

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1190031

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-06-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO CONSERVE, PROTECT AND IMPROVE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE EXISTING ANCIENT WOODLAND, PASTURE AND GRASSLAND, COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS CURRY WOODS AND ITS ASSOCIATED, FAUNA AND FLORA.2. TO CONSERVE THE PRIORITY HABITATS ON SITE AND RESTORE AND CREATE ADDITIONAL HABITAT, TO THE BENEFIT OF BIODIVERSITY, HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELLBEING OF VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS, AND CLIMATE CHANGE CARBON SEQUESTRATION THROUGH LONG TERM NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS.3. TO REINSTATE AND MAINTAIN THROUGH CAREFUL AND APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY PROVIDING OPEN ACCESS TO CURRY WOODS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.4. TO ENGAGE AND INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION OF CURRY WOODS AND ALL ITS ASSOCIATED FAUNA AND FLORA. THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH TREE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES. INFORMATION RELATING TO CURRY WOODS, ITS HISTORY, FAUNA AND FLORA AND IMPORTANCE AS PART OF THE REGIONAL ECOLOGICAL NETWORK WILL BE MADE WIDELY AVAILABLE.5. THE TRUST WILL CONTINUALLY LOOK TO AUGMENT ITS LONG AND SHORT TERM MANAGEMENT PLANS AND KNOWLEDGE WITH EXPERT ADVICE GUIDANCE WHERE AND WHEN APPROPRIATE FROM PARTNER ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST, THE RSPB, SOMERSET ECOLOGY SERVICES AND INDEPENDENT ECOLOGISTS AMONG OTHERS.

Activities: Environmental conservation - conserving existing woodland and planting new woodland

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-01	£6,415	£221	-	-
2024-04-01	£628	£1,597	-	-
2023-04-01	£1,946	£2,150	-	-
2022-04-01	£6,622	£3,044	-	-
2021-04-01	£62,120	£61,549	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Peter Goodenough	Chair	2020-06-22
Catherine Mowat		2020-06-22
Cyril Harriss		2025-04-17
Jeremy Dugdale		2023-11-10
Sylvia Goodenough		2020-06-22

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- The Trust aims to engage the general public as widely as possible in the preservation of Curry Woods. A community approach to sustainable management under expert guidance is for the benefit of current and future generations of the general public.
- The Trust will look for expert advice and guidance where and when appropriate. One of the trustees is currently working as an Ecologist and two retired trustees have a background in botany. If relevant the Trust will also seek advice from the Somerset Wildlife Trust, the RSPB and independent ecologists. The main thrust of the work will be to plan and organise the management of the heritage woodland , the planting of new woodland and the cultivation of associated land supporting bird and mammal populations.

When planning the activities for the period the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance for charities for promoting the environment. The trustees believe the activities set out above and further described below under 'achievements and performance' clearly demonstrate the charity's commitment to providing an identifiable public benefit and access to this benefit is not restricted in any way.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our AGM was held in early January 2025 and was well attended. The talk by Harry Paget-Wilkes of the RSPB about the Greater Sedgemoor Landscape Recovery Project was well received. The trust land is included in the surrounding hillside and as such is integral to the project. Alan Cockerell, our treasurer, has come to the end of his three year period as a trustee and sadly indicated his intention to resign from the end of the financial year. He will be much missed but we are delighted that Jeremy Dugdale will take over the role of treasurer and will work alongside Alan to change the bank account from a community to a charity account with Barclays before the official handover.

The trees in the new woodland are generally growing well and the guards have been removed from some of the thicker stems. A few dead trees have been replaced. A problem arose over winter with ants making nests in some guards to the detriment of the trees so these guards have been removed. Otherwise further maintenance has been carried out; the public footpath and the paths to the original glade and the WI glade, which both contain benches, have been cut.

We had been aware of the death of Derek Yeomans who owned the 2 acre site adjacent to the Trust land on the east. Derek had planted the land with oak and ash in the 1990s; many of the ash have died from ash dieback but the oaks are flourishing. We were also aware that Derek had left his land to the Woodland Trust. The WT were going to reject the legacy as too small and too far from any of their other holdings; however, when they became aware of CWCT next door they offered to sell the land to us for a very reasonable sum and our Chairman set about raising the money needed. Our thanks go to the Fairfield Trust and Curry Rivel Parish Council for their grants which enabled us to go ahead with the purchase. This process was still ongoing at the end of the reporting year, but should go through in the next few months. The website is maintained and up to date and the Chairman writes articles for the local monthly magazine, which is distributed free throughout the village. There has been considerable interest generated in these ways and local groups have requested talks to be given to their members to explain the work of the Trust in relation to climate change and preservation of the Somerset Levels and Moors. Both the Chairman and Secretary have given talks locally and stressed that the work of the Trust is even more valuable than previously because new legislation has stipulated biodiversity net gain must be an objective of all local authorities and the Trust's work helps provide this for our parish. The Chairman is also an active member of the Parish Council's Biodiversity and Sustainability Working Group.

