



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To
	1	9	2020	31
				8
				2021

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Ewyas Harold Common Trust

Other names charity is known by

EHCT

Registered charity number (if any)

1185140

Charity's principal address

Springbank

Ewyas Harold

Postcode

HR20JD

### 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	Madeleine Bradley	Vice Chair	From January 2021	
2	Martin Clayton			
3	Christiana Crouch	Treasurer		
4	Caroline Hanks			
5	Peter Jinman			
6	Lucy Morton			
7	Lloyd Reed		Until January 2021	
8	Andrew Nixon	Chair		
9	Gillian Urch		From January 2021	
10	Susan Young	Secretary		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Type or adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	All trustees elected by the membership at the first AGM on 21.1.21

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

During the reporting year the trustees have met on 11 occasions (all via Zoom). The AGM was held on 21.1.21 (also via Zoom) with 17 members present and all the current trustees were appointed.

At the trustees meeting on 1.2.21 the following officers were elected: Andrew Nixon Chair, Maddy Bradley Vice Chair, Christy Crouch (Treasurer) and Sue Young (Secretary).

During the course of the year we have been developing governance policies in relation to risk assessment, procurement & fixed asset policy, contract agreements, safeguarding, conflicting interests and complaints handling. These are largely completed and mean that the organisation can act more professionally.

We have also been working on the process of setting up a separate organisation to run the water supply. The model we have moved towards is a cooperative Water Society.

There are over 50 paid up members of the Trust.

## Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The purposes of the EHCT are set out in the constitution as follows:

"To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Ewyas Harold Common ("the Common") by:

- providing amenity space for the local community and promoting sustainable access
- managing the land to create and maintain biological diversity and to improve and maintain a traditional habitat for wildlife
- maintaining the quantity and quality of the grazing, consistent with the other objects

- advancing the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Common
- protecting against any action which would be detrimental to overall objects or to the exercise of registered rights.”

#### Environmental Management

The number of volunteer working parties on the Common were curtailed due to damp weather and Covid restrictions. However, three days of contract work were undertaken for reptile and amphibian management (£552), £560 was paid to 2 contractors for scrub clearance and £360 was paid to a contractor for bracken cutting. BPS claimants and Trust members have also undertaken bracken cutting at no cost to the Trust. Site meetings were held to discuss on going management work with Natural England and future plans drawn up. The requirements of the Higher Level Stewardship have been maintained. The Trust was invited to roll over the HLS for another year and this was agreed.

During the summer dormouse monitoring work was undertaken by volunteers. The results are yet to be analysed.

We have undertaken an exercise to digitally map the various habitats on the Common.

#### Amenity Use

In July we were able to hold the launch event planned for the previous year, but postponed due to Covid restrictions. After a picnic lunch we introduced those present (some 25) to some of the wildlife on the Common and the management work undertaken and talked about the organisation of the Trust.

We have prepared a leaflet about the Common and put up posters at all the entrances welcoming walkers and indicating how they can contribute to the care of the Common. The Common has continued to be widely used by locals and those from further afield. This has not been without its problems (litter, burnt area, quad bikes, etc.), but most users are generally respectful.

The trust received some welcome publicity in the local press when a bench was donated and installed to thank the Lord of the Manor for his gift of the Common to the Trust.

We believe that in all our activities we have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The Common continues to provide a welcome place for members of the public to walk and relax. The richness of habitat and diversity is still being maintained, though as ever it is a delicate balance.

The Trust feels that this has been the year when it has got the organisation onto a more professional footing and looks forward to capitalising on this in the coming year, building up its membership and planning its management work programme.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Trust's finances are healthier and it has been possible to prepare a budget. However, with bills still to be paid and a loan to be paid back (see below) and financial arrangements still to be made with the Water Society it has not proved possible to develop a reserves policy yet.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit****Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our principle source of funding remains the Higher Level Stewardship (about £5k pa) and membership subscriptions and donations. The former is earmarked for environmental management work. We have not been successful in accessing any grant money. An application for a grant from the Big Lottery was turned down.

During the year the £10k loan from Butterfly Conservation to enable the purchase of the Common has been converted to a donation for which the Trust is very grateful. And we have been able to pay the bulk of the solicitor's bills. We believe that we have £7k (or £3.5K) left to pay, but this is subject to dispute. We also have an outstanding loan of £3k to an individual.

The costs involved in setting up the Water Society, undertaking sampling and getting the necessary licences have been more than covered by the user payments.

**Section F****Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



S.E. Young

Full name(s)

Andrew Nixon

Susan Elizabeth Young

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Secretary

Date

07/02/2022

07/02/2022



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
**Ewyas Harold Common Trust**

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01.09.20

To

Period end date  
31.08.21

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	855	-	-	855	-
Membership subscriptions	875	-	-	875	-
Sales	26	-	-	26	-
Water payments	3,869	-	-	3,869	-
Higher Level Stewardship grant	4,677	-	-	4,677	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>10,302</b>			<b>10,302</b>	
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>10,302</b>			<b>10,302</b>	
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Solicitor	5,540	-	-	5,540	-
Insurance	458	-	-	458	-
Environmental contractors	1,472	-	-	1,472	-
Costs associated with water supply	1,163	-	-	1,163	-
Bench erection costs	110	-	-	110	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,743</b>			<b>8,743</b>	
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,743</b>			<b>8,743</b>	
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,559</b>			<b>1,559</b>	
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>1,807</b>			<b>1,807</b>	
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,366</b>			<b>3,366</b>	

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cooperative Bank	3,367	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

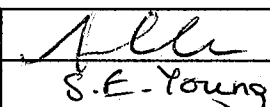
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Ewyas Harold Common	Unrestricted	-	-
	Pumps, pipes & infrastructure related to the water supply	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Loan	Unrestricted	3,000	
	Solicitors fees	Unrestricted	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Andrew Nixon	07/02/2022
	Susan Young	07/02/2022