



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	09	2022		31	08	2023

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	Belou Fox-Furniss			
2	Bruce Chatterton	Chair		
3	David Orr	Membership Secretary		
4	Emma Restall Orr	Treasurer		
5	Jane Townsend	Secretary		
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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 50 volunteers contributed about 400 hours in total.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Overview

Below follows an abridged version of the Trustees' Annual Report, presented to the AGM on Saturday 30 September 2023. 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-2023/>, together with a video recording of the AGM presentation.

The small variation in figures from those presented at the AGM or from previous year's annual return are due to ongoing improvement in the accuracy of analysis and reporting.

The Fund

Fund Total: At the end of the year, the fund stood at £202k, compared with £175k the previous year. In addition, investments showed a lifetime increase in value of £2.5k.

Annual Total:

The total for the year was £28k, comparable with £29k 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 370, compared with 344 the previous year.

Fundraising Regulator: The Friends renewed its membership of the Fundraising Regulator.

Events

Events, led by trustees and volunteers were all well received. These included:

Dawn Chorus, May 2023: raised £122 on refreshments.

Open Day, May 2023: raised £227 on refreshments.

Fundraising Dinner, June 2023: raised £662.

Nature Walks, June 2023: raised £144 on refreshments.

Roll of Remembrance, July 2023: raised £486 on refreshments.

A schedule of events is in place for next year.

Product Sales and Projects

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

Jams, Jellies and Chutneys: £3716 raised since 2018.

Autumn and Summer Tea Towel: £570 raised since 2018, factoring in cost of new stock.

Section D	Achievements and performance
	<p>Children's Book: £172 since 2019.</p> <p>Hare Key Rings: £349 raised since 2019.</p> <p>Hare Purses: £848 raised since 2018.</p> <p>Sun Rising Jute Bags £285 since 2022.</p> <p>Sun Rising Perennial Calendar: £2238 raised since 2020.</p> <p>Sun Rising Honey: £7177 since 2012.</p> <p>Hare Lapel Pins: £1188 since 2015.</p> <p>Sun Rising Cards: £5117 since 2012.</p>

Section E	Financial review
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>The Friends' current policy on reserves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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.

Ethical Investors in Cheltenham continued to provide investment advice.



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)		
	Emma Restall Orr	Jane Townsend
Full name(s)	Emma Restall Orr	Jane Townsend
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	15/01/2024	15/01/2024



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2022

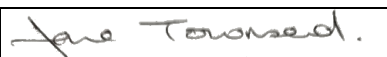

To

31/08/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	3,568	-	-	3,568	-
Donations	8,791	-	-	8,791	-
Events	1,123	-	-	1,123	-
Projects	5,580	-	-	5,580	-
Donation from NRBG	6,321	-	-	6,321	-
Gift Aid	1,772	-	-	1,772	-
Sponsorship	-	240	-	240	-
Interest	1,913	-	-	1,913	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,068	240	-	29,308	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,068	240	-	29,308	-
A3 Payments					
External Examination	492	-	-	492	-
Domain Registration	14	-	-	14	-
Village Hall (AGM)	95	-	-	95	-
Fundraising Regulator	100	-	-	100	-
Postage & Card Payment Fees	41	-	-	41	-
Gambling Licence	20	-	-	20	-
Project: Tea Towels Stock	583	-	-	583	-
Project: Cards Stock	103	-	-	103	-
Project: Fundraising Dinner Costs	120	-	-	120	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,568	-	-	1,568	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,568	-	-	1,568	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	27,500	240	-	27,740	-
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	84,541	45	-	84,586	-
Cash funds this year end	112,041	285	-	112,326	-

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	4,711	285	-
	Deposit Account 1	46,620	-	-
	Bond 1	60,710	-	-
	Total cash funds	112,041	285	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Jane Townsend	15/01/2024	
		Emma Restall-Orr	15/01/2024	



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 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1181570

Set out on pages

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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:

19/02/2024

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

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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