

WILD ABOUT CLIFFORD

England & Wales · Charity number 1184830

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-08-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY PRIMARILY IN THE VILLAGE OF CLIFFORD CHAMBERS AND IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES ALSO IN THE BROADER PARISH OF CLIFFORD CHAMBERS AND MILCOTE AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA OF STRATFORD UPON AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL.TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT PRIMARILY IN THE VILLAGE OF CLIFFORD CHAMBERS AND IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES ALSO IN THE BROADER PARISH OF CLIFFORD CHAMBERS AND MILCOTE AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA OF STRATFORD UPON AVON DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Activities: To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment through both education and by promoting biological diversity. Primarily in the village of Clifford Chambers and in exceptional cases also in the broader Parish of Clifford Chambers and Milcote and the local authority area of Stratford Upon Avon District Council.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£1,735	£1,813	-	-
2024-12-31	£1,670	£1,074	-	-
2023-12-31	£2,329	£1,733	-	-
2022-12-31	£549	£1,542	-	-
2021-12-31	£1,161	£723	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Trevor Morgan Acreman	Chair	2019-08-08
Dr Susan Mary Hood		2024-08-20
Heather Belle Taylor		2019-08-08
Mark Davies		2025-10-05
Nathan Matthew Johnstone		2025-10-05

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Annual report and financial statements for
year ended 31st December 2025

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Wild About Clifford

Trustees report

The trustees present the annual report and financial statements for Wild About Clifford for the year ending 31st December 2025.

Trustees

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Mrs Heather Taylor

Dr Mary Hood

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Introduction

Wild About Clifford (WAC) became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Association model) on 8th August 2019. Having started as a community group in April 2017, members voted to become a charity at the AGM in early 2019. The primary reasons for this were to be able to legally own land and to give the potential for larger grant income. 2020 was planned to be the first full year of activities, education and fund raising but Covid 19 intervened. Activities increased again from 2022 and as of the end of December 2025, c80 members and their families had signed up to the purposes of WAC.

Objectives

The trustees shall first defray out of the income of the Charity all of the proper costs, charges and expenses of administration and management of the Charity.

The trustees shall apply the income of the Charity to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity primarily in the village of Clifford Chambers and in exceptional cases also in the broader Parish of Clifford Chambers and Milcote and the local authority area of Stratford Upon Avon District Council.

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Activities

The 5-year plan, completed in January 2020, outlined on-going conservation and education efforts along with two major long-term projects – establishment of a community orchard and a village wildlife pond. In total, a target of c£57,000 was set to fund these activities. This plan expired in 2025 and, whilst c£25,000 was raised, a shortage of available land was the key reason the plan failed to fulfil all its aims. Meanwhile, day to day activities continued. As a replacement for the 5-year plan, work began on a Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP), inspired and driven by Warwickshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS).

The 2025 AGM was held on 29th March 2025 with 32 members present. A review of the 2024, member survey feedback was presented and strongly indicated that WAC should keep doing more of the same.

WAC continues to be active in SWAN (South Warwickshire Area wildlife Network). Whilst it is still early days, we hope to soon have our own web presence in 2026, to share learning and to potentially have more political impact as a group.

Six events/talks were held, with the reinstatement of the 'Annual' apple day, a significant achievement. In addition, WAC presented the idea of the LNAP to the Parish Council in April and attended the Parish Assembly in May, including contributing Wildflower meadow seed to the goodie bags that attendees could take away. WAC has also added flyers to several of the village noticeboards during the year to encourage new members and awareness of the environment.

The trustees regarded 2025 as a successful build on previous years.

1) Conservation

WAC continued to take part and support the community science project called SafeAvon. This involved weekly/fortnightly monitoring water quality of the river Stour running through the village (a tributary of the Avon) to generate data to help inform villagers, local politicians and the water companies to the local water pollution issues. The tests continued to show nitrate and phosphate pollutants to be consistently at a high or very high level. Testing will continue fortnightly throughout 2026.

Following an attempt to adopt 'no mow May' for all the village verges in 2024 a new initiative was started. As only stopping mowing in May is of limited practical value to wildlife, instead a small area (c20m x 3m) of 'no/low mow' grass was established on the village green (it was mown once in December). This is intended to be a long-term project with the aim of getting wild flowers blooming to help invertebrates. With a very dry summer it was a slow start but some wild flower plugs were planted in December and more seeds will be broadcast in 2026.

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Conservation (cont)

The other conservation activity was the maintenance of the hedge planted in the Recreation ground.

Of major significance to our local environment, Alscot Estate, whose land borders the village on one side, have had their first full year of regenerative farming. We hope, in time, this will increase measurably our local biodiversity.

We continued to keep hedgehogs in the news with hope the village population will continue to thrive - although sightings did appear to be much reduced in 2025 – the dry weather, the effects of the regenerative farming (making the local farmland more attractive v gardens) or something else?

The AGM was immediately followed by a workshop to gather members input for the Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP).

