

Charity no. 1182464

**Earth Action North Devon**  
**Receipts and Payments Accounts**  
**31 December 2025**

## Earth Action North Devon

### Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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<b>Charity number</b>	1182464
<b>Registered office and operational address</b>	Unit 6 Velator Way Velator Braunton Devon EX33 2FB
<b>Trustees</b>	<p>The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:</p> <p>Hamish Ferguson                      Chair of Trustees Hannah Lenton Emma Jane Reed Lyn Strahan James Szymankiewicz</p>
<b>Bankers</b>	The Co-operative Bank plc 1 Balloon Street Manchester M4 4BE
<b>Independent examiners</b>	Godfrey Wilson Limited Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 5th Floor Mariner House 62 Prince Street Bristol BS1 4QD

## **Earth Action North Devon**

### **Report of the trustees**

#### **For the year ended 31 December 2025**

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The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the constitution.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **Organisational structure**

The Trustees who served during the year are listed on page 1. The charity trustees are appointed by elected members at the AGM. The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in 2019.

##### **Trustee training**

Trustees are provided with the necessary Charity Commission documentation on successful election and are provided training where necessary.

##### **Governance, internal control and risk management**

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks of the charity and have taken action and established systems which will mitigate any known risks. All policies and procedures are updated regularly.

##### **Public benefit**

The Trustees of Earth Action North Devon (EAND) have had regard and are aware of the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising their duties to which the guidance is relevant.

##### **Objectives and activities**

By working with local communities, businesses and organisations we aim to:

- Tackle plastic pollution head on: raising awareness, reducing consumption, clearing it away from our environment;
- Inspire reconnection with nature;
- Facilitate sustainable behavioural change;
- Accelerate and intertwine environmental awareness and action into the fabric of our society; and
- Create movements of change within our region and beyond.

By connecting people with their natural surroundings through experience and education, supporting sustainable behaviour change and promoting environmental action we hope to deliver a radical transformation towards a healthier relationship with the natural world.

#### **Achievements and performance in 2025**

##### **Education**

Our education programmes empower participants with environmental knowledge and understanding through supported sessions. We help our explorers tap into an inspired mindset and make positive environmental action an integral part of their lives and communities.

In 2025 we led 161 students through our Ocean Explorer Academy (OEA) and we ran OEA legacy activities (like night rock pooling) with 49 Ocean Explorer families and we also delivered 23 community outreach sessions in the community at scouts, brownies and community group locations reaching 1,456 people.

Our Explorers Club was launched, an adult version of our Ocean Explorers programme and we also started an after-school eco club.

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We curated our 'Explorer's Create' exhibition for a six-week exhibition at Barnstaple Museum with our Ocean Explorers artistic creations.

#### **Repair Cafes**

In 2025 we focussed on building our current Repair Cafes impact and offering educational sessions and meetings to increase knowledge, ideas and resilience to the climate crisis through our North Devon Repair Cafe Network. We fixed 289 items (textile, electrical, mechanical, jewellery and bikes) at 27 Repair Cafes.

We created and then hosted North Devon Repair Cafe Network meetings with 10 Repair Cafe locations and also organised an educational workshop for all Repair Cafe volunteers on the impact of fast fashion.

One of our volunteers represented the North Devon Repair Cafe Network at the Restart Project national campaign in the Houses of Parliament.

Our volunteers assisted in creating 390 medal ribbons for the Croyde Ocean Triathlon and 90 Ocean Explorer bags from wasted tent material from local beaches.

#### **Sustainable events**

We offer tools and support to help events reduce their impact and work towards being as sustainable as possible, using our very own triathlon event as a working case study.

In 2025 we built on and showcased event sustainability to 1,000+ participants and spectators at our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Croyde Ocean Triathlon and we featured in the British Triathlon Impact Report 2025 showcasing our commitment to sustainability. Plus, we won the South West Triathlon award for Large Event of the Year 2025.

Our Water Bar was made more accessible by promoting and loaning our mobile bar to five large events, reaching approximately 2,750 people and we also encouraged permanent water access at annual events to help with long term sustainability.

We worked with local event organisers to help bring environmental sustainability to the centre of their event planning, including Ilfracombe Maritime Festival, North Devon Hospice Marathon and five Devon Surf Life Saving (SLS) events.

#### **Community fundraising**

We held two fundraising events in 2025:

The Croyde Ocean Triathlon: our biggest day of the year raised over £19,000 for Earth Action North Devon and £7,000 for other charities.

We also held our very first community quiz night in a packed-out Braunton Cricket Club having lots of fun at the same time as raising over £1,000.

#### **Volunteering**

Volunteers dedicated 4,339 hours to all EAND projects and events across the year.

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In 2025 we upgraded our volunteer management system and aimed to help nurture, empower and build knowledge with our volunteers by hosting two volunteer training sessions in Rock Pooling and Fast Fashion.

