9,725.89	£10,223.90
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Torpel	£938.00	£937.00
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Etton/Maxey	£8,203.60	£0.00
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Swaddywell	£1,714.50	£0.00
Total Revenue for year	<u>£20,581.99</u>	<u>£11,160.90</u>
<b>6 - Governance Costs</b>		
Governance Costs include costs such as the Annual Report, AGM and Management Committee Meetings.		
<b>7. - Community Projects</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Barnack Area	£166.37	£0.00
Castor/Ailsworth Area	£1,580.00	£0.00
Parish Nature Recovery Projects	£10,000.00	£0.00
Barnack School Pond	£0.00	£500.00
Stamford Garden	£0.00	£146.40
	<u>£11,746.37</u>	<u>£646.40</u>
<b>8 - Expenditure on Reserves (inc. restricted Funds)</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
- Bainton Heath	£45.01	£137.00
- Etton/Maxey Pit	£4,587.84	£2,280.14
- Etton High Meadow	£243.70	£1,355.59
- Vergettes Meadow	£246.31	£498.00
- Swaddywell	£1,650.41	£1,357.09
- Torpel Field	£2,005.80	£162.40
- General Expenses	£126.86	£600.85

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Total	<u>£8,905.93</u>	<u>£6,391.07</u>
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**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
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<b>9 - Restricted Fund Balances</b>	<b>as at 1 January 2021</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance as at 31 December 2021</b>
GPOG donation for Swaddywell	£96.46	£0.00	£96.46	£0.00
Welland River Trust	£0.00	£4,766.18	£0.00	£4,766.18
Transfer from Friends of Barnack	£156.62	£0.00	£156.62	£0.00
Earl Fitzwilliam Charity	£0.00	£2,500.00	£1,520.00	£980.00
NeneScape Footpath Leaflet	£241.00	£0.00	£0.00	£241.00
Book Reprint Fund	-£28.50	£0.00	£0.00	(£28.50)
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>£465.58</b>	<b>£7,266.18</b>	<b>£1,773.08</b>	<b>£5,958.68</b>

<b>10 - Cash Balances at period end</b>	<b>December 2021</b>		<b>December 2020</b>	
Ordinary Account - Metro Bank	£6,328.89		£3,460.95	
Ordinary Account - Barclays Bank	£0.00		£1,818.94	
Deposit Account - Metro Bank	£48,268.85		£40,183.74	
Deposit Account - Barclays Bank	£0.00	£54,597.74	43.22	£45,506.85
Less Unpresented cheques		<u>£814.00</u>		<u>£182.62</u>
		<u>£53,783.74</u>		<u>£45,324.23</u>
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash Imprest)		<u>£50.00</u>		<u>£50.00</u>
		<u><u>£53,833.74</u></u>		<u><u>£45,374.23</u></u>

The two Barclays Bank Accounts were the Bank Accounts for the previous non-incorporated Langdyke Trust and they were closed during 2021.

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**10 - Tangible Assets retained for the Trust's own use (at cost)**

As all asset purchases are charged to the revenue account at the time of purchase no depreciation is shown in this table

	<b>Asset transfer as at 1/1/2021</b>	<b>Purchases</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	<b>As at 31/12/2021</b>
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	£200,275	£0	£0	£200,275

**11 - Liabilities**

The Trustees of Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO are not aware of any significant or contingent liabilities as at the date of the approving these accounts.

Signed as approved by the trustees on 23 January 2022.

*R. Astle*

**Richard H. Astle**  
 Chair and Trustee  
 23 January 2022

*B Lawrence*

**Brian Lawrence**  
 Trustee and Honorary Treasurer  
 23 January 2022

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Langdyke Countryside Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiners:**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required but that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts, and  
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiners report**

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trust and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep proper accounting records have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*D. Quinn*

Independent Examiner: Desmond Quinn BA ACMA Dated 15 February 2022

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST**

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# Accounts

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# **LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST**

**Registered as a Charity and Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England &  
Wales No 1180626**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR  
1 JANUARY to 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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In addition to the Management Board, there are two Programme Committees, Conservation and People and Communities. These Programme Committees report to the Management Board and have executive functions delegated to them under the trust's Scheme of Delegation. There are also four area groups made up of members from the particular geographic areas who manage the reserves and projects in their areas.