A static bat detector was erected for one week by Warwickshire Bat Group, in a tree just behind St Helens church near the river Stour. Over the week 8 bat species were recorded, bringing the total number recorded in Clifford to 9. New ones were Whiskered/Brandt's bats, Natterer's and the Leisler's bat (or lesser noctule). It was encouraging that we also detected Lesser Horseshoe bats, again, as they are relatively rare in the Midlands.

A moth trap was operated throughout the calendar year with 55 nights trapping. 17 new macro species were detected for the village including a Broad barred white, a Cream bordered green pea, a Champion, a Dark Crimson underwing, a Delicate, a Latticed heath, a Kent black arches and a Small mottled willow. Over 270 macro moth species have now been identified in the village. Records were forwarded to the county recorder towards an upcoming book on Warwickshire moths.

The village allotments, an 'Asset of Community value', continue to be an important wildlife haven and in particular seem to have supported a big increase in grass snake numbers. The allotment holders have also constructed a number of 'dead hedges' as refuges for wildlife and an alternative to burning woody vegetation.

There was one unconfirmed sighting of a slow worm which we shall pursue in 2026.

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2) Education

The conservation efforts themselves each had an element of education but in addition several specific educational events were run.

The main events of the year were...

- 1) A talk on regenerative farming by Alscot Estate
- 2) A bat detecting evening
- 3) LNAP workshop
- 4) A wildlife gardening talk
- 5) Apple Day
- 6) Alscot talk 2 (hosted in Preston village hall)

...with a total of c400 attendees.

A number of articles were published in the village magazine and the popular WAC newsletter continued with 13 newsletters over the course of the year, highlighting seasonal wildlife and issues in the village and surrounding area. They were sent out to c80 members by email from March to November.

The charity's night time cameras and bat detectors were loaned out to villagers as they were keen to learn what was out and about in their gardens. The charity's moth trap has been made available to members.

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Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Funding and Financial Review

Over 85% of the Charities funding is expected to come from grants – with the remainder from proceeds from events and also donations. Income for the year including interest was £1,735 (2024: £1,670) with expenditure of £1,813 (2024: £1,074). The charity had a total funds and cash balance of £22,096 on 31 December 2025 (2024: £22,174).

Following a successful 2020 (5 grants worth £17,400 awarded) less effort has gone into funding until we have land to buy or lease.

Nonetheless, we are very grateful to the Thomas Jackson Education Foundation with a grant of £1,350 to cover our educational and operational costs for the year, including supporting Apple Day.

A sum of £86 from sales (2024: £40) and a further £14 from donations (2024: £49).

We will reassess our fundraising activity once we completed the LNAP which should identify funding needs.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain free reserves of at least 24 months of operating expenditure (costs of generating funds, administration and governance costs). This was set at £4000 for 2025.

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Other Activities

Recruitment of Trustees

The constitution states the body of trustees shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 competent, elected trustees. Three trustees were in place at the start of 2025 with Mark Davies and Nathan Johnstone joining on 5th October leaving us with 5 trustees at year end. Further trustees will be sought in future. Trustees are appointed by members or trustees until their retirement or removal – they do not serve a fixed term.

Major Risks and Management of Risk

The principal risk is failure to attract sufficient grant funding to fulfil our purposes. As we have no salary costs, nor other significant non-project related costs, there is great flexibility in the level of project work each year and the trustees do not consider there to be any significant risks associated with the operation of the charity.

Thanks

Thanks, must be extended to our trustees, members and other volunteers for their efforts and involvement over the year and to Mike Hill for his design services.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 16th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by



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Dr T M Acreman

Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Incoming resources		
Donations	£14	£78
Grants	£1,350	£1,335
Charitable trading	£86	£40
Total incoming resources	£1,450	£1,453
Resources expended		
Events	£549	£373
Newsletter	£372	£325
Insurance	£268	£242
Other	£624	£133
Total resources expended	£1,813	£1,074
Net income before investment gains	(£363)	£380
Interest income	£285	£217
Net movement in funds	(£78)	£597
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	£22,174	£21,578
Total funds carried forward	£22,096	£22,174

All the charity funds are unrestricted and derived from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 12 and 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	£22,096	£22,174
Net current assets	<u>£22,096</u>	<u>£22,174</u>
Net assets	<u>£22,096</u>	<u>£22,174</u>
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds	£22,096	£22,174
Total funds	<u>£22,096</u>	<u>£22,174</u>

The financial statements above were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 16th March 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Dr T M Acreman

Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019 - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Wild About Clifford meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Investment income

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 (cont)

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required, and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Other includes support costs necessary for the running of the charity.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. All expenditures in 2025 and 2024 were in support of charitable activities. The charity has no employees.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and at bank and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

The charity currently has no restricted funds. An amount of £17,000 is included within unrestricted funds which is designated towards five-year plan activities.