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 01 APRIL 2025

Current Period

General Funds

£

MONETARY ASSETS

Bank Current Account
9170

OTHER NON-MONETARY ASSETS

3.1 Hectares of field and woodland
61,549

We confirm that the above Statement of Assets is an accurate record of the Charity's assets at the period end.

Dr P Goodenough

..... P Goodenough

Dated 9 July 2025

Mr Alan Cockerell

..... A.S. Cockerell

Dated 4th July 2025

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2025

Current Period

General Funds

£

RECEIPTS

Donations		102
Grants	Curry Rivel Parish Council	1300
	Fairfield Trust	5000
HMRC Gift Aid		13

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Total Receipts for the year

£6415

PAYMENTS

Insurance	136
AGM Hall hire fee	60
Website maintenance	25

Total payments for the year

£221

Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward
£2,976

Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward
£9,170

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the period were £6415, arising from grants and donations. Total payments were 221.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees closely monitor the charity's financial position and seek to ensure that the reserves are sufficient to meet its ongoing liabilities. The charity does not aim to hold substantial unrestricted reserves. The current excess is earmarked for the purchase of 2 acres of adjacent land; this purchase was in progress at the end of the reporting year.

Signed by order of the trustees

P. Goodenough

Dr Peter Goodenough
Chair

Approved by the trustees

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THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST
TRUSTEES APPROVAL CERTIFICATE
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2025

We confirm that the Receipts and Payments Accounts below have been prepared from the books and records of the Charity. All other relevant information has been made available for their preparation.

Dr P Goodenough

P Goodenough

Dated *9 July 2025*

Mr A Cockerell

A S Cockerell

Dated *4th JULY 2025*

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No remuneration has been paid to the Charity's trustees in the period.

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No Trustees expenses have been reimbursed in the period

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5) No guarantees have been given by the charity.

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C. Mowat
P. Deacon (until January 2024)
J. Dugdale (from November 2023)

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Around 50 additional trees were planted in the 2023/4 winter, with the local scouts assisting under supervision. Besides some trees in the new woodland the scouts also assisted in planting some trees in the glade which has been established in the mature woodland, using deer fencing suspended from wire stretched between mature trees to form the sides. Natural growth of saplings will be surveyed within the glade and in the immediate vicinity of it as time passes.

Further work on the official public footpath through the mature woodland has succeeded in preventing water from the spring flowing across the official footpath during the winter and the path is now less slippery and potentially dangerous.

The test plots set up in early 2022 on the area intended to be a wildflower meadow were seeded with a wildflower mixture in the autumn but results proved disappointing with nothing other than agricultural weeds observed in them in the summer of 2023. The plots were subsequently redeveloped and reseeded with the same local wildflower mix at an earlier date than in 2022. The results in these plots will be noted in the summer of 2024.

Elsewhere on site a storage facility has been fabricated under the original water-collection roof using the water tanks to form one of the walls and shiplap boarding for the three other walls. The facility is padlocked and is used for the storage of deer netting, stakes and guards etc. The Curry Rivel Parish Council provided a grant to cover the cost of materials for this and the work was undertaken by a trustee at no cost. A wildlife camera has been purchased and installed in the mature woodland - foxes and deer are commonly photographed along with dogs and their owners on the footpath through the woodland.

There are currently three seats on site; two in the clearing, with one being a picnic bench and table combination, and the third in the WI glade. Discussion is on going about further developments in terms of additional information boards and possible organised walks around the site, to start in the summer of 2025.

The website is maintained and up to date, there is a Facebook page and the Chairman writes articles for the local monthly magazine, which is distributed free throughout the village. There has been considerable interest generated in these ways and local groups have requested talks to be given to their members to explain the work of the Trust in relation to climate change and preservation of the Somerset levels and Moors. The Chairman does these talks at present and stresses that the work of the Trust is even more valuable than previously because new legislation has stipulated biodiversity net gain must be an objective of all local authorities and the Trust's work helps provide this for our parish. Our AGM in December 2023, held in the Old School Room, was well attended. The keynote speech was given by James Chapman on his work leading the tree strategy for Somerset County, with the aim being to plant >200 hectares a year of new trees for the next 5 years.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the period were £628, arising from grants and donations. Total payments were £1,597, Principally for the 5 year website renewal and the projects outlined above.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees closely monitor the charity’s financial position and seek to ensure the reserves are sufficient to met its ongoing liabilities. The charity does not aim to hold substantial unrestricted reserves.

