



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 01/04/2022 To 31/03/223 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	Official purposes of the Kent Downs Trust: 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: I. Carrying out work to improve the landscape, environment and built heritage; li. Supporting traditional skills and promoting all arts inspired by the Kent Downs AONB and its setting. 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.
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	The Trust undertook work looking at the next steps in its development including applying for funding for fundraising and development staff to further the progress in the establishment phase.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the 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.

## 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>During this period, the Trust appointed two consultants to begin researching and applying to Trusts and Foundation funding streams to fund future projects. One of the consultants also produced a 'next steps' report on how to secure unrestricted funds and project funds to further develop project that diversify audience and community engagement with the countryside.</p> <p>The plan for the next year is to apply to the identified Trusts for a fundraising and promotion post, to develop the ambitions and actions of the Trust.</p> <p>Last year the Trust established a Paypal account through which the public and businesses could donate to the Trust, and the Trust received the first donation through this mechanism.</p>

### 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	.
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 progress seeking further funding to secure a financial footing for future activities.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£569
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	Para 1.51	

parties		
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	Lisa Monk-Jones	West Barn, Penstock Hall Farm
Administrative support	Rebecca Rees	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

31/01/2024
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Receipts and Payments Account for Kent Downs Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023

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Receipts	£	Payments	£
Balance b/f			
Cash in hand	£ 11,311.26	TDR James - October payment	£ 817.54
Interest	£ 12.58	TDR James - November payment	£ 2,200.00
Donations	£ -	TDR James December payment	£ 2,200.00
Grant funding received	£ -	Appleby Charity Solutions Invoice AAS000037	£ 1,400.00
Earned income	£ -	Appleby Charity Solutions Invoice AAS000038	£ 2,100.00
		Accelar Limited	£ 1,800.00
		Trustee expenses - RH	£ 67.50
		Administration expenses - RR	£ 69.00
		Room Hire	£ 100.00
		Bank charges	£ 0.80
		Balance c/d	£ 569.00
	£ 11,323.84		£ 11,323.84

Signed and Agreed

Nick Johannsen

Trustee  
Kent Downs Trust