



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 01/04/2023 To 31/03/224 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	In the previous year 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. Unfortunately, these applications were unsuccessful and so the trustees sought other ways to secure the future for the Trust and to implement its purposes.
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. To support this ambition the Trustees have sought routes to secure funding which so far have been unsuccessful the Trustees remain committed to the Trust and its work and will continue their work

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 continue to build on the consultants reports to try to secure funding to secure the future of our planned work. Using the 'next steps' guidance produced in 2022-23, a funding bid was submitted to thefore.org for funding for a Trust Development Manager in August 2023, but this was unsuccessful.</p> <p>The plan for the next year (2024-25) is to work with Kent Funding For All a local charity which can support us to develop and deliver our ambitions. The Trustees seek to retain the Kent Downs Trust and remain committed to it.</p> <p>The plan is to register the charity for Gift Aid and further pursue funds through both donation and grant applications.</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. Work is continuing to seek 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>Appointed charity trustees</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		

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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 The Granary 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	Chair of Trustees		
2	Richard Haynes			
3	Paul Bristow			
4	Nick Johannsen			
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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	The Granary, Penstock Hall Farm, Brabourne, Ashford, Kent, TN25 5LL

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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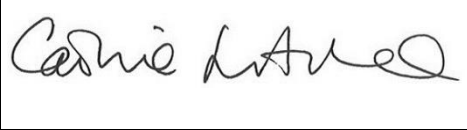

Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	Caroline Arnold	Nick Johannsen
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Ex Officio Trustee
Date	31/01/2025	

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

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Receipts	£	Payments	£
Balance b/f		Invoice payments	£ -
Cash in hand	£ 569.00	Trustee expenses	£ -
Interest	£ -	Administration expenses	£ -
Donations	£ -	Room hire	£ -
Grant funding received	£ -	Bank charges	£ -
Earned income	£ -		
	£ -	Balance c/d	£ 569.00
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Signed and Agreed

Nick Johannsen

Trustee

Kent Downs Trust