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Mrs Linda Pollock (resigned 23rd September)

Mrs Heather Taylor

Introduction

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Objectives

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Activities

The 5-year plan, completed in January 2020, outlined on-going conservation and education efforts along with two major long-term projects – establishment of a community orchard and a village wildlife pond. In total, a target of c£57,000 was set to fund these activities. This plan continued to set the background for 2024 whilst day to day activities continued.

However, a shortage of available land remains a key hurdle to progress and the initial 5-year plan is unlikely to achieve its aims. The plan will be revisited during 2025 and aligned with the themes emerging for the Local Nature Recovery Plan for Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull and the priorities for Clifford Chambers and Milcote Local Nature Action Plan as it develops.

The 2023 AGM was held on 13th April 2024 with 19 members present. In late 2024 a survey of members was conducted with results to be available in early 2025 to guide activities for the upcoming year.

WAC continues to be active in SWAN (South Warwickshire Area wildlife Network). Whilst it is still early days, we hope to share learning and potentially have more political impact as a group. We also attended a training day on Local Nature Action Plans (LNAPs) with a view to drafting such a plan in future.

Five events/talks were held, with the trustees regarding 2024 as a successful build on previous years.

1) Conservation

WAC continued to take part and support in the community science project called SafeAvon. This involved weekly monitoring water quality of the river Stour running through the village (a tributary of the Avon) to generate data to help inform villagers, local politicians and the water companies to the local water pollution issues. The tests continued to show nitrate and phosphate pollutants to be consistently at a high or very high level. Testing will continue weekly/fortnightly throughout 2025.

The AGM was immediately followed by a talk showcasing the river testing results and a short presentation from Severn Trent water (see below). The other conservation activities were maintenance of the hedge planted in the Recreation ground and the continuation of the broadcast of swift calls morning and evening from May to July. Whilst no swifts were seen to nest in the boxes, several swifts were seen around the village and we are hopeful for 2025.

We continued to keep hedgehogs in the news with hope the village population will continue to thrive.

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Activities (cont)

A moth trap was operated throughout the calendar year with 31 nights trapping. 14 new macro species were detected for the village including a Lime Hawk moth, a Leopard, a Magpie, a Purple Bar, an Engrailed and a Coxcombe Prominent. Over 260 macro moth species have now been identified in the village.

The village allotments, an 'Asset of Community value', continue to be an important wildlife haven and for the first time in many years a Great Crested newt was recorded, on said allotments. The allotment holders have also constructed a number of 'dead hedges' as refuges for wildlife and an alternative to burning woody vegetation.

Following a vote amongst members, with 33 supporting 'No mow May' and none against, No Mow May was implemented along the village verges courtesy of the Parish Council and conversations with the Parish Council continued to improve this initiative in 2025.

2) Education

The conservation efforts themselves each had an element of education but in addition several specific educational events were run.

The main events of the year were...

- 1) A 'sky at night' evening with Stratford Astronomical Society
- 2) Two talks with Severn Trent Water to explain river pollution
- 3) A talk on birds by Nick Martin
- 4) A bee walk with George Humphries

...attended by c104 villagers

Five articles were published in the village magazine including ones on dark skies and the potential resurrection of the village Apple Day in 2025.

The popular WAC newsletter continued with 18 newsletters over the course of the year, highlighting seasonal wildlife and issues in the village and surrounding area. They were sent out to c80 members by email from March to November.

The charity's night time cameras and bat detectors were loaned out to villagers as they were keen to learn what was out and about in their gardens. The charity's moth trap has been made available to members, to broaden members knowledge and to allow an audit of village moths.

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Trustees report

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Funding and Financial Review

Over 85% of the Charities funding is expected to come from grants – with the remainder from proceeds from events and also donations. Income for the year including interest was £1,670 (2023: £2,338) with expenditure of £1,074 (2023: £1,733). The charity had a total funds and cash balance of £22,174 on 31 December 2024 (2023: £21,578).

Following a successful 2020 (5 grants worth £17,400 awarded) less effort has gone into funding until we have land to buy or lease.

Nonetheless, we are very grateful to the Thomas Jackson Education Foundation with a grant of £1,335 to cover our educational and operational costs for the year.

A sum of c£29 was received from thegivingmachine.co.uk on purchases (2023: £101 from the givingmachine.co.uk and Amazon) and a further c£40 from sales (2023: £229) and a further £49 from donations (2023: nil).

Overall, we have not progressed beyond the one third of the funds needed for the 5-year plan. We will return to greater fundraising activity but only once we have secured land to buy/lease.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain free reserves of at least 12 months of operating expenditure (costs of generating funds, administration and governance costs). This was set at £2000 for 2024. A further c£17,000 is reserved towards the target for our 5-year plan leaving a further c£37,000 to be raised.

