



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From** Period start date **01/04/2020** **To** **31/03/21** **Period end date**

**Charity name:** Kent Downs Trust

**Charity registration number:** 1184737

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Official purposes of the Kent Downs Trust:</p> <p>1. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical, natural and cultural environment of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and its setting in particular but not exclusively by:</p> <p>I. Carrying out work to improve the landscape, environment and built heritage;</p> <p>li. Supporting traditional skills and promoting all arts inspired by the Kent Downs AONB and its setting.</p> <p>2. To advance the education of the public in particular in the conservation, protection and enhancement of the physical, scientific, natural and cultural environment of the Kent Downs AONB and its setting.</p>
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	<p>The Trust continued its establishment phase work by commissioning research work into how to most successfully embed Diversity and Inclusion into its future activities. The Sheffield Environment Trust was employed to carry out a Phase one research study contacting many Kent partners who might work with the Kent Downs Trust to enable a diverse audience to access and appreciate the Kent Downs landscape. This would then lead to a more detailed assessment of need and opportunity and a final report later in 2021.</p>
Statement confirming	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the

whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The main activity has been to research how best to meet the needs of new and diverse audiences who might benefit from its activities in the future.
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### **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 Trust continued its establishment phase work by commissioning research work into how to most successfully embed Diversity and Inclusion into its future activities. The Sheffield Environment Trust was employed to carry out a Phase one research study contacting many Kent partners who might work with the Kent Downs Trust to enable a diverse audience to access and appreciate the Kent Downs landscape. This would then lead to a more detailed assessment of need and opportunity and a final report later in 2021.</p> <p>Besides communication with diverse partner organisations, there has been no direct action on the ground in this period, in part due to the pandemic.</p>

		<p>The Trust started to gather important information about how best to work with partners and how to ensure future benefits are open to the widest audience possible, aiming to break-down barriers to accessing the Kent Downs landscape, for new groups.</p>
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**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 KDT has received income from grant sources enabling its continued establishment phase. Small amounts of spend have been achieved with more of this grant to be spent 2021/22 and 2022/23.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The reserve held is a grant to enable the continuing establishment phase of the Trust. The next area of work will be to enable development of a financial strategy and secure footing for future activities.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£14 627.73
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	N/a

### 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
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	<p><b>Appointed charity trustees</b></p> <p>(a) Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>(b) Trustees will be nominated in line with the trustee recruitment policy, in selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

### 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	Kent Downs Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184737
Charity's principal address	Kent Downs AONB Unit West Barn Penstock Hall Farm Brabourne Ashford Kent TN25 5LL

## 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	Caroline Arnold			
2	Nick Johannsen			
3	Paul Bristow			
4	Vincent Rapley			
5	Richard Haynes			
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	




## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None aside from grant money (financial reserve)
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
Administrative support	Sally Evans	West Barn, Penstock Hall Farm
Administrative support	Lisa Monk-Jones	West Barn, Penstock Hall Farm

#### 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)

	
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Full name(s)

Caroline Arnold	Nick Johannsen
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Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees	Ex Officio Trustee
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Date

28/01/2022
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Statement Date	Details	Paid out	
12/30/2019	Account opened	£	-
01/02/2020	No transactions	£	-
03/31/2020	Balance at Year End 2019/20	£	-
05/01/2020	Opening balance	£	-
05/01/2020	Payment from KCC	£	-
	Gross interest	£	-
06/01/2020	Charges on account	-£	0.20
	Gross interest	£	-
07/01/2020	Gross interest	£	-
08/01/2020	Gross interest	£	-
09/01/2020	Gross interest	£	-
10/01/2020	Gross interest	£	-
11/02/2020	Gross interest	£	-
12/01/2020	Payment to Sheffield EMC Invoice 1 M Ayamba	-£	3,937.50
		-£	3,937.70

Paid in		Balance	
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£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-
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£	-	£	-
£	18,560.00	£	18,560.00
£	0.08	£	18,560.08
£	-	£	18,559.88
£	0.78	£	18,560.66
£	0.76	£	18,561.42
£	0.79	£	18,562.21
£	0.78	£	18,562.99
£	0.77	£	18,563.76
£	0.78	£	18,564.54
£	0.69	£	14,627.73

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