



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	09	2024		31	08	2025

### 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	Dawn Short			
6	Jane Townsend	Secretary		
7	Martin Head		From 28/04/2025	
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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**. This includes merchandise, some of which is created by trustees and funded by the charity, for sale to the public. Other products are donated, at no cost to the charity, to be sold in aid of the charity.
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 final 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, volunteers contributed about 480 hours in total, through the volunteer group of 20 members who come once a month, through the volunteer mailing list of 82 individuals, and the general mailing list.

### 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 13 September 2025. 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-2025/>.

Any small variations 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

**Cash Fund:** at the end of the year, the cash fund stood at £197k, compared with £148k the previous year.  
Net total income for the year was £49.6k, compared with £35.4k the previous year.

**Investment Portfolio:** at the end of the year, the reported value of investments was £103.4k, showing an average growth of 4.6% pa.

**Subscriptions:** The number of individuals who subscribe as Friends remains healthy. At the end of the year, the total number of subscribing Friends stood at 386, compared with 371 the previous year.

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

#### General Events

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

**Planting Weekend**, October 2024: for planting bulbs and perennials. There was good trade on the Friends' stall, including wildflower seed packs.

**The Memory Tree**, in the Longhouse throughout December 2024: raised £575

**Christmas in the Longhouse**, December 2024: raised £588 from the refreshments, tombola and donations. Through all December's events, the Friends' stall made £2,806 profit.

**Funeral Workshops**, March 2025: raised £140 in donations.

**Open Day**, May 2025: raised £296 on refreshments and donations, and the Friends' stall made £308 profit.

**Tysoe Parish Assembly**, May 2025: the Friends' stall made £45 profit.

**Roll of Remembrance**, June 2025: raised £317 on refreshments and donations, and the Friends' stall made £268 profit.

**Watercolour Painting Day**, July 2025: raised £315.

**An Evening with Anton Lesser**, July 2025: raised £1,189.

**Tysoe Flower Show**, August 2025: the Friends' stall made £118 profit.

**Nature Events** are paid for by donation, with half the donations going to the charity. The other half goes to the burial company, ringfenced for ecological development of the nature reserve. Events this past year raised £248 for the charity and included:

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Fungi Walk**, October 2024  
**Winter Birds**, January 2025  
**Making Insect Hotels**, April 2025  
**Spring at Sun Rising**, April 2025  
**Spring Birdsong**, May 2025  
**Moth Night**, May 2025  
**Flora Walk and Survey**, June 2025  
**Insect Week** and **Spider Survey**, June 2025  
**Butterfly Walk**, July 2025.

### Externally organised events:

A trustee gave a talk given to the **Banbury Cross Players**, October 2024, with £170 paid to the charity.

A schedule of events will be established for next year.

### Product Sales and Projects

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

Donated Products:

**Candles**: £833 raised since 2023.

**Birdboxes**: £166 raised since 2023.

**Jams, Jellies and Chutneys**: £6,424 raised since 2018.

**Hare Purses**: £1,148 raised since 2018.

**Sun Rising Perennial Calendar**: £2,812 raised since 2020.

**Homemade Marmalade**: £40 raised this year.

**Adderstone Necklaces**: £54 raised this year.

Traded Products, where totals are affected by direct costs:

**Sun Rising Honey**: £4,661 raised since 2012.

**Summer Tea Towel**: £1,256 raised since 2018

**Children's Book**: £354 since 2019.

**Sun Rising Jute Bags** £118 since 2022, with stock just bought in.

**Hare Key Rings**: £107 raised since 2019, with stock just bought in.

**Hare Lapel Pins**: £980 since 2015, with stock just bought in.

**Sun Rising Cards**: £6,161 since 2012.

**Wildflower Seed Packs**: £130 raised since 2023.

## 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.

**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

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

30/9/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Friends of Sun Rising

1181570

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/09/2024

To

31/08/2025

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donation from NRBG	9,096	-	-	9,096	-
Donations	19,135	-	-	19,135	-
Subscriptions	5,370	-	-	5,370	-
Events	4,511	-	-	4,511	-
Gift Aid	6,201	-	-	6,201	-
Projects	3,598	-	-	3,598	-
Interest	6,477	-	-	6,477	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>54,388</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,388</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>54,388</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,388</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Events	697	-	-	697	-
Projects	2,825	-	-	2,825	-
Overheads	1,141	-	-	1,141	-
Bank Charges (Zettle)	89	-	-	89	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,752</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,752</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>49,636</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,636</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>147,457</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,742</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>197,093</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>197,378</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account 1	4,526	285	-
	Current Account 2	198	-	-
	Bond 1	65,472		
	Saving Account 1	8,658		
	Saving Account 2	62,580		
	Saving Account 3	55,659	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>197,093</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Investment Fund 1		-	-
	Investment Fund 2		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
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			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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	
		David Orr		
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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

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1181570

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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 31/08/2025.

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:

08/12/25

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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