200 volunteers woke up at the crack of dawn to organise, motivate, and keep people safe at our stunning and savage triathlon event in July. 550 cakes and flapjacks were also baked by a superstar for Croyde Triathlon volunteers.

#### **Sustainable community groups**

We continued to develop our pilot project with two local Surf Life Saving (SLS) Clubs including World Ocean's Day activities, switching to ethical bank accounts and working on procurement policies. Changes have resulted in the reduction of approximately 240 500ml plastic bottles at Devon SLS events. We also recently shared the project concept within the Community Developers Forum to gather input on how best to move forward.

#### **Community cleans**

This year we have focussed on sparking bigger conversations about what we buy, how we consume, how businesses and governments can do better and with the data we collect we contribute to national databases to push for systemic change.

In 2025 1,504 volunteers spent 2,273 hours collecting 2,485 kgs of waste over 45 community cleans.

EAND hosted two mass clean up events involving 14 businesses and 17 organisations and 806 volunteers and also supported 9 other community cleans in North Devon.

We collected data to feed into national databases supporting systems change – Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) and Marine Conservation Society (MCS) and also promoted further action and involvement in the fight against plastic pollution and the climate crisis through our communications.

#### **Community lobbying**

We have supported the SAS Paddle Out Protest to support the End Sewage Pollution campaign, built a strong relationship with our local MP to build solid foundations for collaborative future lobbying and we also drew local attention to over four prominent national campaigns to support national and international lobbying.

#### **Sustainable business**

Businesses are key to helping us intertwine and amplify awareness and action into the fabric of communities. We provide opportunities to learn, engage and take action as well as developing programs to develop green skills and link individuals with local business through our Sustainable Business Resource CIC.

In 2025 we:

- Engaged over 14 local businesses alongside 17 organisations to actively participate in our two annual mass clean ups. The businesses supplied over 100 hours of volunteer time and provided us with an opportunity to deepen awareness and understanding around issues that they can relate back to their workplace;
- Curated and published our Corporate Social Responsibility Workshop Menu and piloted an online session on fast fashion to a group of our Business Supporter employees; and

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- The Sustainable Business Resources team evaluated the current offering and is developing a values-based model and associated training course to better support SME's. They also worked with local North Devon College to develop the Earth Scholar programme, providing increasingly valuable green skills work experience placements for 64 students.

#### **Collaboration**

Collaboration is integral to our mission. We work hard to build and maintain positive working relationships with a wide spectrum of organisations to ensure we can grow our collective impact.

In 2025 we continued our partnership with the Biosphere Communities Project to help accelerate opportunities for action on climate and nature, we facilitated the launch of the North Devon World Surfing reserve Coastal Rivers Project in partnership with the National trust and we also co-led North Devon's first Surf and Conservation Film Festival.

We also stayed connected by attending over 20 partnership meetings and attended The Blue Earth Summit in London.

#### **Visitor Campaign**

Our Visitor Campaign was not funded in 2025, however we upgraded our Toy Libraries on North Devon beaches with a team of Ocean Explorer volunteers.

#### **Financial review**

EAND has had a successful year with some substantial grants and sponsorship.

This has left the charity in a very good financial position and we have continued to receive support from the local community and partnerships we have made.

At the end of the financial year, we have £110,552 in the bank and in cash (2024: £89,537).

#### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees policy for holding reserves is to maintain 6 months of running costs. At the year end, we had ringfenced £50,000 (equivalent to 6.5 months of running costs), out of a total of £64,129 unrestricted reserves (2024: £69,413).

Restricted reserves were £46,423 (2024: £20,124).

#### **Principal source of funds**

The Croyde Ocean Triathlon, which we purchased late in 2022, continued to be successful in 2025, and is now providing much needed unrestricted income on an annual basis. In 2025 we raised £19,000 from fundraisers, donations and profit from vendors at the event. In addition the event raised £7,000 for other local charities.

We partnered with the North Devon Biosphere to deliver a 4-year programme of education in selected areas of North Devon, which will guarantee us income of £20,000 for 4 years (2024 being the first year).

#### **Restricted funds**

EAND has an annual plan for "projects" they wish to run - some of which continue year on year, some are multi-year projects and some are one-off, single year projects.

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As a charity, we have no income except through donations and grants, so our bid writer tries to secure funding for specific projects, and also for core overheads.

Usually, when a grant is funded, it is designated as restricted funding and may only be used for the purposes we applied for. We take a small percentage of this funding and pass it to core so that we can support our core overheads (this is always declared in the bid), and the remainder is allocated to the project.

In 2025 we ran the following projects with restricted funding:

**Biosphere Communities:** this is a 4-year project funded by the North Devon Biosphere, who are collaborating with multiple parties to deliver support to 4 of the most underprivileged communities in North Devon. Our role is to deliver educational outreach to these communities.

**Coastal Rivers:** the North Devon World Surf Reserve initiated this project to revitalise the rivers that flow into the sea in North Devon, increasing the biodiversity and returning the rivers to the standard they were many years ago. We are supporting them as one of their collaborators, helping them to organise surveys as well as to take action for the re-wilding.

