

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

**REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 01 APRIL 2023**

**Charity Number: 1190031**

**Company number: CE0022249**

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## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 01 APRIL 2023**

Trustees: Dr P. Goodenough (Chair)  
S. Goodenough (Secretary)  
A. Cockerell (Treasurer)  
C. Mowat  
P. Deacon

Charity registration number 1190031

Company number: CE0022249

Charity address: The Woods,  
Curry Rivel  
Langport  
Somerset  
TA10 0PW

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46 North Street,  
Taunton  
TA1 1LZ

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

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 01 APRIL 2023**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 01 April 2023. 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, number 1190031.

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

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 them as far as it is reasonably possible. All identified, relevant areas including financial risks and risks associated with personnel have been identified, assessed and safeguards have been put in place to eliminate or mitigate them.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The main charitable objectives 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 that 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 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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## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2023**

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

### TRUSTEES APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

#### FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2023

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<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

Mr A Cockerell

*A. Cockerell*

Dated *9<sup>th</sup> May 2023*

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

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01 APRIL 2023**

		Current period
		General funds
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		£
Donations		634
Grants	Somerset County Council	400
	Wessex Water Environment Fund	750
HMRC Gift Aid		162
<b>Total receipts for the year</b>		<b>£ 1,946</b>

<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
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
<b>Total payments for the year</b>		<b>£2,150</b>
Cash, bank and similar funds brought forward		£4,149
<b>Cash, bank and similar funds carried forward</b>		<b>£3,945</b>



**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 is an accurate record of the Charity's assets at the period end.

Dr P Goodenough

\_\_\_\_\_ P Goodenough \_\_\_\_\_ Date- 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

A Cockerell

\_\_\_\_\_ AS Cockerell \_\_\_\_\_ Date- 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 01 APRIL 2023**

##### **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" {SRF FRS L02} 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 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.

**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.