

KNEPP WILDLAND FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1190335

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-07-09

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND/OR TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Activities: Activities include: Land management for nature conservation; Habitat restoration; Species reintroduction and reinforcement; Supporting wildlife education; Wildlife survey, recording and research projects.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£931,788	£821,265	£240,725	8
2023-12-31	£344,061	£293,757	-	-
2022-12-31	£178,738	£108,395	-	-
2021-12-31	£26,376	£16,821	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sir Charles Raymond Burrell Bt	Chair	2020-07-09
David Anthony Green		2020-07-09
Dr ANTHONY MALCOLM WHITBREAD		2020-07-09
Helen Chapman		2022-02-01
India-Rose May		2025-12-02
Isabella Elizabeth Nancy Tree		2020-08-10

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees of the Knepp Wildland Foundation present their annual report and unaudited accounts for the period ended 31st December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

This report covers:

- Structure, governance and management
- Objectives and activities
- Achievements and performance
- Financial review
- Future plans

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Knepp Wildland Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales on 9th July 2020 (Charity Number 1190335).

The Registered office is Knepp Castle Estate Office, West Grinstead, Horsham, RH13 8LJ. The CIO is not known by any other name.

The CIO is governed by a constitution and its trustees are:

Dr Anthony Malcolm Whitbread	<i>Chair</i>
Isabella Elizabeth Nancy Tree	<i>Trustee</i>
Sir Charles Raymond Burrell Bt	<i>Trustee</i>
David Anthony Green	<i>Trustee</i>
Helen Chapman	<i>Trustee</i>

The CIO has no corporate trustees.

The CIO commits to the recruitment and appointment of at least one new charity trustee in the next reporting period, based on election to post by the current trustees.

Libby Drew is Director of the Foundation.

As of 31st December 2024, the Foundation employed 11 staff, including the Director.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Foundation's objectives are to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection, and improvement of the physical and natural environment, with a focus on advancing biological diversity.

Our primary activities in pursuit of these aims include:

1. Nature recovery and landscape connectivity

Developing and supporting landscape connectivity and nature recovery along natural corridors, working through partnership and strategic landholder engagement.

2. Habitat restoration

Expanding areas of scrubland, wetlands and wood pasture, including active interventions in the Knepp estate and partner lands.

3. Species reintroduction and reinforcement

Continuing reinforcement and reintroductions of lost native species including the white stork and planning future recovery initiatives.

4. Education and youth engagement

Through the Wild Futures programme, residential courses and 100 Mile Classroom, supporting environmental education and career access for young people.

5. Surveying, monitoring, and research

Expanding the use and sharing of ecological data to inform practice, policy and participation.

6. Thought leadership and community building

Hosting events, contributing to national discussions and supporting the civic nature movement.

MISSION AND ORIGIN

The Knepp Wildland Foundation was created in 2020 to help catalyse nature recovery at scale across Sussex and beyond, drawing on insight arising from the pioneering rewilding work at Knepp. We invest in knowledge, education, data and partnerships, supporting the next generation of rewilders and nature leaders.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

This year saw a deepening and expansion of the Foundation's programme of work, with a wider programme of project delivery.

- We reached **20,000 hectares pledged** to the **Weald to Waves** nature corridor — a significant national milestone in landscape connectivity. New scrubland habitat was created over 6 core sites in the corridor, in partnership with Natural England, in order to strengthen scope for species recovery.
- Our **Adur River Recovery Project** completed key activities in its development phase, engaging 27 farms and creating blueprints for natural flood management, habitat connectivity, and green finance.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024 CONTINUED...

- The **White Stork Project** was proposed as a new member of the European Stork Village Network – if this is agreed in early 2025 this will be a significant recognition of our work with Knepp and Storrington becoming the UK's only Stork Village. We continued to enrich our programme of community engagement, with 50+ volunteers involved in the project and over 1,000 school children visiting the storks.
- The **Wild Futures programme** hosted a further 550 young people at Knepp and across Sussex through a wide range of residentials, work placements, school visits, and youth-led initiatives.
- We launched the **100 Mile Classroom** in partnership with Sussex Bay, Weald to Waves and others, to expand youth nature education across Sussex.
- The **Wild Data platform** progressed with design and development, supported by two paid internships as part of our partnership with the University of Sussex. The platform, hosting surveys, data stories and species profiles from across Knepp, will go live in mid 2025.