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Other Activities

Recruitment of Trustees

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Major Risks and Management of Risk

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Thanks

Thanks, must be extended to our trustees, members and other volunteers for their efforts and involvement over the year and to Mike Hill for his design services. Finally, a big thank you to Linda Pollock for all her years of service as a trustee.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 8th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



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Dr T M Acreman

Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Incoming resources		
Donations	£78	£101
Grants	£1,335	£1,886
Charitable trading	£40	£229
Total incoming resources	£1,453	£2,216
Resources expended		
Events	£373	£737
Newsletter	£325	£410
Insurance	£242	£277
Other	£133	£308
Total resources expended	£1,074	£1,733
Net income before investment gains	£380	£483
Interest income	£217	£122
Net movement in funds	£597	£605
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forwards	£21,578	£20,972
Total funds carried forwards	£22,174	£21,578

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The notes on pages 11 and 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Dr T M Acreman

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Fund structure

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Mrs Heather Taylor

Introduction

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Trustees report

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During 2023 discussions continued with respect to buying or leasing land as did fund raising to pay for it – a continuing chicken and egg situation. Shortage of available land remains a key hurdle to progress and threatens realisation of the 5-year plan.

The annual AGM was held on 1st April with 24 members present.

WAC continues to be active in SWAN (South Warwickshire Area wildlife Network). Whilst it is still early days, we hope to share learning and potentially have more political impact as a group. SWAN is currently looking at becoming a registered group.

We again attended the annual Warwickshire Recorders Event to keep abreast and network with various local experts and activities.

We also advised the adjacent parish on content and activities for their first 'Green event'.

Activities and events returned to more normal levels post Covid with the trustees regarding 2023 as a successful build on previous years.

1) Conservation

The main new activity was joining a community science project called SafeAvon. This involves monitoring water quality of the river Stour running through the village (a tributary of the Avon) to generate data to help inform local politicians and the water companies as to the local water pollution issues. Whilst it is early days, early tests show nitrate and phosphate pollutants to be consistently at a high or very high level. Testing will continue weekly for at least one year to show any seasonal patterns.

The AGM was immediately followed by a session making hedgehog boxes. A total of 9 were made for individuals to take away. The other conservation activities were maintenance of the hedge planted in the Rec and the continuation of the broadcast of swift calls morning and evening

from May to July. Whilst no swifts were seen to nest in the boxes, several swifts were seen around the village we are hopeful for 2024.

Approximately 10 bird boxes, 5 bird feeders and 4 bee boxes were made and sold for installation in the village/parish. Two bird boxes, supplied by the RSPB, were installed in the village churchyard.

Wild About Clifford

Trustees report

Activities (cont)

A moth trap was operated throughout the calendar year with 45 nights trapping. 16 new macro species were detected for the village including an Emperor moth and a Clouded grey (only the 6th Warwickshire record in 10 years). 250+ macro moth species have now been identified in the village.

The village allotments continue to be an important wildlife haven and WAC has successfully lobbied the Parish Council who have applied to make them an Asset of Community Value. The allotment holders have also constructed a number of 'dead hedges' as refuges for wildlife and an alternative to burning woody vegetation.

Letters were sent to the Parish Council regarding cutting of verges and reminding them of the change in planning laws and biodiversity gain.

2) Education

The conservation efforts themselves each had an element of education but in addition several specific educational events were run.

The main events of the year were...

- 1) A foraging walk and 'lotion' making with Katie Beswick
- 2) A wildlife walk with the Heart of England Forest through Dorothys Wood
- 3) A talk on swans by Cyril Bennis
- 4) A moth trapping night/morning with John Kirk followed by crafting a moth from felts

...attended by c75 villagers

Four articles were published in the village magazine including ones on gardening for wildlife and another on bird feeders.

The popular WAC newsletter was re-launched with a more professional look and template courtesy of Mike Hill. Over the course of the year 20 newsletters, highlighting seasonal wildlife and issues in the village and surrounding area, were sent out to c80 members from March to November. The new look newsletter was very well received.

The charities night time cameras and bat detectors were loaned out to villagers as they were keen to learn what was out and about in their gardens. The charities moth trap has been made available to members, to broaden members knowledge and to allow an audit of village moths.

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Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Funding

Over 90% of the Charities funding is expected to come from grants - with the remainder from proceeds from events and also donations.

Following a successful 2020 (5 grants worth £17,400 awarded) less effort has gone into funding until we have land to buy or lease.

Nonetheless, we are very grateful to the Thomas Jackson Education Foundation for a grants of £1670 and £216 to cover our educational and operational costs for the year.

A sum of c£101 was received from thegivingmachine.co.uk and Amazon purchase activity and a further £229 from sales.

Overall, we have not progressed beyond the one third of the funds needed for the 5-year plan. We will return to greater fundraising activity but only once we have secured land to buy/lease.

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Trustees report

Financial Review

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain free reserves of at least 12 months of operating expenditure (costs of generating funds, administration and governance costs). This was set at £2000 for 2023. A further c£17,000 is reserved towards the target for our 5 year plan leaving a further c£37,000 to be raised.