**Community Cleans:** we run these throughout the year, and this is one of our repeating projects. Our sponsors paid for us to purchase equipment to help us run the cleans. We have 2 big “days of action” in the year and also monthly cleans at Saunton and Instow.

**Explorers Club:** this was a new venture for us in 2025, and we received a grant from Sport England to take 4 cohorts of adults through the programme as a pilot project. The adults are exposed to a variety of outdoor activities specifically aimed to encourage them to protect and enhance our environment e.g tree planting, nature walks, rock pooling, beach cleans.

**Ocean Explorer Academy:** we have been running this for about 3 years, and we take groups of school children from our secondary schools to a variety of activities all aimed at encouraging them to take positive action towards protecting and enhancing their environment. It is difficult to fund as we do this in the school day, and funders feel that the schools should be paying for the programme out of their budgets. This is one of the reasons why we have switched to running the equivalent programme for adults. It remains to be seen whether we can secure funding from September onwards, but since September 2025 we have only been able to work with 1 school, instead of the 4 we worked with in previous years.

**Repair Cafe:** this is another of our regular projects, and we received 2 years’ funding in 2025 to help us develop the Repair Cafe network. We had 5 different locations, of which 2 are now independently running, freeing us up to develop Repair Cafes in other locations and help the local communities set up their own.

**Volunteer Management:** We received a small amount of funding in 2025 to help us fund volunteer management and we intend to recruit a volunteer coordinator in early 2026. We also received funding for specific items that would help give our volunteers an identity e.g. t-shirts, name badges.

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##### **Plans for future periods**

The Trustees plan to take on a fundraiser whose role will be to set up and run events on EAND's behalf, specifically to raise funds. This was originally planned for 2025 but, after an unsuccessful appointment, recruitment is now taking place in Q1 of 2026.

The Charity remains committed to promoting and publicising the Charity to create greater public awareness of the Charity's aims and achievements to date.

##### **Independent examiners**

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as independent examiners to the charity during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 11 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Lyn Strahan, Trustee



## **Independent examiner's report**

### **To the trustees of**

### **Earth Action North Devon**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Earth Action North Devon (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 10.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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.

*William Guy Blake*

Date: 12 March 2026

**William Guy Blake ACA**

**Member of the ICAEW**

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# Earth Action North Devon

## Receipts and payments account

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants	64,125	54,899	<b>119,024</b>	81,742
Donations	-	15,001	<b>15,001</b>	35,780
Events	-	26,870	<b>26,870</b>	23,429
Other income	-	1,680	<b>1,680</b>	1,009
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>64,125</b>	<b>98,450</b>	<b>162,575</b>	<b>141,960</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Core staff costs	6,397	64,563	<b>70,960</b>	59,356
Project costs	31,420	25,902	<b>57,322</b>	49,340
General overheads	9	5,559	<b>5,568</b>	2,478
Rent	-	4,250	<b>4,250</b>	2,700
Accountancy	-	1,320	<b>1,320</b>	2,520
IT software and consumables	-	1,160	<b>1,160</b>	1,049
Insurance	-	757	<b>757</b>	1,684
Finance costs	-	221	<b>221</b>	221
Legal and professional	-	-	<b>-</b>	35
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>37,826</b>	<b>103,732</b>	<b>141,558</b>	<b>119,383</b>
Loan repayment	-	-	<b>-</b>	7,500
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>37,826</b>	<b>103,732</b>	<b>141,558</b>	<b>126,883</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>26,299</b>	<b>(5,282)</b>	<b>21,017</b>	<b>15,077</b>
<b>Cash funds at 1 January 2025</b>	<b>20,124</b>	<b>69,413</b>	<b>89,537</b>	<b>74,460</b>
<b>Cash funds at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>46,423</b>	<b>64,131</b>	<b>110,554</b>	<b>89,537</b>

## Earth Action North Devon

### Statement of assets and liabilities

As at 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>110,554</u>	<u>89,537</u>
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u><u>110,554</u></u>	<u><u>89,537</u></u>
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Restricted funds	46,423	20,124
Unrestricted funds		
General funds	<u>64,131</u>	<u>69,413</u>
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u><u>110,554</u></u>	<u><u>89,537</u></u>

A loan of £15,000 was received during 2023. This was settled in two repayments of £7,500 across 2023 and 2024. There are no further liabilities in relation to this balance.

The Sustainable Business Resource CIC, Croyde Ocean Events Ltd and Twin Moors Ltd are entities 100% owned by Earth Action North Devon. At 31 December 2025 the value of these investments is considered by the trustees to be £24,100 (2024: £24,100). An application to dissolve Twin Moors Ltd has been made and this process should be completed in Q1 2026. The business has been inactive for over two years and its nil value was reflected in the current and prior year valuation.

Approved by the trustees on 11 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Lyn Strahan, Trustee