We also introduced a cost-of-living adjustment for staff, conducted salary benchmarking, and strengthened financial systems in preparation for audit.

PROJECT PROGRESS

Weald to Waves Corridor

- Now covering over **20,000 hectares**, the corridor includes estates, farms, and nearly **1,000 registered gardens**.
- A new **Advisory Committee** is in formation, bringing together specialists in ecology, education, green finance, and infrastructure.
- Community engagement and youth participation remain central, including the development of the **100 Mile Classroom** to support local learning and stewardship.

Adur River Recovery

- Continued delivery of a national Landscape Recovery pilot with 27 farms.
- A strong civic engagement programme including festivals, guided walks, citizen science surveys and new creative collaborations.
- Substantial progress on green finance models in partnership with 3Keel and others.
- Key infrastructure and legal groundwork laid for transition into delivery phase in 2025.

White Stork Project

- Proposed new member of the European Stork Village Network – would be the first UK site to be accepted.
- 12 active nests recorded in 2024 with 26 fledglings.
- Significant youth outreach through school partnerships, Stork Schools, and public engagement events.
- Preparations underway for a proposed **Stork Festival** in May 2025.

Wild Futures Youth Programme

- Hosted **78 students** through the Operation Wallacea residential course, including **10 full bursaries**.
- Piloted a **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Residential week**.
- Held the third **Youth Rewilding Summit – Overgrowth**, with peer-led learning and national speakers.

Wild Futures Youth Programme continued...

- Developed a **Young Guides Programme**, training and employing four youth guides to support education delivery.

Data and Insights

- Continued development of our **Wild Data** knowledge hub, with new data-sharing features, story content and a robust and scalable backend infrastructure.
- Ongoing partnerships with **Archetype digital** and our paid Data Internship programme with the University of Sussex is helping to prepare for 2025 launch.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- **Total income** for 2024 was **£931,788**, up significantly from **£344,061** in 2023 due to an increased in restricted project delivery.
- **Total expenditure** was **£821,265**, delivering a **net surplus of £110,523**.
- The Foundation closed the year with **£240,725 in total funds**, comprising **£126,459 in restricted funds** and **£114,266 in unrestricted funds**.
- We maintained the agreed reserve of three months' core operating costs.
- Core costs for 2024 were approximately **£100,000**, in line with the charity's sustainability strategy. Most delivery costs were project-specific and funded through restricted grants.
- The largest grants were received from DEFRA (for Adur River Recovery), Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, and Lloyds Bank Foundation.
- In preparation for future audits, financial controls were strengthened and reviewed in line with the charity's growth.

LOOKING AHEAD

2025 will be a pivotal year for the Knepp Wildland Foundation as we:

- Submit our **delivery phase proposal** for the **Adur River Recovery Project** to Defra. This will set out a **20+ year plan** for river recovery alongside productive farmland.
- Launch the **Wild Data** platform to share our data stories with a wider public audience.
- Expand **Weald to Waves** governance, infrastructure and educational reach, refreshing our strategy for action and delivery.
- Deliver the first **Stork Festival** alongside our first public celebration of our **Stork Village** status with Euronatur. We will continue to support populations at Knepp and Wadhurst, while deepening our schools engagement.
- Secure long-term funding for the **Wild Futures programme**, pilot a new Sussex-based nature curriculum and continue scaling youth engagement along the Weald to Waves corridor.
- Continue to invest in our **governance, internal controls and operational systems**, with the first hire of a Finance and Administrative Manager and a new board member.
- Seek to stabilise the organisation with investment in raising **core funds** and **longer-term funding partnerships**.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1190335