An AGM, open to all members of the trust, is held annually.

**2. Board of Trustees.** (all trustees served throughout the year unless stated otherwise)

Richard H Astle (Chair of Trustees)

David J. Alvey

Michael J. Clatworthy

Robert D. Cowcill

Christopher J. Gardiner

Michael P. Horne

Brian Lawrence (Honorary Treasurer)

Antony Mould (Appointed 22/07/2020)

Martin A. Parsons (Retired 30/04/2020)

Adam E Saunby (Appointed 30/07/2020)

Justin S Tilley (Appointed 30/07/2020)

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Barclays Bank plc. , Peterborough Business Centre, P.O. Box 294, Peterborough. PE1 1EZ

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Desmond Quinn BA ACMA., 30 Cherryfields, Ham Lane, Orton Waterville, Peterborough. PE2 5XD

**5. Insurance Brokers**

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## **6 Annual Report of the Chair of the Trust.**

Covid-19 dominated the charity's year. Our work parties and all outdoor events were cancelled in early March and social distancing restrictions disrupted our conservation work throughout the year.

Nevertheless, 2020 proved in many ways a successful year for the Trust, demonstrating our resilience as a charity in terms of our ability to adapt to circumstances and to transform the way we interact with our members. Our People and Communities Team rose to the challenge of lockdown and quickly organised and delivered a busy programme of on-line talks, conversations and activities, which provided many of our members with an important form of social interaction during a difficult time. During the first lockdown, we hosted fortnightly online conversations with leading national and local naturalists, artists and environmentalists and also an informal weekly drop-in chat on Zoom which was well attended and, judging by the feedback, greatly valued. The team also ran a busy Facebook programme, helping people to enjoy the nature in their gardens and what they could find on their daily exercise. A particular success was our "Three good things Thursday" campaign, asking members of our Facebook group to post three things from nature they had noticed every Thursday. We also ran online bird and flower identification sessions. Membership of our Facebook group doubled over the year.

Our work to help nature recover across the wider area of the John Clare Countryside also continued despite lockdown. During the first lockdown we used Zoom to bring together representatives of all the parish councils in the area and launched a campaign to develop nature recovery plans in each parish. All parishes have signed up to this campaign and completed first drafts of those plans during 2020. The delivery of those plans was, however, delayed by the reintroduction of restrictions in autumn 2020, and will be carried over to 2021. We also persuaded Peterborough City Council to endorse the John Clare Countryside vision unanimously at a meeting of the Full Council in July 2020. We have also continued to widen membership of the partnership and have developed important new relationships with the Welland Rivers Trust, Internal Drainage Board and Burghley Estates.

During the summer and early autumn, we were able to resume conservation work and took the opportunity to refresh the management plans for our reserves and to put in place a new framework for working with contractors to deliver the major tasks on each reserve. The richness of our reserves was amply reflected in the appearance of a new colony of the very scarce Man Orchid and of several new invertebrate species at Swaddywell Pit, including a wonderful Clifden Nonpareil moth in September. Vergette Wood Meadow too produced new sightings of key species such as four-spotted moth and marbled white butterfly.

## **7. Achievements against objectives set.**

While we were unable to achieve all of our conservation objectives during the year, we succeed in our membership recruitment objectives. As set out above, we also continued to take forward our objectives for the John Clare Countryside, putting in place delivery plans for 2021.

## **8. Contributions made by volunteers.**

All our activities are devised, organised and delivered by volunteers! The number of Langdyke members actively involved in the operation of the Trust has increased significantly over the year. When restrictions allowed, we had more members than ever attending the two weekly work parties and also new volunteers to help with events, publicity and other activities designed to engage our members. Many of the online activities described above were ideas of new members and there has been a welcome influx of younger members and families over this period. Overall, we have over 50 active volunteers in the Trust, a very high proportion of our 185 household memberships.

Of particular note was the work of students from Stamford Endowed Schools, over 100 of whom took part in a week of conservation days on our Etton Maxey Pits reserve as part of their Duke of Edinburgh programme. A great deal of willow was cut down and crassula removed and from the feedback, it seems that a lot of fun was had too.

