

# **GREENING TETBURY**

**(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1189693**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**31 MAY 2025**



## **Greening Tetbury Annual Report and Accounts 2025**

### **Our Aims and Objectives**

#### **Purposes and Aims**

Greening Tetbury's purposes, as set out in the objects contained in the constitution, are:

- The advancement of environmental protection and improvement, for the public benefit, in the town of Tetbury and surrounding villages by such means as the trustees think fit, in particular:

Raising awareness through a website, workshops and other media;

Making grants for environmental projects that protect and improve the environment.

- To relieve the financial hardship of those living in the town of Tetbury and surrounding villages who are in fuel poverty, by the provision of grants for insulation, solar panels, and other forms of renewable energy.

This is to be achieved by focusing on six areas: communication, energy, food, plastic, transport and wildlife.

#### **What the outcomes of the charity's work are:**

In the town of Tetbury and surrounding villages, the main outcomes are: a reduction in the greenhouse gas footprint; a more sustainable use of resources; enhancement of the natural environment.

#### **Where these outcomes happen:**

These outcomes happen in the town of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, and surrounding villages.

#### **How the outcomes of the charity's work are achieved:**

##### **a) Communication**

Providing information, raising awareness, and promoting such subjects as sustainable development, recycling and renewable energy sources. The information will be communicated, in particular but not exclusively, through the following outlets: the Greening Tetbury website, the Tetbury Advertiser (a monthly periodical), and social media. Also visits to local schools; liaising with local authorities, in particular Tetbury Town Council and Cotswold District Council, both of whom have declared a climate emergency; liaising with local businesses and other interested parties involved in the challenge of climate change.

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### **b) Energy**

Encouraging the use of renewable energy and reducing energy consumption in general by: raising awareness, providing information, as stated under a).

### **c) Food**

Providing information on locally produced organic food as stated under a); educational workshops; liaising with local farmers, improving access to local, high-quality food including setting up community-supported agriculture and developing the community orchard. As well as the orchard, other trees will be planted for their ecological and environmental benefits.

### **d) Plastic**

Providing information as stated under a); liaising with local businesses and encouraging them to stop the sale and use of single-use plastic products.

### **e) Transport**

Providing information as stated under a); encouraging car sharing, public transport, and cycling.

### **f) Wildlife**

Providing information as stated under a); encouraging people to make their gardens wildlife-friendly; a bigger and better network of wild places; liaising with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust for their advice and input; liaising with Tetbury Town Council in planting wildflower areas around the town; liaising with farmers to encourage and assist them with the planting of hedges and trees.

### **Who benefits from these outcomes:**

The general public of Tetbury and surrounding villages benefit from these outcomes, but also people in the wider world, as a result of a reduction in the carbon footprint.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The charity has taken the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance into account when making any decision that it is relevant to.

## **TRUSTEES**

At the AGM in July 2024, Rosemary Bailey retired as a trustee. John Andrews, Gracie Fickling and Robert Muir-Wood were elected as new trustees. This makes a total of seven trustees, the highest number since the charity was registered in 2020. Of note, during the year, Anne Cox took over the secretarial duties of the charity from Fergus Dignan.

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### **COMMUNICATION**

In 2020 the charity's website was set up. [www.greeningtetbury.org](http://www.greeningtetbury.org)

It provides a wide source of information to the public, including:

- membership details, how to join
- minutes of the charity's meetings
- links on the website to road safety measures and government initiatives
- energy: improving energy efficiency in the home, and other fuel-saving measures; household funding schemes
- plastics: advice on how to influence reduction in plastic use locally
- food: a list of local suppliers of organic produce
- 'Tip of the Month': advice on how to reduce one's carbon footprint
- Upcoming activities of the charity

Greening Tetbury has its own Facebook page and also an Instagram account. A code of conduct has been drawn up for both of these sites and are monitored for any breaches. The charity's aim using these social media sites is to facilitate the communication between the charity and the public. A particular objective of the Instagram site is to encourage people to upload photographs of the local flora and fauna.

The charity also has a monthly slot in the Tetbury Advertiser, a local magazine full of news and information relevant to the town and surrounding area. We were kindly given permission to contribute by the magazine's owners, Tetbury Lions Club.