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

C Burrell - Trustee



A Whitbread - Chair



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Knepp Wildland Foundation**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Knepp Wildland Foundation

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Knepp Wildland Foundation (the Trust) for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Year ended 31.12.2024	Total Funds	Year ended 31.12.2023
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	3	£	£	£		£	
Grants		3,000	717,973	720,973	199,559		
Donations and legacies		41,678	81,301	122,979	89,217		
Charitable activities		37,708	4,324	42,032	55,285		
Other trading activities		44,704	1,100	45,804	-		
EXPENDITURE ON	4						
Fundraising		(26,216)	(24,015)	(50,231)	(24,069)		
Charitable activities		(73,832)	(697,202)	(771,034)	(269,688)		
NET INCOME		<u>27,042</u>	<u>83,481</u>	<u>110,523</u>	<u>50,304</u>		
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS							
Total funds at brought forward		87,224	42,978	130,202	79,898		
TOTAL FUNDS AT CARRIED FORWARD		<u>114,266</u>	<u>126,459</u>	<u>240,725</u>	<u>130,202</u>		

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Balance Sheet
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Year ended 31.12.2024	Year ended 31.12.2023
	Notes	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	25,551	16,925
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		423,442	177,251
Prepayments		-	560
Accrued income		45,579	50,576
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(253,847)	(115,110)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		<u>215,174</u>	<u>113,277</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>240,725</u>	<u>130,202</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	7	114,266	87,224
Restricted		126,459	42,978
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>240,725</u></u>	<u><u>130,202</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on
and were signed on its behalf by:

A Whitbread - Chair

C Burrell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', 'Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the Financial Position of the Foundation and consider that the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. There are no material uncertainties in relation to the going concern status of the Foundation.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Plant and equipment - 20% on cost
Computer equipment - 20% on cost
Motor equipment - 25% on cost

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2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2024.

	Year ended 31.12.2024	Year ended 31.12.2023
	£	£
3. INCOME		
Grants	720,973	199,559
Donations and legacies	122,979	89,217
Charitable activities	42,032	55,285
Other trading activities	45,804	-
	<u>931,788</u>	<u>344,061</u>

4. EXPENDITURE

Fundraising Costs	50,231	24,069
Charitable Activities	705,325	248,704
Support Costs (See note 5)	65,709	20,984
	<u>821,265</u>	<u>293,757</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

Legal / Professional Fees	1,900	328
Accountancy Fees	9,879	3,774
Office Costs	11,768	2,454
Computer running costs	2,433	2,444
Marketing costs	268	659
Bank Charges	108	110
Staff costs	18,946	4,086
Travel	11,851	2,695
Depreciation	6,447	4,434
Motor running costs	13	-
Repairs and maintenance	2,096	-
	<u>65,709</u>	<u>20,984</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Accruals & deferred income	216,149	105,507
Creditors	36,214	8,832
Social Security	1,484	771
	<u>253,847</u>	<u>115,110</u>

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	Net	At
	movement	At
	01.01.2024	31.12.2024
	in funds	in funds
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	87,224	27,042
		114,266
Restricted funds		
Knowledge and Influence	1,603	5,327
Landscape Recovery	11,419	19,652
New Generation	9,207	23,782
Species Recovery	20,749	34,720
		55,469
TOTAL FUNDS	130,202	110,523
	130,202	240,725

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

Unrestricted funds			
General fund	127,090	(100,048)	27,042
Restricted funds			
Knowledge and Influence	42,618	(37,291)	5,327
Landscape Recovery	590,726	(571,074)	19,652
New Generation	78,882	(55,100)	23,782
Species Recovery	92,472	(57,752)	34,720
TOTAL FUNDS	931,788	(821,265)	110,523

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Charles Raymond Burrell Trustee	Isabella Elizabeth Nancy Tree Trustee
Donation made to the charity of £3,906	Donation made to the charity of £3,906
Repayment of expenses incurred of £265.45	

