

**WEST HERTS ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

Charity Registration: 1188336

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**WEST HERTS ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION**  
**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS.**  
**YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

Trustees

John Duncan Verulam  
James Walter Grimston  
Paul Barnes  
Katherine Docherty

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Registered Charity number:

1188336

**WEST HERTS ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Introduction**

West Herts Environmental Foundation ("the Foundation") was founded on 4<sup>th</sup> 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 £1,500 was made to The Woodland Trust as a contribution to the maintenance and protection of the recent tree planting in Harrocks Wood by Rickmansworth, Herts.
2. A grant of £1,500 was made to The Serge Hill Project CIC towards their environmental work in Bedmond, Herts with Schools and Community groups.
3. The Foundation has raised significant sums from public donations and matched funding, donor nominated for opposition to the proposed expansion at Luton Airport and the consequent detrimental impact on the environment of West Herts. Grants totaling £25,474 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 the proposed expansion through a Judicial Review.

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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.

The Foundation's grant making performance, raising £74,338 (including Gift Aid) and making grants of £28,474 was satisfactory. Further significant grants have already been made in the 2025/26 financial year.

The Foundation's expenses have been kept to £350, 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.

**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 £67,576 were received during the year. Administrative costs of £350 were incurred during the year by the Foundation and made donations of £28,474 resulting in a profit of £45,514. The Foundation's cash at bank at 30 September 2025 was £59,826.

**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:

Earl John Duncan Verulam

Viscount James Walter Grimston

Paul Barnes

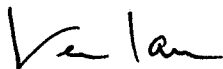
Katherine Docherty

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 23 January 2026

**WEST HERTS ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION  
YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Independent review on the Accounts**

I review the accounts for the charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 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 2025**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Donations	-	67,576	67,576	103
Tax refunds	-	6,762	6,762	-
	-	74,338	74,338	103

**PAYMENTS**

Donations	-	28,474	28,474	-
Bank charges	-	131	131	2
Website	-	219	219	219
	-	28,824	28,824	221
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Profit/(Deficit) for the year	-	45,514	45,514	(118)

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Surplus b/fwd	-	14,312	14,312	14,430
Profit for the year	-	45,514	45,514	(118)
	-	59,826	59,826	14,312
Cash at bank	-	59,826	59,826	14,312
Debtors - gift aid	-	-	-	-
	-	59,826	59,826	14,312

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

The Earl of Verulam



**WEST HERTS ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

**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.