Peter Goodenough

Signed by order of the trustees

Dr Peter Goodenough

Chair

Approved by the trustees

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Dr P Goodenough

P. Goodenough Dated *16.04.2024*

Mr A Cockerell

A G Cockerell Dated *16/04/2024*

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MONETARY ASSETS

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£2,976

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£61,549

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In October 2022 we were delighted to hear that the Trust was awarded the Monk trophy for the best use of native plants by South West in Bloom (RHS Britain in Bloom). The Trust was also rated as Outstanding by the South West in Bloom judges.

A limited number of additional trees were planted in the 2022/3 winter, with the local scouts assisting under supervision. The scouts also assisted in work on the official public footpath through the mature woodland; in conjunction with the Somerset footpath team this has been clearly marked and improved by redirecting water from a spring that previously flowed down it in the winter.

Also in the mature wood a large glade has been enclosed by deer fencing. Sapling development inside the glade and in the immediate area outside it will be compared to identify the effects of grazing.

The test plots set up in early 2022 on the area intended to be a wildflower meadow were seeded with a wildflower mixture in the autumn and the results of the different soil treatments will be compared in the summer of 2023.

At the entrance to the trust land a padlocked barrier, has been erected to prevent unauthorised vehicular access. There is space for people to walk through to the side of it and adjacent to it a permanent information board provides pictorial information about the trust and species to be seen on the land.

To finance these and other projects some fundraising has been undertaken. A grant was obtained from Wessex Water and we were very grateful to the owner of the local Burton Pynsent Monument who opened it for a day on behalf of the Trust. Donations were encouraged for the opportunity to climb it and this proved very popular with local people.

The website is maintained and up to date, there is a Facebook page and the Chairman writes articles for the local monthly magazine, which is distributed free throughout the village. There has been considerable interest generated in these ways and our AGM in December was well attended.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the period were £1,946, arising from grants and donations. Total payments were £2,150. Principally for land maintenance and the projects outlined above.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees closely monitor the charity's financial position and seek to ensure the reserves are sufficient to meet its ongoing liabilities. The charity does not aim to hold substantial unrestricted reserves.

Signed by order of the trustees.

Dr Peter Goodenough

Chair

P. W. Goodenough

Approved by the trustees.

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Dr P Goodenough

P. Goodenough Dated *9th May 2023*

Mr A Cockerell

A. Cockerell Dated *9th MAY 2023*

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2023

		Current period
		General funds
		£
RECEIPTS		
Donations		634
Grants	Somerset County Council	400
	Wessex Water Environment Fund	750
HMRC Gift Aid		162
	Total receipts for the year	£ 1,946
PAYMENTS		
Insurance		136
Contractor for chipping cuttings after hedge laying		460
Cost of erecting barrier and fence at field entrance		172
Cost of materials and labour for erecting deer fencing		1,044
Cost of public information signs and boards		162
Maintenance costs for site (tree watering, grass cutting etc.)		176
	Total payments for the year	£2,150
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward		£4,149
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward		£3,945

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 01 APRIL 2023

MONETARY ASSETS

Bank Current Account

£3,945

OTHER NON-MONETARY ASSETS

3.1 Hectares of field and woodland.

£61,549

We confirm that the above Statement of Assets in an accurate record of the Charity's assets at the period end.

Dr P Goodenough

----- P Goodenough ----- Date----- 9th May 2023 -----

A Cockerell

----- AS Cockerell ----- Date----- 9th MAY 2023 -----

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 01 APRIL 2023

1) Accounting Policies

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All assets of €250 and over have been included in total assets.

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2) Remuneration

No remuneration has been paid to the Charity's trustees in the period.

3) Trustees' expenses

No Trustees expenses have been reimbursed in the period

4) Funds General fund: This fund exists to deal with the day-to-day receipts and payments of the association. These funds represent the funds of the Trust that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and may be applied in achieving any of the objectives of the charity as decided by trustees.

5) No guarantees have been given by the charity.

