

# RWB Environment Trust Annual Report

## for period 1st April 2024 to 31 March 2025



RWB Environment Trust is well established in Royal Wootton Bassett as a recognised source of expertise and promoter of environmental initiatives. We have a loyal and expanding group of volunteers to support our projects. Our members frequently assist and advise Town Councillors and community leaders on a wide range of topics such as the development of community green spaces, ecological diversity, energy efficiency and sustainability. Over the 12 months, the Trust provided 1500 volunteer hours, which equates to around £35,000 in value of labour to our community and to projects that benefit our environment.

The charity's Community Nature Reserve continues to thrive thanks to a dedicated group of regular volunteers and we successfully advised and contributed to the Vale View Gardens project that adopted a small piece of waste land and converted it into a "pocket park" for local residents. The Trust also supported a "Hedgefest" event on a local farm, that attracted expert speakers from across the country, highlighted the ecological benefits of healthy hedgerows and showcased best practice management techniques.

Our projects over the last two years to work with council grounds staff to introduce: more trees; longer grass areas for wildflowers and wildlife; and changes to grass mowing regimes, within the town's parks are now accepted normal, good practice by the Town Council and have been consolidated into their "business as usual" planning and budgeting process. We continue to monitor the success of these initiatives and to provide volunteer support as and when requested.

During the course of this year the balance in our accounts has increased by over £11,000. This is as a result of successful fundraising in anticipation of significant expenditure on major projects in 2025/26:

- The Trust was one of the Royal Wootton Bassett Mayor's "chosen charities" during her year in office and received a donation of £2,157 from her Mayor's Charity Fund to support our projects; and
- We have continued to pursue the development of plans for routes for cycling and wheeling within Royal Wootton Bassett to encourage more active travel and help reduce carbon emissions. We successfully applied for grants amounting to £10,000 that will enable the Trust to undertake the necessary scoping and preparatory design studies for the first cycle route project, once we have Wiltshire Council approval to proceed.

D.Gardner  
Chair of Trustees

**RWB Environment Trust****Income & Expenditure Report for Year Ended 31 March 2025**

		£	£
<b>Opening Trust Funds</b>			<b>2,579.98</b>
Income	Personal donations	496.00	
	Other donations	40.00	
	Active travel grant - Wiltshire Council	5,000.00	
	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust grant	5,000.00	
	Mayor's charitable trust	<u>2,157.88</u>	12,893.88
Expenditure	Polo shirts & beanie hats with Trust logos	(874.80)	
	Trees - Vale View	(372.57)	
	Community Nature Reserve Equipment & Other Costs	(368.13)	
	Seeds - Carnival	(97.43)	
	Bulbs - Nature Reserve	(25.50)	
	Insurance	(153.44)	
	Meeting costs	(60.00)	
	Website Fees	<u>(28.78)</u>	(1,980.65)
Hedgefest	Grant & publicity income	2,695.40	
	Expenses	<u>(2,250.02)</u>	445.38
<b>Closing Trust Funds at 31 March 2025</b>			<b>13,838.59</b>



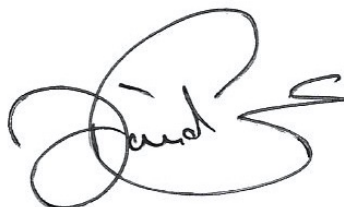
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1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

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