Other Activities

Recruitment of Trustees

The constitution states the body of trustees shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 competent, elected trustees. Four trustees were appointed at the formation of the Charity with one resigning on 11th February 2020. Further trustees will be sought in future. Trustees are appointed by members or trustees until their retirement or removal - they do not serve a fixed term.

Major Risks and Management of Risk

The principal risk is failure to attract sufficient grant funding to fulfil our purposes. As we have no salary costs, nor other significant non-project related costs, there is great flexibility in the level of project work each year and the trustees do not consider there to be any significant risks associated with the operation of the charity.

Thanks

Thanks, must be extended to our trustees, members and other volunteers for their efforts and involvement over the year and to Mike Hill for his design services.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 16th January 2024 and signed on its behalf by



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Dr T M Acreman

Trustee

Wild About Clifford

Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 December 2022

Income for the year was £2329.46 with expenditure of £1732.84. The charity had a balance of £21577.54 on 31 December 2023. Details of our bank current account, bank deposit account and petty cash transactions and balances are given in full below.

Wild About Clifford Charity 1184830 - Bank 2023									
		IN			OUT				
Date	Details	Amount	Donation Grants	Sales	Amount	Event Costs	Expenses	Overheads	Balance
1.1.23	B. Forward								£188.69
7.1.23	Clifford Chambers Charities	£1,670.00	£1,670.00						£1,858.69
10.1.23	Clifford Chambers Charities	£1,600.00	£1,600.00						£3,458.68
20.1.23	The Giving Machine	£17.24	£17.24						£3,475.93
7.2.23	Clifford Chambers Charities	-£1,600.00	-£1,600.00						£1,875.93
24.2.23	Robert Dyas - circuit breaker				£12.99		£12.99		£1,862.94
25.3.23	B & Q - adaptor				£1.46		£1.46		£1,861.48
25.3.23	For Logs	£35.00	£35.00						£1,896.48
11.4.23	Mike Hill - Newsletter template				£200.00			£200.00	£1,696.48
28.4.23	Amazon	£5.00	£5.00						£1,701.48
28.4.23	The Giving Machine	£15.70	£15.70						£1,717.18
19.5.23	Amazon	£8.41	£8.41						£1,725.59
2.6.23	The Giving Machine	£23.37	£23.37						£1,748.96
8.6.23	Katie Beswick - Foraging				£250.00	£250.00			£1,498.96
4.7.23	John Kirk - Moths				£30.00	£30.00			£1,468.96
30.7.23	Heart of Eng forest - walk				£200.00	£200.00			£1,268.96
19.8.23	B & Q				£7.02		£7.02		£1,261.94
24.8.23	South Essex Insurance				£238.64			£238.64	£1,023.30
7.9.23	South Essex Insurance				£38.67			£38.67	£984.63
12.9.23	Assorted -payments re River				£216.01		£216.01		£768.62
14.9.23	Mike Hill - Newsletter template				£210.00			£210.00	£558.62
22.9.23	The Giving Machine	£15.60	£15.60						£574.22
17.10.23	CCC towards clean rivers	£216.01	£216.01						£790.23
7.11.23	Mesh for Birdfeeders				£31.80		£31.80		£758.43
9.11.23	toolstation - staples				£29.66		£29.66		£728.77
14.11.23	B & Q				£10.67		£10.67		£718.10
14.11.23	Staples				£4.49		£4.49		£713.61
15.11.23	Credit from B & Q				-£5.99		-£5.99		£719.60
1.12.23	The Giving Machine	£15.28	£15.28						£734.88
14.12.23	Sales of Bird Boxes	£64.00		£64.00					£798.88
		£2,085.61	£2,021.61	£64.00	£1,475.42	£480.00	£308.11	£687.31	

Wild About Clifford Charity 1184830 - Petty Cash 2023								
Date	Details	Amount	Donations/	Events	Event Cost	Expenses	Overheads	Balance
1.1.23	B. Forward							£257.39
1.4.23	Food AGM	£23.60			£23.60			£233.79
1.4.23	Sales - Hedgehog Boxes	£115.00		£115.00				£348.79
10.5.23	Sales - Hedgehog Boxes	£15.00		£15.00				£363.79
25.5.23	Needlefelt for Moth Da	£143.82			£143.82			£219.97
31.12.23	Hire of Hall	£90.00			£90.00			£129.97

Wild About Clifford Charity - Savings Account - 14326525 2023					
Date	Details	Amount		Balance	
1.1.22	Brought Forward			£20,526.40	
31.8.22	Interest to Aug 22	£8.44		£20,534.84	
31.8.23	Interest to Aug 23	£113.85		£20,648.69	

The financial statements above were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 16th January 2024 and signed on their behalf by



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Dr T M Acreman

Trustee

WILD ABOUT CLIFFORD

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Wild About Clifford

Trustees report

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Trustees

Dr Trevor Acreman

Mrs Linda Pollock

Mrs Heather Taylor

Introduction

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During 2022 discussions continued with respect to buying or leasing land as did fund raising to pay for it – a continuing chicken and egg situation. Shortage of available land remains a key hurdle to progress and threatens realisation of the 5-year plan.

