



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2023

Period start date To 31/03/2024

Period end date

Charity name: Gooderstone Fen Charity

Charity registration number: 1180745

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Fen in perpetuity, as a unique habitat for flora and fauna.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To continue the protection and maintenance of the Fen as an environmental and ecological asset, and maintaining its SSSI status. Also to ensure the peat bog remains undisturbed thereby keeping its carbon content in situ. Using any excess funds for the benefit of the community and others.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Maintaining Gooderstone Fen for the benefit of the present and future generations. Using excess funds, when available, to provide grants for local or other beneficial projects.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Fen has been grazed at the correct times in line with the SSSI and Natural England requirements. This has meant that invasive weeds have been kept to a minimum allowing rarer flora to flourish. Insects and wildlife have also benefitted.</p> <p>Regular inspections have also been carried out to monitor fencing, the natural springs and the general condition of the Fen. No major problems were found other than minor fence repairs, which have been carried out.</p> <p>The charity is in the process of setting up a website to make information and photographs of the Fen available for viewing. It has also provided grants to the village cricket club, and for four flower planters to enhance the village's appearance.</p> <p>The charity is open, through the parish council, schools and local groups, to provide grants for other projects that benefit the community.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's bank account at 31/03/2024 was £54,689.39
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The money is in reserve for future fencing, repairs and major scrub clearance work which is required to maintain correct habitats for the rare flora and fauna. Also for future grants.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As above
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Possible changes to the land management payment schemes following our exit from the European Union.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO Foundation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Four trustees. Replacements elected by the trustees from interested parties.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Gooderstone Fen Charity
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1180745
Charity's principal address	6 Elm Place, Gooderstone, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE33 9BX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lucy Closs			
2	Ann Melhuish			
3	Gillian Walker			
4	Noel Cater			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Gillian Walker

Full name(s)

Gillian Walker

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

13/06/2024

Gooderstone Fen Charity

Income & Expenditure 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Income

	£
Bank balance carried forward (31/03/2023)	49,876.18
UK Power Networks - Wayleave	49.45
Rural Payments Agency – August	1,364.80
Rent for Grazing	300.00
Rural Payments Agency – December	1,364.81
Rural Payments Agency – December	3,887.96
 TOTAL	 <u>£56,843.20</u>

Expenditure

	£
Gooderstone Cricket Club Grant	1,200.00
Public Liability Insurance Premium	389.81
Gooderstone Parish Council – Flower Planter	300.00
Barry Hawkins – Preparation of SP5 2024	264.00
 TOTAL	 <u>£2,153.81</u>

Bank Balance at 31/3/2024	<u>£54,689.39</u>
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