

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

Day

Month

Year

From

01

09

2024

To

31

08

2025

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

The Prospect

Ewyas Harold

Postcode

HR2 0JE

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	Madeline Bradley			
2	Martin Clayton	Chair	Chair Oct 24 – Dec 24	
3	Christiana Crouch	Treasurer		
4	Caroline Hanks	Chair	Chair Dec 24 – Feb 25	
5	Christopher Moughton			
6	Andrew Nixon	Chair	Chair Feb 25 – April 25 / Trustee until 17.4.25	
7	Thomas Oliver			
8	Sherridan Reed		Trustee from 19.3.25	
9	Helen Shimwell	Chair	Chair Sep 24 – Oct 24	
10	Gillian Urch			
11	Judith Webb	Chair	Chair April 25 – Sep 25	
12	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

Constitution

How the charity is constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods

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 held 6 meetings with an average attendance of 9.

The AGM was held on 19 March 2025 with 24 members present. Four trustees resigned, as required by our constitution and were then re-appointed. One new trustee was elected. At the end of the reporting year there were 11 trustees. It has been decided to fund all trustees to undertake governance training. Some have already done the NCVO training.

There are 52 paid members of the EHCT.

The formal agreement regarding the lease of the necessary land and infrastructure to the Ewyas Harold Common Water Society (EHCWS) is under negotiation, as well as discussions regarding regular water infrastructure maintenance. A pedestrian path between the windmill and the well has been improved & one reservoir has been fenced off at the request of Herefordshire Council inspector. The EHCWS manages the water supply.

A policy has been developed regarding financial reserves and a policy approach to parking and driving. Details of legislation affecting the Common and local rules and regulations have been collated & put on the web site. All those with properties abutting the Common were reminded of their boundary responsibilities.

Approval has been given to the National Grid to trench an electricity supply to a new property adjoining the Common – the necessary permissions having been sought and granted.

Consideration has been given to the question of fire risk and discussions held with the local fire brigade. A strategy is being drawn up including advice to residents.

Unauthorised driving, camping, BBQs, littering, etc. continues to take place – liaison with the police regarding these incidents is always positive.

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."

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)

Environmental management

There were 6 volunteer working parties on the Common over the winter – mainly scrub clearance for the benefit of the pearl bordered fritillary. Contractors were paid for bracken cutting (£1134) and for a day with a roboflail (£900). In addition, a contractor undertook reptile and amphibian management (£630). BPS claimants & Trust members have also undertaken bracken cutting at no cost to the Trust.

Alongside the grazing of 7 Exmoor ponies and a small flock of Commoner's sheep the above management maintained the requirements of the Higher Level Stewardship.

Regular surveys of butterflies and reptiles were undertaken. The levels of the target species are holding up.

The Environmental Stewardship agreement continues until March 2028.

Work continues on a longer-term management plan with consideration being given to making a move to a new RPA scheme and applying for SSSI designation.

Amenity use

Three silted up cattle grids have been cleared out (partly by volunteers) and fencing replaced around one of them.

The issue of muddy paths in winter has been considered in detail and it has been decided that clearing old ditches and improving drainage will make a big difference and work is proposed to tackle this on some key access routes when the weather is right.

A guided walk was offered for locals and members to see the pearl bordered fritillaries when they were flying in May.