Greening Tetbury has strong links with Tetbury Town Council (TTC) and one of our members is a Cotswold District Councillor as well as being on the town council. Furthermore, the TTC's' Climate Action Working Group has three of our trustees represented.

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Greening Tetbury had a stall in St. Mary's Churchyard, Tetbury, at the annual '*Count on Nature Day*'. This is a national event when churches demonstrate to the public what they are doing for nature in their churchyards. The organiser of the event is a Greening Tetbury member and she and other parishioners have done much to enhance the church grounds for wildlife over the last few years. Actions include erecting bird and bat boxes, bug hotels, wildflower enrichment and tree and shrub planting.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 we hired the magnificent 17<sup>th</sup> century Market House in the centre of Tetbury for a '*Great Big Green Day*'. Numerous 'stations' were set up in the upstairs room and consisted of Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Hedgehog Rescue, Sew a Bean Workshop, Seed Swap, Clothes Swap, Refills and Sustainable Shopping, Wax Wrap Workshop, Make do and Mend, Saturday Knitting Group and Tetbury Men in Sheds. Although the footfall wasn't as good as we had hoped, Helen

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Keech, a director of The Climate Coalition, kindly attended and Zoe Bellingham, the Labour Party constituency candidate for South Cotswolds, also came along.

In September, over a weekend, Greening Tetbury was involved in two events. On the Saturday, TTC had organised a '*Tetbury Expo Event*'. Various local community organisations and clubs were invited, including Greening Tetbury. It took place in Dolphins Hall, a community venue. It was an opportunity for organisations to advertise themselves to the local public. It was also a good opportunity for Greening Tetbury to network with other charities and clubs.

On the Sunday, Greening Tetbury organised a garden walk. We visited four gardens that trustees/members had kindly allowed people to view, as examples of ecological enhancement. Refreshments and cake were provided! We also visited several sites around the town where Greening Tetbury has been sowing wildflowers.

Zero Hour UK is a non-political organisation that is promoting the Climate and Nature Bill as it makes its way through the various stages in Parliament. Greening Tetbury continues to support the bill and publicise it on our website and social media sites. Dr Roz Savage, constituency Lib Dem MP for the South Cotswolds, is the sponsor for the bill. She visits many community organisations around the constituency and she was interested to see what a local environmental group was doing. We were delighted when she attended one of our general meetings on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. She gave a brief history of her work with the Climate and Nature Bill before the meeting commenced. During the meeting she also gave a couple of useful contacts related to upcoming Greening Tetbury events.

There were further issues regarding a development of two hundred and fifty houses on farmland situated at the northern edge of Tetbury. Although housing construction had finished, the building company concerned had failed to complete its environmental and ecological obligations. Greening Tetbury had been approached for help in 2023 by one of the residents. After a visit to the site, a strongly worded letter was written to the CEO of the company. Coincidence or not, many of the problems highlighted in the correspondence were subsequently finally addressed. Unfortunately, there were more issues in 2024, mainly with flooding in one area of the site. A second letter was sent to the CEO by Greening Tetbury in December 2024. To date no reply to either letter has been received and the flooding problem is yet to be resolved.

### **ENERGY**

In January 2025, the charity met with a recently CDC-appointed Retrofit Engagement Officer, Justine Mallinson. She was very knowledgeable about all things insulation and sustainable energy and we promoted her through our various communication channels. She also agreed to take part in a Q and A session at a climate change talk due to be held in June 2025.

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Thermal imaging camera: the charity has links with another environmental organisation called Sustainable Sherston, who own a thermal imaging camera. The camera is rented out to people who wish to assess their home insulation requirements. It is advertised on our website.

In March 2025, four trustees/members of Greening Tetbury joined with others in a visit to a landfill site near Royal Wootton Bassett, North Wilts, to hear about a project to tap off methane and use it to drive an engine to pump carbon dioxide into a blow-up greenhouse. The organisation doing this is a community interest company called Sustain Wiltshire. The idea is to grow local produce, sustainably, for the local community.

### **FOOD**

Three years ago, Greening Tetbury helped to set up a community fridge in the town. Its use continues.

### **PLASTICS**

No new developments.

