



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	09	2021		31	08	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Friends of Sun Rising
Other names charity is known by	The Friends of Sun Rising Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve, The Friends
Registered charity number (if any)	1181570
Charity's principal address	8 Welchman Place Tysoe Warwick Postcode CV35 0SU

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	Elizabeth Bean	Charity Liaison Officer		
2	Bruce Chatterton	Chair		
3	Elizabeth Gray			
4	David Orr	Membership Secretary		
5	Emma Restall Orr	Treasurer		
6	Jane Townsend	Secretary		
7	Belou Fox-Furniss			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution, adopted 15 January 2019
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Friends of Sun Rising works closely with Nature Reserve Burial Grounds Ltd (NRBG), who owns the land.

Trustees Emma Restall Orr and David Orr are owners and directors of Nature Reserve Burial Grounds Ltd.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. To provide and maintain, or assist in the provision and maintenance, of a natural burial ground at Sun Rising Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve for the public benefit.
2. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment at Sun Rising Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve, in particular by promoting biological diversity.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

A key focus of many activities is fundraising, because growing a capital fund is central to achieving the charity's objects in the long term.

Main activities undertaken:

1. Management of membership **subscriptions and donations**, which make a significant contribution to fundraising.
2. Organisation and support of **events** to do one or more of the following:
 - raise funds.
 - support family and friends of those buried or remembered at Sun Rising.
 - develop the site as a nature reserve.
 - promote interest in the site as a developing nature reserve.
3. Maintenance and development of fundraising **projects**.
4. Support for **volunteer-led initiatives** to further the objects of The Friends.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We are lucky to have a strong community of volunteers, whose desire to get involved is fuelled by their connection to the site, it being the last resting place of loved family and friends.

Other volunteers are enthused by the creation, development and successes of the growing nature reserve.

Volunteers get involved to help maintain and develop the burial ground and nature reserve, to help raise funds for the long-term care of the site, and to share support and company with others who have experienced loss or are moving through grief.

Over the year, about 125 volunteers contributed, amounting to around 360 person hours.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Overview

Income this year was less than the previous year; the number of events was limited by the ongoing building of the Longhouse and associated groundworks and landscaping. Online and offline events were held to raise funds, support nature reserve development and nurture the Sun Rising community.

Below follows an abridged version of the Trustees' Annual Report, presented to the AGM on Saturday 3 September 2022. It covers the charity's main achievements and activities during the year.

A PDF copy of the full, illustrated report can be viewed at <https://sunrising.co.uk/friends-of-sun-rising/agm-2022/>, together with a video recording of the AGM presentation.

The Fund

Fund Total: At the end of the year, the total fund stood at £174k, compared with £146k the previous year. A target fund total of £190k for the next financial year was proposed.

Annual Total:

The total for the year was £29k compared with £39k the previous year. This decrease was accounted for by generous donations in the previous year.

Subscriptions: The number of individuals who subscribe as Friends continues to grow.

At the end of the year, the total number of subscribing Friends stood at 331, compared with 301 the previous year.

Fundraising Regulator: The Friends has registered with the Fundraising Regulator as a mark of our commitment to best practice in this arena.

Events

Events were held online or live as appropriate. Led by trustees and supported by volunteers, these were all well received. These included:

Online Quiz Night: Feb 2022: raised £858.

Open Day, May 2022: raised £96 on refreshments.

Nature Walks, June 2022: raised £68 on refreshments.

Jazz in the Roundhouse, July 2022: raised £603.

Moth Night, August 2022: raised £96 on refreshments.

A number of events are in the pipeline for the next year.

Product Sales and Projects

Below is a summary of funds raised from current projects, with additional notes about progress or scope.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Jams, Jellies and Chutneys: £2724 raised since 2018.

Autumn Tea Towel: £933 raised since 2018.

Summer Tea Towel: now available but not yet in profit.

Children's Book: £135 since 2019, the considerable costs now having been recouped and sales being in profit.

Hare Key Rings: £180 raised since 2019.

Hare Purses: £615 raised since 2018.

Sun Rising Jute Bags are now available but not yet in profit.

Sun Rising Perennial Calendar: £1842 raised since 2020.

Sun Rising Honey: £5610 since 2012.

Hare Lapel Pins: £1127 since 2015.

Sun Rising Cards: £4565 since 2012.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Friends' current policy on reserves:

- (a) keep a balance of around £5,000 in unrestricted funds in the current account.
- (b) transfer amounts over £5,000 into an easy access deposit account in order to earn some interest.
- (c) once the amount in the deposit account reaches an appropriate sum, invest safely in a financial product such as a fixed term bond in order to earn higher interest.
- (d) ensure that funds are always held with financial organisations that are covered by the FSCS, and that funds held with any one organisation does not exceed the FSCS limit of £85,000.

The purpose is to grow a capital fund to ensure an income for the management of the site as a nature reserve once it is no longer generating an income as a burial ground.

This fund must be sufficient to provide protection for the site, continuing to develop and maintain it as an ecologically valuable nature reserve, and a place which continues to honour those who have been laid to rest there.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Investment Policy:

The Friends has a policy of investing only in organisations with an explicit ethical policy. At this point, safe investments are favoured, even at the expense of higher interest.

This year £90k was invested, using the company based in Cheltenham, called Ethical Investors.



Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
	Full name(s) Emma Restall Orr	Jane Townsend
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	22/02/2023	22/02/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Friends of Sun Rising

1181570

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/09/2021

To

31/08/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	3,260	-	-	3,260	-
Donations	8,728	-	-	8,728	-
Events	934	-	-	934	-
Projects	4,926	-	-	4,926	-
Donation from Nature Reserve Burial Grounds	7,702	-	-	7,702	-
Gift Aid	2,201	-	-	2,201	-
Bank Error	10	-	-	10	-
Interest	1,678	-	-	1,678	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,439	-	-	29,439	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,439	-	-	29,439	-
A3 Payments					
External Examinaton	480	-	-	480	-
Domain Registration	14	-	-	14	-
Gambling Licence	20	-	-	20	-
Events:Jazz band	-	240	-	240	-
Projects: Honey jars	19	-	-	19	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	533	240	-	773	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
7IM Investment fund	90,000	-	-	90,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	90,000	-	-	90,000	-
Total payments	90,533	240	-	90,773	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 61,094	- 240	-	- 61,334	-
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	145,635	285	-	145,920	-
Cash funds this year end	84,541	45	-	84,586	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account 1	11,125	45	-
	Deposit Account 1	14,187	-	-
	Bond 1	59,229	-	-
	Total cash funds	84,541	45	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Investment Fund 1		-	45,000
	Investment Fund 2		-	45,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Jane Townsend.	Jane Townsend	22/02/2023
	Emma Restall-Orr	Emma Restall-Orr	22/02/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

The Friends of Sun Rising

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1181570

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2020.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

14/02/2023

Name:

Frederick William Buxton

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales
Membership # 1623631

Address:

5 Granby Road, Honington

Shipston-on-Stour

Warwickshire, CV36 5AB

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No items to be disclosed.



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		Jane Towsend		
		Emma Restall-Orr		