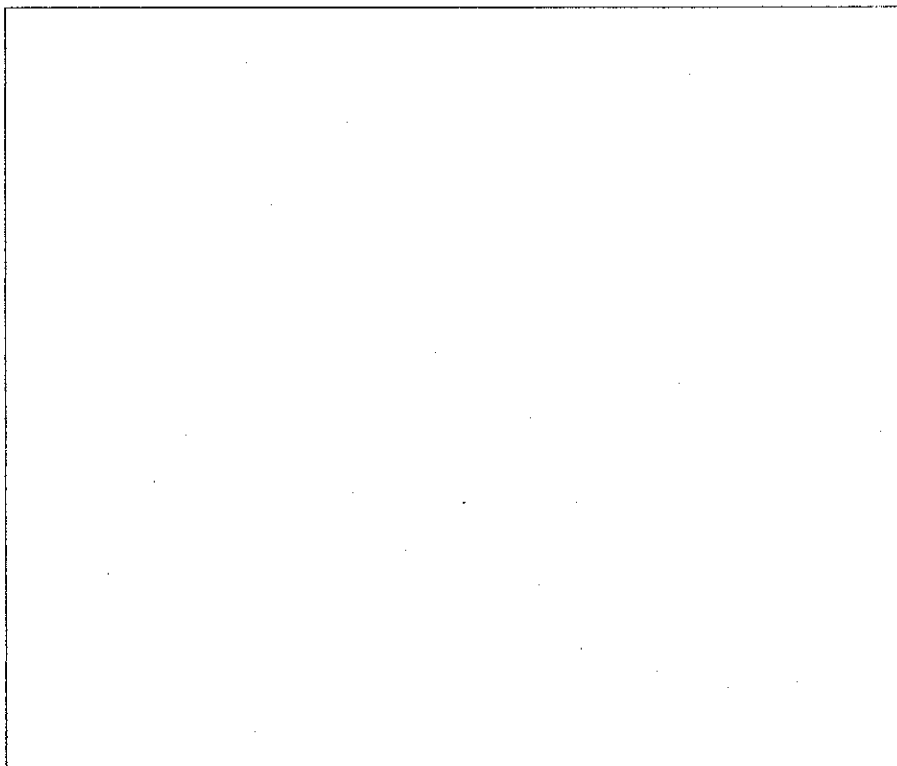
Three new information boards have been commissioned to replace the old ones – two of which have completely disintegrated and had to be removed.

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.

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The EHCT has continued to maintain the Common as a valuable recreational space for local residents and those from further afield. In addition to regular local walkers, visitors come specifically to see some of the rarities. Long distance routes (the Herefordshire Trail and the Golden Valley Pilgrim Way) pass through the Common and bring more visitors.

Despite the pressures created by both legitimate access and antisocial behaviour the EHCT has managed to maintain and enhance the environment for the target species and for wider bio-diversity.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The EHCT has no employees or other regular financial commitments. Our insurance policy covers us for public liability which is our major financial risk. Accordingly our reserves policy is to retain a reserve of approximately 6 months expenditure.

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 principal source of funding remains the Higher Level Stewardship (about £5k per annum), membership subscriptions and donations. The HLS money is ring fenced for habitat management. The other main expenditure is for public liability insurance. In addition to expenditure on habitat management our budget envisages spending on preparation of the management plan, new noticeboards and footpath improvement. During the reporting year we received a sum of £25k as a result of granting an easement to a new residential property adjoining the common. This sum needs to be husbanded carefully. EHCT plans to invest some of this for the short term and envisages that much of it will be required for the development and implementation of the new management plan.

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)	J. Webb	S.E. Young
Full name(s)	JUDITH WEBB	SUSAN YOUNG
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	7/5/2026	



The Ewvas Harold Common Trust

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Sep-24

To

31-Aug-25

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	35	-	-	35	155
Membership subscriptions	1,170	-	-	1,170	738
Sales	-	-	-	-	9
Water payments	304	-	-	304	2,806
Higher Level Stewardship Grant	4,677	-	-	4,677	4,677
Wayleave payments	137	-	-	137	133
Transfer from closing account	-	-	-	-	14
Other misc	25,000	-	-	25,000	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,323	-	-	31,323	8,532
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,323	-	-	31,323	8,532
A3 Payments					
Insurance	481	-	-	481	489
Hall Hire + costs of AGM	60	-	-	60	36
Environmental Contractors	3,657	-	-	3,657	2,815
Costs associated with water supply	298	-	-	298	499
Herefordshire Council - water testing	-	-	-	-	478
Common maintenance	2,349	-	-	2,349	-
Misc	30	-	-	30	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,875	-	-	6,875	4,317
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,875	-	-	6,875	4,317
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,448	-	-	24,448	4,215
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,237	-	-	13,237	9,022
Cash funds this year end	37,685	-	-	37,685	13,237

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	Co-operative Bank account	37,685	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	37,685	-	-

(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	Pumps, pipes & infrastructure re water supply	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
J. Webb	JUDITH WEBB	7/5/2026
S.E. Young	SUEAN YOUNG	7.5.26

J. Webb



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Ewyas Harold Common Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1185140

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

W. Knudsen

Date:

06/02/2026

Name:

WENDY KNUDSEN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.