

WEST HERTS ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Charity Registration: 1188336

WEST HERTS ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS.
YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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James Walter Grimston
Paul Barnes
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1188336

**WEST HERTS ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

The Board of Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the Charity, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) for the year ended 30th September 2023

Introduction

West Herts Environmental Foundation ("the Foundation") was founded on 4th March 2020. The Foundation's full name is The West Herts Environmental Foundation, this can be shortened to WHEF.

Objectives and Activities.

The objectives of the Foundation are to promote for the benefit of the public the advancement of environmental protection and improvement in West Hertfordshire and surrounding areas.

The activities during the year were:

1. A grant of £1,200 was made to The Woodland Trust as a contribution to the cost of replanting some 3,000 trees in Harrocks Wood, by Rickmansworth, Herts, following the removal of Ash trees affected by Ash Dieback.
2. The Foundation has raised significant sums from public donations and matched funding , donor nominated for opposition to the proposed expansion of Luton Airport and the consequent detrimental impact on the environment of West Herts. Grants totaling £28,652 were made during the year to Luton and District Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise ("LADACAN") to contribute to their external costs of opposing this proposed expansion of Luton Airport at a Public Inquiry which took place in 2022/23.
3. A donation of £1,000 was made to CPRE Herts towards their costs of opposing the Luton Airport expansion proposal at the same Public Enquiry as above.

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Achievements and Performance

The Foundation is a charity with a long term time horizon seeking to make a positive impact on the environment in West Hertfordshire. The impact of the Foundation's various initiatives will also be long term. Thus, the Trustees hope to be able to report on some of the achievements in respect of the initiatives undertaken in the year to 30 September, 2023 in future annual reports.

The Foundation's grant making performance, raising £29,023 and making grants of £30,851 during the year was satisfactory.

The Foundation's expenses have been kept to £49, less than 0.1% of funds raised.

The Trustees would like to thank those that have given their time without charge, including the Hon Treasurer, Mr. Graham Meager, and the Independent Examiner, Mr. Pierre Okusi, thus enabling this efficient result to be achieved.

Public Benefit

The Trustees of the Foundation have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Financial Review

Donations of £25,090 and associated Gift Aid receipts of £3,533 meant that the Foundation's income totaled £29,023 in the year. Grants of £30,851 were made during the year by the Foundation, resulting in a deficit after costs of £1,877.

The Foundation's cash at bank at the year end was £14,430.

Reserves Policy

To "Maintain sufficient Reserves to enable the Charity to fulfil all financial commitments made by the Trustees."

Structure

The Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered charity number 1188336.

Governance and Management

The charity Trustees are as follows:

John Duncan Verulam (for 4 years from 2020)

James Walter Grimston (for 3 years from 2020, then re-appointed for a further 3 years)

Paul Barnes (for 2 years from 2020, then re-appointed for a further 2 years)

Katherine Docherty (for 3 years from 2021)

The Trustees will select additional or replacement Trustees with regard for the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Foundation.

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: 

Full name: The Earl of Verulam

Position: Trustee

Date: 2 Feb 2024

**WEST HERTS ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION
YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

Independent review on the Accounts

I review the accounts for the charity for the year ended 30th September 2023 which is set out on the following pages.

This review is made solely to the Board of Trustees of West Herts Environmental Foundation as a body. My review has been undertaken so that I might state to the Board of Trustees, those matters I am required to state to them in a review and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law. I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the Board of Trustees as a body for my review, for this report or for the opinions I have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

As the Board of Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT REPORT.

A review includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking any explanations from you as the Board of Trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion or the view given by the accounts.

Independent statement

In connection with my review, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

to keep accounting records; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**WEST HERTS ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Donations	-	25,490.56	25,490.56	68,812.25
Tax refunds	-	3,532.50	3,532.50	8,436.08
	-	29,023.06	29,023.06	77,248.33
PAYMENTS				
Donations	-	30,851.66	30,851.66	65,220.00
Bank charges	-	49.06	49.06	327.74
Website	-	0.00	0.00	0.00
	-	30,900.72	30,900.72	65,547.74
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-	-1,877.66	-1,877.66	11,700.59

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Surplus b/fwd	-	16,308.02	16,308.02	4,607.43
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-	-1,877.66	-1,877.66	11,700.59
	-	14,430.36	14,430.36	16,308.02
Cash at bank	-	14,430.36	14,430.36	13,983.62
Debtors - gift aid	-	0.00	0.00	2,325.00
	-	14,430.36	16,308.02	16,308.62

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 2 Feb 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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The Earl of Verulam

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted by law for smaller charities.

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

2. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or by the appeal of the charity.

3. Donations

Donated income is recognised on a received basis.

4. Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any benefits from any employment with the charity or a related party.