



## **New Leaf Alresford**

Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 March 2024.

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Our Aims**

New Leaf Alresford was registered as a CIO on the 4 March 2020 and this is the Trustees third annual report.

The charity operates under the New Leaf Alresford Constitution dated 3 March 2020 to comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

The objects of the charity are to promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation and improvement of the physical and natural environment. This is achieved by providing information and guidance, improving environmental awareness and promoting sustainable living.

New Leaf Alresford aims to provide local information and advice, to help the community adopt the positive changes needed to tackle climate change, promote sustainability and protect our environment through the New Leaf Website: [www.newleafalresford.org](http://www.newleafalresford.org) and via Facebook and Instagram. We participate locally on projects which help to tackle climate change, reduce waste and boost biodiversity.

### **Our Objectives**

Our objectives are set to reflect our aims of promoting sustainability and waste reduction, tackling climate change and boosting biodiversity.

Our objectives for the year included:

To continue work and to grow and develop membership and links with other community groups.

To continue to support the verges management pilot in Alresford.

To reduce waste and increase recycling locally.

Promoting greener, more sustainable living.

## **Review of Activities and Achievement**

### **To Grow and Develop New Leaf Membership**

The monthly 'New Leaf Natter' has become an established event held on the second Thursday of the month throughout the year. It offers a social gathering for our supporters with the opportunity to meet other members, discuss topics and plan projects. In June 2023, we started a WhatsApp group for supporters to collaborate and communicate outside of meetings.

### **Community Awareness, New Leaf Website and Social Media**

The charity continues to maintain and update the New Leaf website, providing information as well as adding new content, which is promoted through social media, to encourage people to visit the website. These have included informative posts on sustainable healthcare and news about New Leaf events.

In July the charity conducted a food waste survey of shops and businesses in the town. A survey was distributed to over 20 businesses within the town and approximately 13 responses were received. The data showed that food waste is very low with several examples of good practice observed.

New Leaf Alresford provided a trustee for the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group supporting adoption of measures within the plan to help tackle climate change, enhance biodiversity and future-proof the town. This work is ongoing.

The charity took part in the town's Christmas late night shopping and arrival of Father Christmas event with a stall selling reusable Alresford bags.

New Leaf presented to the Bishops Waltham Sustainability Group and loaned the group promotional materials to support their Eco Fair.

### **Alresford Eco Fair**

New Leaf Alresford won a grant from Winchester City Council to hold two community events. The town's first community Eco Fair was held in November 2023. The fair had 16 stalls provided by New Leaf, other local charities and commercial organisations. Stalls included: WinACC and Buildpass on home energy; the community town bus, Wayfarer Bicycle Services and Cycle Winchester on active travel; the Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust on chalk streams and wildlife gardening; a Waste Prevention Champion, clothes swap and local zero waste refill shop on waste reduction; Alresford Men's Shed focussing on repairing and repurposing; plant-based food; reusable bags; recycling and carbon friendly games.

Stalls provided a mix of information, products for sale, free children's bike checks and interactive games to raise awareness of environment, sustainability and tackling climate change. There was also a programme of presentations covering: Solar Panels, Heat Pumps, Chalk Streams, Wildlife Friendly Gardening and Sustainable Fashion.

We held an Eco Poster competition for local school children with a prize for the best poster demonstrating how to look after our planet. Children also decorated envelopes filled with wildflower seeds, which were given as prizes at the fair.

320 members of the public attended the Eco Fair and a number also attended the presentations. 20 people volunteered with New Leaf Alresford to help host our first event and this helped strengthen our volunteer base and engagement. 15 junior school eco club members participated in the seed envelope decorating and poster competition.

### **Sustainability in Business Event**

The second event facilitated by the grant was a 'Sustainability in Business' event held in January 2024, with a programme of three speakers.

The Pollinator, a business consulting service based in Hampshire who provide businesses with assistance in gaining 'B Corp' certification, explained the process, the benefits and how companies can become a B Corp certified company.

Simon Burvill from Hampshire based furniture company Gaze Burvill spoke about some of the management ideas adopted by his company and their journey to becoming a B Corp.

Stuart Mills from WinACC spoke about the financial support available to companies particularly around energy surveys and installing solar panels.

New Leaf provided display material and information focusing on the support available to businesses for installing solar panels and switching to electric company vehicles.

26 representatives from local businesses attended the event.

### **Reusable Plastic Cups**

The charity received approximately 2000 unwanted Alresford Music Festival branded reusable plastic cups. The charity continued operating a cup hire scheme which generates some income and reduces single plastic consumption.

### **Thermal Camera Loan Scheme**

In December 2022, New Alresford Town Council purchased a thermal imaging camera to help Alresford residents reduce their carbon emissions and winter fuel bills. The camera allows residents to identify areas of heat loss in their homes, so that they can do something about it. The charity continued to administer the camera loan scheme for the town.

### **Biodiversity and Verges Management**

Following on from New Leaf Alresford working with other local groups interested in the management of roadside verges and our participation in the consultation on the District's Biodiversity Action Plan in September 2020 where we asked for changes in verge management to be included in the plan, Alresford was selected for a pilot scheme which saw the number of cuts for roadside verges reduced, with two verge locations being

allocated for just two cuts per annum. The charity continued to support the pilot throughout the year providing information to the community as well as carrying out photographic surveys.

## **Community Growing**

In December 2023 New Leaf Alresford acquired an allotment plot which has been registered with Incredible Edible. The vision for this project is an inclusive community growing enterprise, which we hope might ultimately include children's groups and social prescribing elements. The Allotment Society kindly donated their old shed which has been repaired and rebuilt by New Leaf volunteers. The charity has received secondhand tools and water butts donated by the community, and the first crop of vegetables has been successfully cultivated and harvested.

## **Future Plans**

To continue its work and to grow and develop its membership and links with other community groups.

To establish the community growing project and offer opportunities for participation within the community.

To hold future community events using the experience, volunteers and materials we have garnered from the events held this year.

## **Our Finances**

The charity received a grant of £1050 from Winchester City Council to hold two events, an Eco Fair and a Sustainability in Business event.

The charity also made a small profit from fundraising activities, hiring out their reusable plastic cups and selling reusable Alresford shopping bags.

## **Charity Trustees**

The New Leaf Alresford charity has 3 Trustees:

### **Chair**

Imogen Oxley

### **Secretary**

Samantha Dalling

**Treasurer**

Mark Tubb

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**Registered Charity Number:** 1188343



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
New Leaf Alresford

No (if any)  
1188343

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/04/2023

To

Period end date  
31/03/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Cup hire	172		-	172	958
Donation	200		-	200	100
Public event profits	298		-	298	208
Speaking event donations	-	-	-	-	45
Grants	-	1,050	-	1,050	-
Thermal Camera Hire	60	-	-	60	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>1,311</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>1,311</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	157		-	157	157
Forum Website Hosting	355		-	355	173
Promotional material	584	550	-	1,134	117
Cup hire - deposit returns	91	-	-	91	185
Show fees / venue	200	205	-	405	100
Gardening and other equipment	23	295	-	318	-
Allotment		93	-	93	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>732</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>732</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 680</b>	<b>- 93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 773</b>	<b>579</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>796</b>	
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>579</b>

## 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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	- 8	31	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

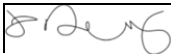

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	Sum up machine		22	-
	Roll up stand		53	-
	Feather flag		182	-
	Display board		60	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
	S Dalling	11/10/2024
	I Oxley	11/10/2024