### **TRANSPORT**

In March 2023, due to the high volume of traffic, especially HGVs, through Tetbury town centre, a request was made to Cotswold District Council by the charity to monitor pollution levels. Monitoring of nitrogen dioxide occurred over 2024, and the annual average concentration in Silver St in Tetbury was 17.2 micrograms per cubic metre. The figure is provisional, pending approval by DEFRA. This figure is less than half the objective for the UK, which is 40 micrograms per cubic metre.

In March 2025, the charity joined the Low Traffic Future Alliance, whose aims include reducing traffic, making public transport more available and cheaper, and making walking and cycling more accessible.

### **WILDLIFE**

#### ***Tetbury Library***

The collaboration between Sophie Tallis, *Greening Champion* for Tetbury library, and Greening Tetbury continues. The area at the back of the library is beginning to develop into a meadow as per the plan. The hedging around the property is growing well. Unfortunately, a few folk use the back of the library as a short cut and planting saplings at one end as a deterrent hasn't worked. Also, we continue to get occasional complaints about the 'untidiness' of the site. In the spirit of compromise, we undertake pruning and weeding operations from time to time.

The good news is that Sophie has observed that the biodiversity of the area has increased a lot. In particular, she has recorded more than 10 different species of bee,

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including Red Mason Bees, Willoughby Leafcutter Bees, Red Tailed Bumblebees, Garden Bumblebees and Tree Bumblebees. Also butterfly species have increased, including Brimstone, Peacock and Red Admiral. She has also seen Scarlet Tiger Moths and their caterpillars.

### ***Wildflower sites***

There are seven active sites (including the library) around the town where the charity has been sowing wildflower seeds. Last autumn, an abundance of Yellow Rattle seeds were sown at these sites in order to try to suppress grass growth. However, to date few of these wildflowers have appeared. It is possible that the very heavy rains experienced over the winter damaged the seeds.

Further planting was undertaken at St. Saviour's Churchyard in October 2024. That is Crocuses, Snowdrops, Cyclamen and wildflower seeds.

Using money donated by TTC, the charity purchased wildflower eco-plugs (plants that have already been sown from seed). The species were: Ox-Eye Daisy, Devil's Bit Scabious, Red Clover, Ladies Bedstraw and Common Bird's Foot Trefoil. These were planted in early May 2025 at two sites, Jacob's Close and Tallboys. Of note, the planting took place during a very dry spell, but due to help with watering by charity members and local residents, most of the plants have survived to date.

Greening Tetbury organised a dawn chorus activity on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025, which was also *International Dawn Chorus Day*. Although only two people attended, the bird song was recorded and subsequently uploaded to the charity's website and on Instagram.

### ***Wildlife corridors***

The charity has now developed links with a farmer cluster group, the South Cotswold Fosse Farmer Cluster. Greening Tetbury's objective is to be able to assist farmers with improving their land for nature. By this means, the charity helped Park Farm in north Wiltshire with an extensive hedge planting project. With a few volunteers four visits to the farm were made by Greening Tetbury in the month of March 2025 and several hundred whips were planted in two rows along the perimeter of the farm. The charity will be returning in the autumn to contribute further to the project.

At another farm, Ringfield, in Nailsworth, hedges were planted on two separate days there, one in November 2024 and the other in March 2025. These were smaller projects covering a total of approximately 150 metres in total.

### ***Trees***

In March 2025 a cherry tree was planted on the patch of land next to the Royal Oak pub in Tetbury, and four beech saplings were planted next to the old railway path opposite Preston Park. Comically, one of the hazel stakes used as a support, sprung back to life and has been replanted as a separate tree!

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### **Future Plans**

The Government announced earlier this year that the first National Forest in 30 years is going to be planted. 20 million trees are to be planted across Bristol, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Somerset by 2050. This translates into 2,500 hectares of new woodland. It is to be called the Western Forest and spearheaded by the Forest of Avon. Greening Tetbury have already contacted the Forest of Avon to say that we want to help with any tree planting locally. We await further developments.

Meantime, the main focus of the charity over the next year will be to continue to support farmers and other landowners in creating wildlife corridors. We will also continue to manage the wildflower areas that we have already created in the town.