The annual AGM was held on April 23rd with six members present and a trustee meeting was held on November 4th.

In March, under the SWAN banner (South Warwickshire Area wildlife Network), WAC joined a group of 13 villages in South Warwickshire with similar aims. Whilst it is early days, we hope to share learning and potentially have more political impact as a group.

Activities and events returned to more normal levels post Covid with the trustees regarding 2022 as a successful build on previous years.

1) Conservation

The main new conservation activity was the installation of two swift boxes in the church belfry. Alongside these, swift calls were broadcast morning and evening from late May to July. Whilst no swifts were seen to nest in the boxes, several swifts were seen around the village we are hopeful for 2023 and 2024.

Approximately 10 bird boxes and two bee boxes were made and sold for installation in the village/parish.

Anecdotally, it was another good year for grass snakes but less good for butterflies. A moth trap was operated throughout the calendar year with 50 nights trapping. 30 new macro species were detected for the village including an Eyed Hawk moth. It proved a very good year for migrant moths with Vestal and White Point amongst those trapped.

The village allotments continue to be an important wildlife haven and WAC continued to push the Parish Council to apply to make them an Asset of

Community Value. If the Parish Council decide against this WAC will investigate doing this.

Wild About Clifford

Trustees report

1) Conservation (cont)

WAC objected on wildlife and conservation grounds to a planning application in the parish by 'All Things Wild.' This wildlife theme park was for an expanded version of one currently located in Worcestershire. We await the decision of the council re this unwanted and harmful tourist attraction. Comments were made on other plans in the parish, especially to encourage greater mitigation for wildlife.

We understand that the adjacent Alscot Park Estate is planning on a major rewilding project and are seeking further details at year end.

2) Education

The conservation efforts themselves each had an element of education but in addition several specific educational events were run.

The main events of the year were

- 1) A dawn walk with Ashley Grove when c40 bird species were seen and heard.
- 2) A talk on badgers by Dr Denise Taylor of Warwickshire Badger Group
- 3) A butterfly walk around the village by Trevor Acreman (for the church)
- 4) A dragonfly walk along the Stour
- 5) A foraging walk around the village with Katie Beswick

Three articles were published in the village magazine including ones on swifts and another on the incredible value of trees.

The first WAC newsletter of the year, highlighting seasonal wildlife in the village and surrounding area, was sent out to c80 members in February with a further 18 sent through to September. The newsletter was very well

received, such that plans for a more professional look are in place for 2023.

WAC joined in several SWAN meetings and contributed to planned letters to the council covering verge cutting and reviewing planning applications for nature. WAC also met with villagers from Charlecote to help them set up a wildlife group.

The charities night time cameras and bat detectors were loaned out to villagers as they were keen to learn what was out and about in their gardens. The charities moth trap has been made available to members, to broaden members knowledge and to allow an audit of village moths. 240 macro moth species have now been identified in the village.

Wild About Clifford

Trustees report

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Funding

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Following a successful 2020 (5 grants worth £17,400 awarded) 2021 and 2022 have been disappointing. With our purposes applicable to fewer grant giving bodies and monies also seemingly being focussed more on Covid relief and charities in distress we won just one grant of £1,000 from seven applications totalling c£15,000 in 2021 and just one grant of £365 was received in 2022 from Warwickshire County Council. We are very grateful to the Thomas Jackson Education Foundation for a grant of £1670 to be paid in January 2023.

A further sum of c£80 was received for the chargeable butterfly walk and the sum of c£120 was received from thegivingmachine.co.uk activity and sales.

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Dr T M Acreman

Trustee

Wild About Clifford

Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 December 2022

Income for the year was £549.08 with expenditure of £1542.66. The charity had a balance of £20,980.92 on 31 December 2022. Details of our bank current account, bank deposit account and petty cash transactions and balances are given in full below.

Wild About Clifford Charity 1184830 - Bank 2022												
Date	Details	IN			OUT			Purchase	Overhead	to Depos	Donation	Balance
		Amount	Donation	Sales	Amount	Event	Expense					
			Grants			Costs				A/c		
1.1.22	Brought Forward											£1,163.01
23.2.22	Just giving	£19.14	£19.14									£1,182.15
3.4.22	Lynch land garden centre				£2.99		£2.99					£1,179.16
22.4.22	Sausages for 'Dawn Walk'				£40.20	£40.20						£1,138.96
23.4.22	Ashley Grove - Guide for dawn walk				£165.00	£165.00						£973.96
26.5.22	Badger Talk/walk				£100.00	£100.00						£873.96
17.7.22	bird box sales	£30.00		£30.00								£903.96
22.7.22	Just giving	£30.06	£30.06									£934.02
2.8.22	Butterfly walk	£56.44	£56.44									£990.46
19.8.22	South Essex Insurance				£203.10							£787.36
8.9.22	Warwickshire CC	£365.00	£365.00									£1,152.36
4.10.22	Katie Beswick				£250.00	£250.00						£902.36
15.11.22	Dorchester Timber - brushes				£22.61		£22.61					£879.75
15.11.22	Dorchester Timber - screws hinges				£11.87		£22.87					£867.88
21.11.22	Anglian Lepidopterist Supplies			moth trap	£399.50			£399.50				£468.38
21.11.22	One arden - wood stain & protector				£34.99		£34.99					£433.39
29.11.22	Alscot Timber - hedgehog boxes				£244.70		£244.70					£188.69