The charity has a very close relationship with Knepp Farms LLP, Knepp Castle Estate and Knepp Swallow Ltd, all of which enable the charity to carry out its charitable objectives. Most significant costs are funding capital costs of on-site research, room hire and recharge rates of specialist staff. The charity can pay the related company for goods/services at market rate or less, as long as this is demonstrably in the charity's best interests. The following transactions were made during the year ended 31 December 2024:

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8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES continued

<i>Expenditure incurred</i>	
Knepp Farms LLP	£52,443.09
Knepp Castle Estate	£5,829.47
Knepp Swallows Ltd	£1,062.97

The Knepp Farms LLP figure of £52,443.09 included an invoice of £6,204 for room hire costs and an invoice of £24,620.49 for research costs.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and equipment	Computer equipment	Motor vehicle	Totals
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2024	22,856	1,790	-	24,646
Additions	7,381	5,492	2,200	15,073
At 31 December 2024	<u>30,237</u>	<u>7,282</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>39,718</u>

DEPRECIATION

At 1 January 2024	7,525	196	504	7,720
Charge for year	5,309	633	504	6,447
At 31 December 2024	<u>12,834</u>	<u>829</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>14,167</u>

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 December 2024	17,403	6,453	1,696	25,551
At 1 January 2024	<u>15,331</u>	<u>1,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,925</u>

STAFF COSTS

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Salary staff	258,228	115,836
Social security costs	20,098	5,897
Other pension costs	5,949	2,695
	<u>284,275</u>	<u>124,428</u>

10.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

Employees	31.12.24	31.12.23
	8	6

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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At the 31st December 2023 there were 6 employees including Libby Drew.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the CIO are:

- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment; and/or
- To promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity.

Our charitable activities are:

1. Land management for nature conservation

Including instigating new nature recovery projects elsewhere in the UK, including through land purchase for rewilding.

2. Habitat restoration

Extending habitat restoration work to parts of the estate currently outside the rewilding project, including fencing to protect valuable habitats, and creation of additional wetland habitats.

3. Species reintroduction and reinforcement

The reintroduction and reinforcement of species missing from our landscape.

4. Supporting wildlife education

Community outreach, including providing experience in nature conservation for young people at Knepp.

5. Wildlife survey, recording and research projects

Ongoing wildlife surveys and recording work associated with important natural breeding populations within the Knepp rewilding project.

6. Contributing to the national nature conservation debate

Including participation and conducting workshops and conferences at Knepp.

MISSION AND ORIGIN

The Knepp Wildland Foundation was founded to galvanise nature recovery across Sussex and beyond, contributing to our global effort to reverse our biodiversity crisis. We were established to harness evidence, knowledge and inspiration from the pioneering work of Knepp to support nature recovery at scale, with a particular focus on communities, corridors and the next generation.

Established in 2020, we have set out to invest in nature education, research, reporting, and landscape-scale recovery. This year marked the initiation of our charitable activities within these strategic pillars and the first stages of team development.

ACHIEVEMENTS

This year, Knepp Wildland Foundation made significant strides across its portfolio of projects, reflecting both growth and innovation, as well as consolidating key partnerships and early work on the Weald to Waves corridor. Fundraising efforts secured £352,161, with an additional £80,000 for 2024, signalling strong support for KWF's mission.

ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED..

Our work is aligning with the growing national focus on conservation at scale, laying the groundwork for sustainable river and landscape recovery that integrates both biodiversity and community engagement. At the heart of our organisation, Weald to Waves is growing in momentum towards a transformative 100-mile nature corridor initiative. This year has seen an exciting new leap towards new digital mapping and communication tools alongside on farm and field work that, together, go a long way to fostering collaboration and civic participation.

2023 marked the first year that Knepp Wildland Foundation took on management of The White Stork Project from the Knepp Estate to continue and expand its pioneering work in both species reintroduction and public engagement. Our new youth engagement programme, Wild Futures, has launched, equipping the next generation of environmental leaders with skills for green jobs. We are also expanding our data-driven approach with the development of Wild Data, a new online platform to open up two decades of Knepp's biodiversity data to both the public and specialist audiences. These initiatives fit into the wider momentum around nature recovery, targeted funding interventions, and preparing new generations for careers in the green economy.

