

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-imbursement 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 m² 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.

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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.

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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
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Dated: 27th April 2023

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	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total funds		Previous Year		Note
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
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		
Torpeel Cabin Income	0.00		0.00		0.00		120.00		
Interest	90.08		0.00		90.08		35.11		
Total Receipts		29,782.09		73,892.59		103,674.68		35,772.55	
PAYMENTS									
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
Total Payments		34,083.46		10,673.76		44,757.22		27,313.04	
Surplus /(Deficit)on Year		(4,301.37)		63,218.83		58,917.46		8,459.51	

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CASH ACCOUNT									
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

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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.

	31st Dec. 2022	31st Dec. 2021
2 - Subscriptions		
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>
3 - Donations	2022	2021
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>
4 - Grants Received	2022	2021
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>
5 - Government Rural Subsidies	2022	2021
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>

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6 - Governance Costs

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

7 - Professional Fees.

	2022	2021
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
	<u>£13,639.80</u>	<u>£0.00</u>

8. - Community Projects

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
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
	<u>£1,470.00</u>	<u>£6,129.41</u>	<u>£7,599.41</u>	<u>£11,746.37</u>

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9 - Expenditure on Reserves (inc. restricted Funds)	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
- 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
Total	£12,290.13	£4,544.35	£16,834.48	£8,905.93

10 - Restricted Fund Balances	At 1/1/2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31/12/2022
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)
Total Restricted Funds	£5,958.68	£73,892.59	£10,673.76	£69,177.51

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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>

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

	At 1/1/2022	Purchases	Disposals	At 31/12/2022
Torpeel Field	£85,000	£0	£0	£85,000
Torpeel Cabin	£35,214	£0	£0	£35,214
Swaddywell Pit	£35,000	£0	£0	£35,000
Swaddywell Cabin	£11,300	£0	£0	£11,300
Reserve infrastructure	£29,058	£0	£0	£29,058
Mobile equipment	£3,203	£0	£0	£3,203
Container	<u>£1,500</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£1,500</u>
	£200,275	£0	£0	£200,275

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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 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

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