6) There are no debts outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the charity.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2022

Trustees

Dr P Goodenough (Chairman)

S Goodenough

A Cockerell (Treasurer)

C Mowat

P Deacon

Charity registration number

1190031

Company number

CE0022249

Charity Address

The Woods

Curry Rivel

Langport

Somerset

TA10 0PW

Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc

46 North Street

Taunton

TA1 1LZ

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 1 April 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on the final page and comply with applicable law.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Curry Woods Conservation Trust was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 22 June 2020 and is governed by its document dated 27 May 2020. The registered company number is CE022249. It is also a registered charity with the registered charity number of 1190031.

Reference and administrative details including the principal office address and details of trustees who served the charity during the period and up to date of signing are shown below.

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The Trustees continue to review the major risks to which the charity is exposed, covering far as is reasonably possible. All identified, relevant areas including financial risk and risks associated with personnel. Risks have been identified, assessed and safeguards have been put in place to eliminate or mitigate such risks

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The main charitable objects of the CIO are:

- To conserve, protect and improve for the public benefit the physical and natural environment of the existing ancient woodland known as Curry Woods and its associated fauna and flora, pasture and grassland.
- To reinstate and maintain through careful and appropriate management practices a public right of way providing open access to Curry Woods for the general public.
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- The Trust aims to engage the general public as widely as possible in the sustainable use and preservation of Curry Woods. A community approach to sustainable management under expert guidance is for the benefit of current and future generations of the general public.
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When planning the activities for the period, The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance for charities for promoting the environment. The Trustees believe the activities set out above and further described below under 'achievements and performance' clearly demonstrate the charity's commitment to providing an identifiable public benefit and access to this benefit is not restricted in any way.

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The second stage of the tree planting on the arable part of the land during the winter of 2021/2022 was completed, as in the previous year pupils from Curry Rivel Primary School assisted under supervision, and were taught about the reasons for the project. Members from the local WI also ably assisted along with some other volunteers.

The tree planting part of the project is now complete.

In the event of a dry summer there is now in place in the field water tanks to a total capacity of 6000ltrs to capture rain water to water the newly planted trees as required.

The southern part of the field area is planned to be a wildflower meadow and, in preparation for the spreading of seeds in this area there have been set up three test areas, each of which will have three different methods of ground preparation to see which is the most appropriate for the main seed planting towards the autumn.

The southern hedge boundary of the field has been professionally hedge-laid. This is the environmentally sound way to manage the hedge and will, over time, provide better protection for over-wintering birds and small mammals than the previously flailed version. The brushwood taken out has been chipped and will be used as mulch for the new trees.

In the mature woodland on the slope to the northern side of the land woodland management has been discussed and, as grazing deer are a problem preventing regeneration, glades have been identified which will be fenced off to allow unimpeded growth.

There is a public footpath running through the property and a Somerset County Council Footpath Warden has been to the site to advise on the official route of the footpath so that the Trust is aware of any issues that may arise with the footpath.

The Trust website is maintained and up-to-date, and the Chairman writes articles for the local monthly magazine, which is distributed throughout the village, about the Trust, which generates interest in the project.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts for the period were £6,622 with the majority arising from grants and donations. Total payments were £3,044 principally for land maintenance.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees closely monitor the charity's financial position and seek to ensure the reserves are sufficient to meet its ongoing liabilities. The charity does not aim to hold substantial unrestricted reserves.



Signed by order of the trustees

Dr P Goodenough

Chairman

Approved by the trustees

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

TRUSTEES APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2022

We confirm that the Receipts and Payments Accounts below have been prepared from the books and records of the Charity. All other relevant information has been made available for their preparation.

We also confirm that the Receipts and Payments are an accurate record of the Charity's activities in the period.

Dr P Goodenough

P W Goodenough

Dated

16/04/2022

Mr A Cockerell

A J Cockerell

Dated

16/04/2022

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2022

	Current Period
	General Funds
	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Donations	650
Grants	
Somerset County Council	400
Curry Rivel Parish Council	1,500
Aviva Insurance Environmental Fund	3,935
HMRC Gift Aid	137
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Total Receipts for the year	£6,622
<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Insurance	136
Contractor for hedge-laying	1,600
Accountant's fee for 2021 Accounts	600
Maintenance costs for site (tree watering, grass cutting, etc).	708
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Total payments for the year	£3,044
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	£571
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	£4,149
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THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 01 APRIL 2022

	Current Period
	General Funds
	£
MONETARY ASSETS	
Bank Current Account	£4,149
OTHER NON-MONETARY ASSETS	
3.1 Hectares of field and woodland.	£61,549

We confirm that the above Statement of Assets is an accurate record of the Charity's assets at the period end.