### **Financial Review**

The total income for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May2025 was £967 (2024: £1,438) with a net deficit of £141 (2024: profit of £687). In spite of the deficit, the Triodos bank account remains healthy with an end of year balance of £2075.

During the year it was decided by the trustees to close the Nationwide Building Society account as it was deemed not necessary and the money in it was transferred to the Triodos Bank account.

### **Investment Policy**

There are insufficient funds available at present to consider long term investment.

### **Reserves Policy**

The charity has a Reserves Policy.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Structure**

The Management Committee consists of seven trustees. There are six Action Groups: Communication, Energy, Food, Plastics, Transport and Wildlife. People are not necessarily tied to one group.

The trustees meet up three to four times a year. There is usually a General Meeting every two months, most of the attendees being members.

There is a business plan.



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There is a Google Working Document which enables any member to access and update current projects/events that they are involved with.

### **Governing Document**

Greening Tetbury is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered by the Charity Commission on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The governing document is a Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee**

The trustees all give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The constitution allows for a minimum of three and a maximum of eight trustees.

### **Risk Management**

The trustees are aware of their responsibility in regard to risk management of the charity. At present, we do not have a Risk Management Register, bearing in mind the relatively small size of the charity. Nevertheless, where the charity is responsible for organising an event, we do conduct risk assessments e.g. hedge planting event and document them.

On behalf of the trustees, I wish to thank all those who have taken time out in the last year to volunteer for the charity.

**Fergus Dignan (Chairperson)**  
**29.06.2025**

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**Reference and Administrative Information**

|                                            |                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Charity name:                              | Greening Tetbury                                                             |
| Charity registration number:               | 1189693                                                                      |
| Registered Office and operational address: | 9 Downs Mill,<br>Frampton Mansell,<br>Stroud,<br>Gloucestershire.<br>GL6 8JX |

**Trustees**

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Fergus Dignan    | Chair     |
| Anne Cox         | Secretary |
| Dan Fletcher     | Treasurer |
| John Andrews     |           |
| Gracie Fickling  |           |
| Benjamin Jackson |           |
| Robert Muir-Wood |           |

**Banker**

Triodos Bank, Deanery Rd, Bristol BS1 5AS

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**Financial Report 2025**

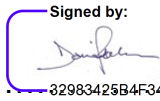
The trustees present the financial statements for Greening Tetbury ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 May 2025.

The Report and Accounts are compliant with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and, accordingly, it is appropriate to continue to use the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

By order of the Board:

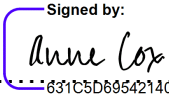
Treasurer  
Dan Fletcher

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Date

9/7/2025

Secretary  
Anne Cox

signed .....  Signed by:  
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Date

9/7/2025

**Greening Tetbury Annual Report and Accounts 2025****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY****For the year ended 31 May 2025**

|                             | Note | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | <b>Total funds</b> | Previous year total funds |
|-----------------------------|------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Income from</b>          |      |                    |                  |                    |                           |
| Donations                   | 3    | 641                |                  | 641                | 1,208                     |
| Subscriptions               |      | 285                |                  | 285                | 165                       |
| Gift Aid                    |      | 0                  |                  | 0                  | 34                        |
| Interest                    |      | 41                 |                  | 41                 | 31                        |
| <b>Total income</b>         |      | <b>967</b>         |                  | <b>967</b>         | <b>1,438</b>              |
| <b>Expenditure on</b>       |      |                    |                  |                    |                           |
| Raising funds               |      | 0                  | 0                | 0                  | 0                         |
| Charitable activities       | 4    | 945                | 163              | 1,108              | 751                       |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>    |      | <b>945</b>         | <b>163</b>       | <b>1,108</b>       | <b>751</b>                |
| Net income/(deficit)        |      | 22                 | (163)            | (141)              | 687                       |
| Net transfer between funds  |      | 0                  | 0                | 0                  | 0                         |
| Total funds brought forward |      | 2,053              | 163              | 2,216              | 1,529                     |
| Total funds carried forward |      | 2,075              | 0                | 2,075              | 2,216                     |

All amounts are in respect of continuing operations.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses in the year, other than the deficit stated above, therefore no statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared.