PROJECT PROGRESS

Weald to Waves

Weald to Waves has seen notable progress in defining a 100-mile primary route for biodiversity, connecting pledged land with local wildlife sites and priority habitats. Over 12% of farmland and estates in the corridor now pledged and the first smaller plots now registered under a new Gardens and Greenspaces network. Our new digital home launched mid-April, offering interactive maps, blogs, and resources for land managers and the community. This platform will facilitate civic engagement, track impact and provide a comprehensive overview of the corridor's environmental and social pressures. Funding for this work has been secured from Natural England, The Chalk Cliff Trust, Woodroffe Benton Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, the Woodspring Trust and Patagonia. Additionally, we have secured further funding from Natural England to invest in new areas of scrubland along the corridor. Working with farms and estates, this will introduce and enhance dense thorny scrubland as part of our efforts to boost numbers of scrubland birds such as nightingales, cuckoos and turtle doves, as well as prepare for a possible reintroduction of the red-backed shrike and the black-veined white butterfly.

Adur River Recovery

Knepp Wildland Foundation is proud to coordinate one of the first national river recovery pilots under the new Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS). Funded by DEFRA and managed through grants by the Environment Agency, the Adur River Recovery project is one of the largest collaborations in the country. It involves 27 farms working alongside councils and conservation partners to develop a sustainable model for restoring the River Adur in West Sussex.

Adur River Recovery continued

A steering committee, composed of land managers and representatives from partner organisations, has been formed to guide key decisions. We are actively collaborating with consultants on natural capital market research, baseline surveys, and legal advisory work. Community engagement is central to the project, with river user surveys and outreach to local businesses, schools, and heritage groups. This development phase will continue until spring 2025, at which point the project will transition into the delivery phase, informed by the ecological, financial, and governance frameworks established.

White Stork Project

We took on management of the successful White Stork Project in May this year. Based at Knepp Estate, with a second site at Wadhurst Park, the project aims to re-establish a wild, breeding population of white storks in the UK. Historically native to the British Isles, white storks were once widely distributed, with records of sightings from 1958 until 1983, when they were considered a regular species. However, due to a lack of breeding, they were unlikely to return without intervention. In partnership with Cotswolds Wildlife Park and the Roy Dennis Foundation, the project has successfully established a thriving population at Knepp, with the goal of increasing public engagement.

To support this, we recruited a new project officer, an experienced educator with a background in biology and science communication. Her role combines practical tasks with community engagement and education. This year, the project recorded 12 stork nests and 26 successful fledglings. Over 400 students visited the stork sites and learned more through school assemblies. Understanding the storks' autumn migration is crucial for the project's success, and we have raised funds for satellite tags to track and share their journeys via an online map. Donations from the Lochlands Trust and Skylark Coffee have helped cover project costs.

Wild Futures Youth Engagement programme

Young people are central to our strategy, and we've launched the Wild Futures youth engagement programme to provide skills, networks, and opportunities for 12-25 year olds, while learning from their ideas and experiences. This initiative includes six weeks of summer residential courses, delivered in collaboration with Operation Wallacea (OpWall), which equipped over 100 young participants and volunteer staff with transferable skills in survey and habitat work. Additionally, we introduced our first bursary programme, offering support to five young people from underrepresented backgrounds, generously funded by the D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust.

This year, we also piloted two paid placements for graduates, offering hands-on experience in biodiversity and nature recovery careers. These placements will become a key part of our strategy to create more paid work opportunities for young people in Sussex alongside

We hosted the second annual youth-led summit, Resurgence, in partnership with Heal and Young Wilders. The event brought together over 100 young people at Knepp for two days of workshops focused on access to the countryside, diversity and inclusion in the green sector, and environmental connectivity. The summit was generously supported by SkyLark Coffee and the Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust, and the insights gained continue to shape our youth engagement and nature education strategies.