## **9. Financial Review**

As stated, above 2020 was greatly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic which delayed or deferred much of the work planned for the year. In spite of the Covid-19 pandemic work continued to increase the number of members which resulted in a 23.5% increase in membership subscriptions to £5,014.

The trust received a grant of £10,000 from Peterborough City Council which was related to the pandemic. The Management Board has decided to use this grant money to support nature recovery across the communities of the Langdyke area of operation. This money will support the installation of nest boxes and bug hotels, the creation of wildflower meadows and planting hedges and trees during 2021.

Government Rural Subsidies has fallen during the year because three of the receipts usual paid in December were not received and they are now anticipated to be received in the first three months of 2021.

Expenditure during the year fell because the Trust was unable to run working parties owing to Coronavirus restrictions and work planned on our reserves was delayed or deferred. Hopefully, we will be able to undertake this work during 2021 as the work is vital to ensure that our nature reserves are kept in good condition.

Because of the delay in undertaking work during 2020 the Trust's cash reserves increased by £5,922 to £45,374. Although a significant percentage of the Trust's income is received in December, in usual years, the Management Board consider this level of reserves to be excessive. Plans had been made to undertake significant works on the nature reserves to improve habitat and these works delayed from 2020 will hopefully go ahead in 2021 which will reduce the cash balances of the Trust.

Because a significant proportion of the income of the Trust arises through Government Rural Subsidies, the Management Board is developing a Medium-Term Strategy for the Trust which will include a Financial Plan. This plan will examine the effect of the Government's new Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS) on the Trust's income streams.

Richard Astle  
Chair of Trustees  
4 May 2021

Brian Lawrence  
Honorary Treasurer  
4 May 2021

**LANGDYKE COUNTRYSIDE TRUST CIO**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR**  
**TO 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>									
Subscriptions	5,014.71		0.00		5,014.71		4,060.25		2
Donations	145.00		0.00		145.00		35,073.99		3
Grants	10,000.00		0.00		10,000.00		960.00		4
Government Rural Subsidies	11,160.90		0.00		11,160.90		24,440.18		5
Income from Events	0.00		0.00		0.00		848.38		
Reimbursed Expenses	0.00		0.00		0.00		2,297.68		6
Interest	81.52		0.00		81.52		106.24		
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>26,402.13</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>26,402.13</b>		<b>67,786.72</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>									
Governance Costs	155.00		0.00		155.00		227.74		7
Administrative and IT Costs	313.42		0.00		313.42		0.00		
Training Costs	1,426.68		0.00		1,426.68		798.41		
Donations to other charities	0.00		0.00		0.00		50.00		
Publicity and Communications	1,022.16		0.00		1,022.16		2,004.30		
Professional Advice	2,090.00		0.00		2,090.00		0.00		
Archaeological Research	218.34		0.00		218.34		84.97		
Management of Animal Flock	1,560.47		0.00		1,560.47		1,680.76		
Purchase of Capital Assets	0.00		1,500.00		1,500.00		1,882.74		
Purchase of Equipment	2,641.68		0.00		2,641.68		3,562.23		
Maintenance of Assets	418.00		0.00		418.00		203.56		
Insurances	1,720.69		0.00		1,720.69		1,835.00		
Property Expenses	375.69		0.00		375.69		350.13		
Goods for sale	0.00		0.00		0.00		850.00		
Cost of Events for Members	0.00		0.00		0.00		3,845.72		
Reimbursed work	0.00		0.00		0.00		2,056.68		6
Community Projects	646.40		0.00		646.40		1,621.93		8
Expenditure on Reserves	6,248.41		142.66		6,391.07		7,280.85		9
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>18,836.94</b>		<b>1,642.66</b>		<b>20,479.60</b>		<b>28,335.02</b>	
<b>Surplus /(Deficit)on Year</b>		<b>7,565.19</b>		<b>(1,642.66)</b>		<b>5,922.53</b>		<b>39,451.70</b>	

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	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
<b>CASH ACCOUNT</b>									
Cash funds brought /fwd. at 1 January		37,343.46		2,108.24		39,451.70		0.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)for year		7,565.19		(1,642.66)		5,922.53		39,451.70	
Cash funds carried /fwd. at 31 December		44,908.65		465.58		45,374.23		39,451.70	10

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1 - Accounting Policies**

The Accounts of the Langdyke Countryside Trust Charitable Incorporated Organisation meet the requirements of the Charity Commission. Under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 charities, that are not companies, are allowed to prepare receipts and payments accounts provided that the charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000. The trustees have therefore opted to take advantage of this provision and to prepare receipts and payments accounts.