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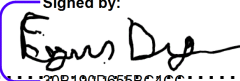
**BALANCE SHEET**

**At 31 May 2024**

|                                                | Note | 31 May 2025 £ | 31 May 2024 £ |
|------------------------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>                          |      |               |               |
| Cash at bank and in hand                       |      | 2,075         | 2,216         |
|                                                |      | <u>2,075</u>  | <u>2,216</u>  |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                             |      |               |               |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 5, 6 | 0             | 0             |
|                                                |      | <u>2,075</u>  | <u>2,216</u>  |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                      |      | <u>2,075</u>  | <u>2,216</u>  |
| <b>Total Assets less liabilities</b>           |      | <u>2,075</u>  | <u>2,216</u>  |

The financial statements on pages 12 to 16 were approved by the Board on 7 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Fergus Dignan Trustee Greening Tetbury

Signed Signed by:  
 Dated 9/7/2025

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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **1. Basis of presentation**

##### **1.1 Basis of Presentation**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the Charities Act, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), taking advantage of the exemptions and simplifications available to smaller charities, including the exemption from preparing a statement of cash flows. The charity is a “Public Benefit Entity” as defined by FRS 102.

##### **1.2 Adoption of going concern basis**

The trustees have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis. The trustees have made their assessment of the charity’s ability to continue as a going concern by having regard to the following key factors:

- The charity has neither premises nor staff. The only material, recurring, unfunded operating costs are public liability insurance, and the costs of IT and communications facilities, such as our web site and online event and meeting accounts.
- The trustees seek specific funding for any charitable activities that will require material expenditure.
- The charity has a satisfactory level of reserves.

##### **1.3 Restricted and designated funds**

In accordance with the requirements of the Charities SORP, restricted and unrestricted funds are classified and presented separately. Funds are restricted when received on terms that limit their use to identifiable and specified purposes. The restriction may be identifiable from the terms of the appeal or request for funding, or from the terms of the grant disbursement, or both.

Where a donation is received under an expressed but non-binding preference, these are unrestricted funds, but the trustees designate that such funds are held and used for the expressed purpose and towards allocated support costs. When that activity is completed, any residual surplus is available to charity for use in any of its charitable activities.

The trustees may also designate existing unrestricted funds so as to earmark them for an intended future activity.

The designation of unrestricted funds from any source is not binding on the trustees and may be reversed on the completion of an activity or otherwise if the trustees consider that it is in the best interests of the charity to do so.

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### **2. Trustees Remuneration**

The remuneration of the Trustees for services to the charity during the year was £nil.

### **3. Income**

Restricted income for charitable activities in year was for the purposes of planting areas of Tetbury green spaces with wild flowers and bulbs

### **4. Expenditure**

We continue to pay support costs, principally insurance and website maintenance.

|                        | <b>2025</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                        | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| IT and communications  | 129         | 108         |
| Promotional activities | 166         | 128         |
| Insurance              | 367         | 348         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>662</b>  | <b>584</b>  |

### **5. Debtors**

|         | <b>2025</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|---------|-------------|-------------|
|         | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Debtors | 0           | 0           |

### **6. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

|           | <b>2025</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
|           | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Creditors | 0           | 0           |

### **7. Related parties and transactions**

The trustees consider that the charity's related parties are the trustees, and persons closely connected to them (as defined more precisely in the Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

Trustees The trustees receive no remuneration from the charity for their work as trustees (and nor do these financial statements include as a donation any amount

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in recognition of the value of the time that they have given). Trustees are authorised to settle expenditure directly where this is necessary; when this has occurred, they have been reimbursed.

No trustee has been re-imbursed for expenses incurred in fulfilling their duties as a trustee.

Payment to trustees by a charity for (other) services received is permitted by the Charity Commission, subject to appropriate safeguards. Payment to the trustees of Greening Tetbury by the charity for services received is permitted by the charity's constitution, which in this regard adopts the Charity Commission's standard wording. The trustees have careful regard to the relevant Charity Commission guidance before contracting to acquire any services from any trustee.

No trustee has provided any paid service to the charity in either of the years ended 31 May 2025 or 2024.

The trustees and persons closely connected to them donated a total of £530 to the charity in the year (2024 £620).