



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	9	2021		31	8	2022

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		
2	Martin Clayton			
3	Christiana Crouch	Treasurer		
4	Caroline Hanks			
5	Peter Jinman			
6	Lucy Morton			
7	Christopher Moughton	From January 2022		
8	Andrew Nixon	Chair		
9	Gillian Urch			
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

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of 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)

Trustees elected by membership at AGM

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 but 2 on Zoom). The AGM was held on 27.1.22 with 19 members present. Three trustees resigned, as required by our constitution, and were then re-appointed. One additional trustee was appointed, bringing the total number of trustees up to 10.

We have finalised policies in relation to risk assessment, procurement and fixed asset policy, contract agreements, safeguarding, conflicting interests and complaints. And we have developed an organisational risk register. We have appointed a safeguarding officer who has undertaken NCVO training.

A Multi Stakeholder Co-operative (The Ewyas Harold Common Water Society) was set up in January 2022 to run the water supply. The necessary land and infrastructure will be leased to this Society. This lease is currently under discussion.

There are 61 paid members of the Trust. The web site is regularly updated and a Facebook page has been set up.

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

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)

<p>the other objects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.”
<p>Environmental management</p> <p>There were about 7 volunteer working parties on the Common over the winter - mainly scrub clearance for the benefit of pearl bordered fritillary butterflies. In addition contractors were paid to carry out three days of reptile and amphibian management at a cost of £552. £693 was paid to 2 separate contractors for scrub clearance and £912 for bracken cutting in August. BPS claimants and Trust members have also undertaken bracken cutting at no cost to the Trust.</p> <p>Site meetings were held to discuss future plans with Natural England and management plans drawn up. The requirements of the Higher Level Stewardship have been maintained. Once again the Trust was invited to roll forward the HLS for another year and this was agreed.</p> <p>During the early summer a professional survey of the habitat for pearl bordered fritillaries was undertaken (at no cost to the Trust) by Wessex Environmental. This found the habitat to be excellent. They concluded that the current management is working exceptionally well and there is a wide range of suitable habitat. As a result of their recommendations we were able to agree to 2 gravid females being taken for captive breeding before being released at prepared sites for re-introduction on the Malvern Hills.</p> <p>The results of the dormouse monitoring undertaken in the summer of 2021 were also very encouraging with evidence of similar numbers to the previous survey in 2011. It was considered likely that they are more widespread than the fairly limited survey areas.</p> <p>A grant received from Herefordshire County Council (see below) enabled us to purchase equipment for use by the volunteer working parties, to pay for some brush cutting courses & to run some butterfly and plant identification workshops.</p> <p>Amenity Use</p> <p>The Common continues to be greatly used by the local community for recreation. A leaflet has been prepared, advertising the value of the Common and indicating how people can donate or help in other ways. This has been circulated in the village and at local events.</p> <p>The Trust put on a social event and picnic as a thank you to all those who had done work on the Common over the past year (including volunteers). One of the cattle grids to the Common was replaced and the others have been cleared out by volunteers.</p> <p>All the stiles on the edge of the Common have been assessed and are considered generally adequate.</p> <p>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.</p>

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.

Even though the Common is a popular recreational venue the management undertaken by the Trust has maintained its value for wildlife. Habitat management has been praised by experts and the numbers of protected species have held their own.

The use of the Herefordshire Council grant to purchase equipment and training has helped to prepare the Trust for the future.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A policy on reserves is still to be developed. Because of the legacy of loans to pay back (see below) and the fact that the situation as regards the running of the water supply is still not settled this has been another unusual year.

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 is the Higher Level Stewardship (about £5k per annum), membership subscriptions and donations. A grant of £4.5k from Herefordshire Council has been awarded for specific expenditures (see above), which has been really helpful in preparing the Trust for the future. Some of it has been spent, though much will be carried forward for spending in our next financial year. The grant money itself will also be received next year.

During the year we have paid a further £3.5k towards the historical legal costs of the transfer of the Common to the Trust. By our reckoning this is the balance required to pay off the solicitor's invoices. The solicitor has not demurred from this.

The outstanding loan of £3k from an individual remains.

The costs involved in setting up the Water Society, undertaking emergency works, and getting the necessary licences have been covered by payments from the water users.

Section F

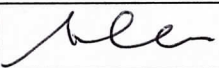
Other optional information

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	2/2/23	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Eywas Harold Common Trust

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1.9.21	To	31.8.22
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	671	-	-	671	855
Membership subscriptions	523	-	-	523	875
Sales	-	-	-	-	26
Water payments	4,260	-	-	4,260	3,869
Higher Level Stewardship grant	4,677	-	-	4,677	4,677
Wayleave payments	133	-	-	133	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,264	-	-	10,264	10,302
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,264	-	-	10,264	10,302
A3 Payments					
Solicitor	3,500	-	-	3,500	5,540
Insurance	489	-	-	489	458
Environmental Contractors	2,158	-	-	2,158	1,472
Costs associated with water supply	1,043	-	-	1,043	1,163
Training	620	-	-	620	-
Refund	15	-	-	15	-
Hall Hire	24	-	-	24	-
Equipment	471	-	-	471	-
Bench erection costs	-	-	-	-	110
Sub total	8,320	-	-	8,320	8,743
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,320	-	-	8,320	8,743
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,944	-	-	1,944	1,559
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,366	-	-	3,366	1,807
Cash funds this year end	5,310	-	-	5,310	3,366

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cooperative Bank	5,310	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,310	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	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)
B5 Liabilities	Loan	unrestricted	3,000	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ANDREW NIXON	2/2/23
S.E. Young	SUSAN YOUNG	2.2.23