As the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, all purchases of land and other assets are shown as part of the revenue account and charged in total in the year of purchase.

	<b>31st Dec. 2020</b>	<b>31st Dec. 2019</b>
<b>2 - Subscriptions</b>		
Subscriptions	£4,586.00	£3,628.00
Gift Aid Tax Refund	<u>£428.71</u>	<u>£432.25</u>
	<u>£5,014.71</u>	<u>£4,060.25</u>
<b>3 - Donations</b>		
Donation from the previous unincorporated Langdyke Countryside Trust	£0.00	£34,817.49
General Donations	<u>£145.00</u>	<u>£256.50</u>
	<u>£145.00</u>	<u>£35,073.99</u>
<b>4 - Grants Received</b>		
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Peterborough City Council	£10,000.00	£0.00
Tarmac Limited Grant for managing Etton Maxey Reserve	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£960.00</u>
	<u>£10,000.00</u>	<u>£960.00</u>
<b>5 - Government Rural Subsidies</b>		
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Basic Farm Payment for year	£10,223.90	£10,087.31
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Torpel	£937.00	£1,778.97
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Etton/Maxey	£0.00	£10,434.51
Higher Level Stewardship Payment - Swaddywell	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£2,139.39</u>
Total Revenue for year	<u>£11,160.90</u>	<u>£24,440.18</u>

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<b>6 - Reimbursed Expenses</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Production of Footpath Maps for NeneScape	0.00	2,056.68
less: Grant Income received	0.00	2,297.68
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(241.00)</u>
<b>7 - Governance Costs</b>		
Governance Costs include costs such as the Annual Report, AGM and Management Committee Meetings.		
<b>8. - Community Projects</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Barnack School Pond	£500.00	£0.00
Stamford Garden	£146.40	£0.00
Barnack Area	£0.00	£505.74
Castor/Ailsworth Area	£0.00	£1,116.19
	<u>£646.40</u>	<u>£1,621.93</u>
<b>8 - Expenditure on Reserves (inc. restricted Funds)</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
- Bainton Heath	£137.00	£22.00
- Etton/Maxey Pit	£2,280.14	£4,926.85
- Etton High Meadow	£1,355.59	£710.45
- Vergettes Meadow	£498.00	£185.03
- Swaddywell	£1,357.09	£353.22
- Torpel Field	£162.40	£351.90
- General Expenses	£600.85	£731.40
Total	<u>£6,391.07</u>	<u>£7,280.85</u>



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**10 - Tangible Assets retained for the Trust's own use (at cost)**


As all asset purchases are charged to the revenue account at the time of purchase no depreciation is shown in this table

	Asset transfer				As at 31/12/2020
	as at 1/1/2020	Purchases	Disposals		
Torpel Field	£85,000	£0	£0	£85,000	
Torpel Cabin	£35,214	£0	£0	£35,214	
Etton High Meadow	£3,670	£0	£0	£3,670	
Swaddywell Pit	£35,000	£0	£0	£35,000	
Swaddywell Cabin	£11,300	£0	£0	£11,300	
Reserve infrastructure	£27,558	£1,500	£0	£29,058	
Mobile equipment	£3,203	£0	£0	£3,203	
Container	£1,500	£0	£0	£1,500	
Power Tools	£1,080	£0	£0	£1,080	
	£203,525	£1,500	£0	£205,025	

**11 - Liabilities**

The Trustees of Langdyke Countryside Trust CIO are not aware of any significant or contingent liabilities as at the date of the approving these accounts.

Signed as approved by the trustees on 1 March 2021.



**Richard H. Astle**  
 Chair and Trustee  
 01 March 2021



**Brian Lawrence**  
 Trustee and Honorary Treasurer  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Langdyke Countryside Trus**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiners.**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required but that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts, and  
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trust and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep proper accounting records have not been met or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Independent Examiner: Desmond Quinn BA ACMA Dated 8 April 2021

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