Dr P Goodenough

P. W. Goodenough

Dated 16/04/2022

Mr A Cockerell

A S Cockerell

Dated 16/04/2022

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 01 APRIL 2022

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FOR THE PERIOD ENDED

01 APRIL 2021

Charity Number: 1190031

Company Number: CE022249

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THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

Trustees	Dr P Goodenough (Chairman) S Goodenough A Cockerell (Treasurer) C Mowat A Tait (Resigned 8 January 2021) P Deacon (appointed 8 January 2021)
Charity registration number	1190031
Company number	CE0022249
Charity Address	The Woods Curry Rivel Langport Somerset TA10 0PW
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 46 North Street Taunton TA1 1LZ
Independent Examiner	S M Bachrach Chalmers & Co (SW) Limited Chartered Accountants The Old Emporium Bow Street Langport Somerset TA10 9PQ

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 1 April 2021 as set out on pages 5 to 8. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8 and comply with applicable law.

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THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 1 APRIL 2021

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In June 2020 the Charity Commission approved the trust and registered it as a new charity.

In the autumn we worked with the 'Reimagining the Levels' group and The Woodland Trust to obtain a mixture of 400 trees and shrubs for us to plant. The Somerset Rivers Authority awarded the Trust a grant to cover the planting and protection of these plants under the 'Hills to Levels' flood protection scheme. A group of volunteers started planting in December and this was continued in the New Year, maintaining social distancing throughout. Another 100 trees and shrubs were donated by 'One Planet Matters' and these were also planted. The Trust bought the stakes and guards for these.

In December 2020 the trust successfully purchased 3.1 hectares of field and woodland at Hellards Hill Lane, Curry Rivel.

In March 2021 a highly successful day was spent with the 32 children of years 5 and 6 from the Curry Rivel Primary School (about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the south) planting the last fifty trees. They were very enthusiastic and we stressed that this was planting for the future and explained what benefits they could hope to see for themselves.

The boundaries of the Trust land within the existing woodland have been identified and marked with temporary markers; we continue to seek funds to work on permanent marking, fencing, footpath improvement and educational activities on site. We will plant another 400 trees, which will again be donated by the same organisations as before, in the autumn. For now the next priority is providing enough water for the newly planted trees. We have discovered a well on the site and have six storage tanks, each one metre cubed, which we hope to fill for the summer watering.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total receipts during the period were £62,120 with the majority arising from donations and grants. Total payments were £61,549, the main payment being for the purchase of fields and woodland.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees closely monitor the charity's financial position and seek to ensure that reserves are sufficient to meet its ongoing liabilities. The charity does not aim to hold substantial unrestricted reserves.



Signed by order of the trustees

Dr P Goodenough

Chairman

Approved by the trustees on **23 October 2021**

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)
TRUSTEES APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2021

We confirm that the Receipts and Payments Accounts on pages 5 to 8 have been prepared from the books and records of the Charity. All other relevant information has been made available for their preparation.

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Dr P Goodenough

P. W. Goodenough

Dated: **23 October 2021**

A S Cockerell

Mr A Cockerell

Dated: **23 October 2021**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
OF THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO) ON ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2021 CHARITY NO.1190031

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 01 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

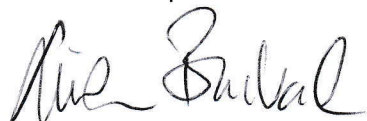
As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in the report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Simon Bachrach FCA
CHALMERS & CO (SW) LIMITED
Chartered Accountants
Trading as Chalmers & Co.
The Old Emporium
Bow Street
Langport
Somerset
TA10 9PQ

Date **03 November 2021**

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2021

	Current Period General Funds £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Donations	31,000
Grants	
South Somerset District Council	12,500
Fairfield Trust	15,000
Curry Rivel Parish Council	1,500
HMRC Gift Aid	2,120
Total receipts for the year	£62,120
<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Tree Planting costs (mulch, guards etc)	371
<u>CAPITAL PAYMENTS</u>	
Purchase of field and woods	60,000
Legal fees for purchase	1,178
Total payments for the year	£61,549
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward	0
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward	£571

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2021

	Current Period General Funds £
MONETARY ASSETS	
Bank Current Account	£571

£571

OTHER NON MONETARY ASSETS

3.1 Hectares of field and woodland

£61,549

We confirm that the above Statement of Assets is an accurate record of the Charity's assets at the period end.

P. W. Goodenough

Dr P Goodenough

Dated 23 October 2021

A S Cockerell

Mr A Cockerell

Dated 23 October 2021

THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2021

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