Wild About Clifford Charity 1184830 - Petty Cash 2022								
Date	Details	Amount	Donations/	Events	Event Cost	Expenses	Overheads	Balance
1.1.22	Brought Forward							£285.09
23.4.22	Food for AGM	£17.70				£17.70		£267.39
23.4.22	Bird Box Sale			£10.00				£277.39
20.5.22	Dragonfly walk	£50.00				£50.00		£227.39
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Trustee

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During 2021 discussions continued with respect to buying or leasing land as did fundraising to pay for it – a continuing chicken and egg situation.

The annual AGM was held on March 28th via Zoom with 10 members present and a trustee meeting was held on 10th December.

Activities, events and fundraising were hit even more in 2021 than 2020 by the Covid 19 pandemic (with a full year of restrictions rather than 9 months). The 5 year plan has definitely been set back by at least 12 months but nonetheless we had a number of achievements to celebrate.

1) Conservation

The main conservation activity continued to be supporting our hedgehog population. With the population thriving we had 6 autumn juveniles handed over for care. Of these two died within days, two were found places at local hog rescue centres (of which one also died) and two were successfully fostered and released. Another hog was taken in from a rescue centre and fostered back to health for release in Spring 2022. As a thank you for their support a donations were made to the Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue and Hedgehog Friendly Town.

In February we got approval to install swift boxes in the church belfry and hope to do this for the 2022 season.

Approximately 10 bird boxes and two bee boxes were made and sold for installation in the village/parish.

Amongst many new species recorded over the year, notable ones included otter (see below), hare and a brown long-eared bat. Anecdotally, it was a good year for grass snakes but less good for butterflies. A moth trap was operated for the first time throughout a calendar year with 62 nights trapping detecting many new species including a humming bird hawk moth, privet hawk moth, pine hawk moth, box tree moth, canary shouldered thorn, flame carpet, lilac beauty, lychnis, oak beauty, poplar kitten, red underwing, scalloped oak, straw underwing, swallowtail, toadflax pug and a tree lichen beauty.

The village allotments continue to be an important wildlife haven and WAC requested the Parish Council to consider to apply to make them an Asset of Community Value. If the Parish Council decide against this WAC will look into doing this.

Wild About Clifford

Trustees report

1) Conservation (cont)

WAC objected on wildlife and conservation grounds to a planning application which would have affected a valuable green space in the village. This application was rejected with loss of biodiversity cited as one of the concerns.

Not a WAC initiative, but at the edge of the village, a local landowner has re-instated a large pond 'The Splash', adjacent to the Stour. Already this has attracted many ducks, geese and swans and it will hopefully become a valuable wildlife resource.

2) Education

The conservation efforts themselves each had an element of education but in addition several specific educational events were planned.

The main event of the year was a 'bat detecting and small mammal day' held in September, with Nick Martin as the expert speaker and guide. Over a 24 hour period, a total of 20 mammals were seen on camera or captured in Longworth traps. The highlight was undoubtedly picking up an otter on the infrared night time camera near the River Stour. This was the first time an otter has been confirmed in the village after many rumours and sighting of otter spraint.

A 'dawn' walk in June, especially to appreciate local birdlife took place but attracted only four members - not surprising given the continuous heavy rain!

The charities night time cameras and bat detectors were continually out on loan to villagers as they were keen to learn what was out and about in their gardens. The charities moth trap has been made available to members, to broaden members knowledge and to allow an audit of village moths. 210 macro and 34 micro moth species have now been identified in the village, an increase of over 60 species since 2020. Hopefully a moth trapping event will be possible in 2022/3.

The first newsletter of the year coincided with the RSPB birdwatch event at the end of January and from April through to November, a weekly email newsletter was compiled and distributed to members to highlight seasonal wildlife in the village and surrounding area as well as provide informative text. During National Moth week in July, a daily moth focussed email newsletter was issued focussing on moths seen in the village. The newsletter was well received, particularly with the Covid 19 restrictions and extra focus on nature for many people.

Wild About Clifford

Trustees report

2) Education (cont)

The local catchment school is setting up a Climate Council and we await to hear more to see if we can be of help with this initiative.

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Following a successful 2020 (5 grants worth £17,400 awarded) 2021 was disappointing. With our purposes applicable to fewer grant giving bodies and also monies seemingly being focussed more on Covid relief and charities in distress we won just one grant of £1,000 from seven applications totalling c£15,000 in 2021. We are very grateful to the Thomas Jackson Foundation for their support.