Data and Insights

Data and Insights is a new strategic focus for KWF, aimed at making Knepp's data accessible to a wider audience. Data is crucial for driving effective conservation efforts, informing decision-making, and enhancing public understanding of ecosystems. We are developing an initial platform, Wild Data, that showcases species and habitat data. Supported by Rewilding Britain's Innovation Fund and Virgin Media O2, this interactive platform will be populated with surveys, data sets, and science stories in the coming months. By providing transparent access to this data, we hope to empower researchers, students, conservationists, and encourage new interest across public audiences. We are aiming for an initial launch in winter 2024.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 31 December 2023, there was a surplus of £50,304 (2022: £70,343)

There was a balance of £87,224 of unrestricted funds (2022: £79,898) and £42,978 of restricted funds (2022: £nil).

The trustees agreed to maintain three months of operational reserves to ensure the smooth ongoing day to day operations of the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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23 Oct 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

				Year ended 31.12.2023	Year ended 31.12.2022
	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	3	£	£	£	£
Grants		-	199,559	199,559	-
Donations and legacies		44,095	45,122	89,217	128,827
Charitable activities		3,735	51,550	55,285	49,911
EXPENDITURE ON	4				
Fundraising		(24,069)	-	(24,069)	-
Charitable activities		(16,435)	(253,253)	(269,688)	(108,395)
NET INCOME		7,326	42,978	50,304	70,343
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds at brought forward		79,898	-	79,898	9,555
TOTAL FUNDS AT CARRIED FORWARD		87,224	42,978	130,202	79,898

Knepp Wildland Foundation

Balance Sheet
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		Year ended 31.12.2023	Year ended 31.12.2022
		Total Funds £	Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	16,925	16,238
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		177,251	68,299
Prepayments		560	536
Accrued income		50,576	-
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(115,110)	(5,175)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>113,277</u>	<u>63,660</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		113,277	63,660
NET ASSETS		<u>130,202</u>	<u>79,898</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	7	87,224	79,898
Restricted		42,978	-
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>130,202</u></u>	<u><u>79,898</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on
and were signed on its behalf by:

A Whitbread - Chair 

C Burrell - Trustee 

The notes form part of these financial statements

Knepp Wildland Foundation

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Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the Financial Position of the Foundation and consider that the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. There are no material uncertainties in relation to the going concern status of the Foundation.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and equipment - 20% on cost

Computer equipment - 20% on cost

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 December 2023

	Year ended 31.12.2023 £	Year ended 31.12.2022 £
3. INCOME		
Grants	199,559	-
Donations and legacies	89,217	128,828
Charitable activities	55,285	49,911
	<u>344,061</u>	<u>178,739</u>
4. EXPENDITURE		
Fundraising Costs	24,069	-
Charitable Activities	248,704	66,091
Support Costs (See note 5)	20,984	42,304
	<u>293,757</u>	<u>108,395</u>
5. SUPPORT COSTS		
Legal / Professional Fees	328	990
Accountancy Fees	3,774	3,207
Office Costs	2,454	367
Computer running costs	2,444	-
Marketing costs	659	-
Bank Charges	110	117
Staff costs	4,086	34,167
Travel	2,695	169
Depreciation	4,434	3,287
	<u>20,984</u>	<u>42,304</u>
6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Accruals & deferred income	105,507	2,472
Creditors	8,832	2,477
Social Security	771	226
	<u>115,110</u>	<u>5,175</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.01.2023	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.2023
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	79,898	7,326	87,224
Restricted funds			
Knowledge and Influence	-	1,603	1,603
Landscape Recovery	-	11,419	11,419
New Generation	-	9,207	9,207
Species Recovery	-	20,749	20,749
TOTAL FUNDS	79,898	50,304	130,202

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	47,830	(40,504)	7,326
Restricted funds			
Knowledge and Influence	17,582	(15,979)	1,603
Landscape Recovery	172,177	(160,758)	11,419
New Generation	62,489	(53,282)	9,207
Species Recovery	43,983	(23,234)	20,749
TOTAL FUNDS	344,061	(293,757)	50,304

