

**THE CURRY WOODS CONSERVATION TRUST (CIO)**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2022**

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**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.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Governing document. Formal trustee training is provided on an ad hoc basis as required. All strategic decisions are taken by the trustees.

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.
- 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 and fauna and flora will be made widely available.
- To increase the diversity of species present and ensure the sustainability of the woods. Through the use of appropriate and expert forest and land management practices young native trees will be planted along with some exotics and conifers. This approach will provide long term viability for the flora and fauna which constitute Curry Woods, while providing the benefits of additional carbon capture and also green space.
- 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.
- The Trust will look for expert advice and guidance where and when appropriate 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**

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 C 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
		£
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>		
Donations		650
Grants	Somerset County Council	400
	Curry Rivel Parish Council	1,500
	Aviva Insurance Environmental Fund	3,935
HMRC Gift Aid		137
<b>Total Receipts for the year</b>		<b>£6,622</b>
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>		
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
<b>Total payments for the year</b>		<b>£3,044</b>
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward		£571
Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward		<b>£4,149</b>

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**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



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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 01 APRIL 2022

1) Accounting policies

The accounts above have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in line with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SRP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

All expenses under £250 are included in maintenance costs.

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 restrictions 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.

7) If the CIO is wound up, each member of the CIO is liable to contribute to the assets of the CIO such amount (but not more than £10) as may be required for payment of the debts and liabilities of the CIO contracted before that person ceases to be a member, for payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for adjustment of the rights of the contributing members among themselves. 'Member' includes any person who is member of the CIO within 12 months before the commencement of the winding up. But, subject to that, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets if it is wound up, and accordingly have no personal responsibility for the settlement of its debts and liabilities beyond the amount that they are liable to contribute.