A further small sum of £144.37 was received from thegivingmachine.co.uk activity and sales.

As such, we have not progressed beyond the one third of the funds needed for the 5 year plan. We plan to return to greater fundraising activity in 2022.

Wild About Clifford

Trustees report

Financial Review

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain free reserves of at least 12 months of operating expenditure (costs of generating funds, administration and governance costs). This was set at £2000 for 2021. A further c£17,000 is reserved towards the target for our 5 year plan leaving a further c£37,000 to be raised.

Other Activities

Recruitment of Trustees

The constitution states the body of trustees shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 competent, elected trustees. Four trustees were appointed at the formation of the Charity with one resigning on 11th February 2020. Further trustees will be sought in future. Trustees are appointed by members or trustees until their retirement or removal – they do not serve a fixed term.

Major Risks and Management of Risk

The principal risk is failure to attract sufficient grant funding to fulfil our purposes. As we have no salary costs, nor other significant non-project related costs, there is great flexibility in the level of project work each year and the trustees do not consider there to be any significant risks associated with the operation of the charity.

Thanks

Thanks must be extended to our trustees, members and other volunteers for their efforts and involvement over the year.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 26th January 2022 and signed on its behalf by



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Dr T M Acreman

Trustee

Wild About Clifford

Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ended 31 December 2021

Income for the year was £1,161.40 with expenditure of £723.98. The charity had a balance of £21,974.40 on 31 December 2021. Details of our bank current account, bank deposit account and petty cash transactions and balances are given in full below.

Wild About Clifford Charity 1184830 - Bank current account 2021											
		IN			OUT						
Date	Details	Amount	Donation	Sales	Amount	Event	Expenses	Purchases	Overhead	to Deposit	Balance
			Grants			Costs				Acc.	
1.1.21	Brought Forward										£882.64
7.1.21	Woodstain and Protector				£32.99		£32.99				£849.65
	Robert Dyas - brushes				£4.29		£4.29				£845.36
	Cash to petty cash				£150.00					£150.00	£695.36
	sale of boxes	£15.00		£15.00							£710.36
	sale of boxes	£25.00		£25.00							£735.36
	The giving machine	£29.36	£29.36								£764.72
	Pozi Screw - Tool station				£30.41		£30.41				£734.31
8.4.21	Wickesbuild				£75.44		£75.44				£658.87
01.08.21	Sale of boxes	£32.00		£32.00							£690.87
7.8.21	South Essex Insurance				£203.10				£203.10		£487.77
14.9.21	Paper				£13.98				£13.98		£473.79
4.10.21	Nick Martin				£250.00	£250.00					£223.79
11.10.21	Sale of boxes	£10.00		£10.00							£233.79
26.10.21	hedgehog food				£3.65		£3.65				£230.14
1.11.21	hedgehog food				£7.40		£7.40				£222.74
26.11.21	hedgehog food				£7.40		£7.40				£215.34
26.11.21	Vitrex Multi Purpose Respirat				£6.99		£6.99				£208.35
27.11.25	Digital Angle Tool				£18.35		£18.35				£190.00
29.11.21	Clifford Chambers Charities	£1,000.00	£1,000.00								£1,190.00
2.12.21	Warwickshire Hedgehog Resc				£30.00		£30.00				£1,160.00
2.12.21	Hedgehog Rescue				£30.00		£30.00				£1,130.00
17.12.21	The Giving Machine	£33.01	£33.01								£1,163.01
		£1,144.37	£1,062.37	£82.00	£864.00	£250.00	£246.92		£217.08	£150.00	

Wild About Clifford Charity 1184830 - Petty Cash 2021								
Date	Details	Amount	Donations/	Sundries	Event Costs	Expenses	Overheads	Balance
1.1.21	Brought Forward							£129.97
22.2.21	From bank account	£150.00		£150.00				£279.97
25.6.21	sale of hutch	£15.00	£15.00					£294.97
30.11.21	hedgehog food					£9.98		£284.99

Wild About Clifford Charity - Savings Account - 14326525 2021			
Date	Details		Balance
1.1.21	Brought Forward		£20,524.37
24.1.21	Interest	£0.17	£20,524.54
25.02.21	Interest	£0.17	£20,524.71
25.03.21	Interest	£0.16	£20,524.87
25.04.21	Interest	£0.17	£20,525.04
24.05.21	Interest	£0.17	£20,525.21
25.06.21	Interest	£0.17	£20,525.38
25.07.21	Interest	£0.17	£20,525.55
25.08.21	Interest	£0.17	£20,525.72
25.09.21	Interest	£0.17	£20,525.89
25.10.21	Interest	£0.17	£20,526.06
25.11.21	Interest	£0.17	£20,526.23
25.12.21	Interest	£0.17	£20,526.40

The financial statements above were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 26th January 2022 and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T M Acreman', written in a cursive style.

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Dr T M Acreman

Trustee