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Charles Raymond Burrell & Isabella Elizabeth Nancy Tree
Trustee
Joint donation of £10,000

Isabella Elizabeth Nancy Tree
Trustee
Donation of £3,000

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES continued

The charity has a very close relationship with Knepp Farms LLP, Knepp Castle Estate and Knepp Swallow Ltd, all of which enable the charity to carry out its charitable objectives. The following transactions were made with those entities during the year ended 31 December 2023:

Expenditure incurred

Knepp Farms LLP	£1,531.96
Knepp Castle Estate	£2,016.29
Knepp Swallows Ltd	£143.85

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and equipment	Computer equipment	Totals
COST	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	19,525	-	19,525
Additions	3,331	1,790	5,121
At 31 December 2023	<u>22,856</u>	<u>1,790</u>	<u>24,646</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2023	3,287	-	3,287
Charge for year	4,238	196	4,434
At 31 December 2023	<u>7,525</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>7,721</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	<u>15,331</u>	<u>1,594</u>	<u>16,925</u>
At 1 January 2023	<u>16,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,238</u>

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Salary staff	115,836	29,885
Social security costs	5,897	3,510
Other pension costs	2,695	772
	<u>124,428</u>	<u>34,167</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.12.23	31.12.22
Employees	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

KNEPP WILDLAND FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1190335

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 December 2022
for
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for the Period Ended 31 December 2022**

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Knepp Wildland Foundation

Report of the Trustees for the Period Ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees of the Knepp Wildland Foundation present their annual report and unaudited accounts for the period ended 31st December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

This report covers:

- Structure, governance and management
- Objectives and activities
- Achievements and performance
- Financial review
- Future plans

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Knepp Wildland Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales on 9th July 2020 (Charity Number 1190335).

The Registered office is Knepp Castle Estate Office, West Grinstead, Horsham, RH13 8LJ. The CIO is not known by any other name.

The CIO is governed by a constitution and its trustees are:

Dr Anthony Malcolm Whitbread	<i>Chair</i>	
Isabella Elizabeth Nancy Tree	<i>Trustee</i>	
Sir Charles Raymond Burrell Bt	<i>Trustee</i>	
David Anthony Green	<i>Trustee</i>	
Helen Chapman	<i>Trustee</i>	(Appointed 1 February 2022)

The CIO has no corporate trustees.

The CIO commits to the recruitment and appointment of at least one new charity trustee in the next reporting period, based on election to post by the current trustees.

In Spring 2022, we took the significant step in hiring our first staff member to act as Director of the Foundation. Libby Drew was appointed with a background in managing non-profit start-ups and experience in building successful social and environmental campaigns. She is charged with further developing the three-year strategy, establishing a portfolio of high-impact projects, and setting up a strong delivery team.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the CIO are:

- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment; and/or
- To promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity.

Our charitable activities are:

1. Land management for nature conservation

Including instigating new nature recovery projects elsewhere in the UK, including through land purchase for rewilding.

2. Habitat restoration

Extending habitat restoration work to parts of the estate currently outside the rewilding project, including fencing to protect valuable habitats, and creation of additional wetland habitats.

3. Species reintroduction and reinforcement

The reintroduction and reinforcement of species missing from our landscape.

4. Supporting wildlife education

Community outreach, including providing experience in nature conservation for young people at Knepp.

5. Wildlife survey, recording and research projects

Ongoing wildlife surveys and recording work associated with important natural breeding populations within the Knepp rewilding project.

6. Contributing to the national nature conservation debate

Including participation and conducting workshops and conferences at Knepp.

MISSION AND ORIGIN

The Knepp Wildland Foundation was founded to galvanise nature recovery across Sussex and beyond, contributing to our global effort to reverse our biodiversity crisis. We were established to harness evidence, knowledge and inspiration from the pioneering work of Knepp to support nature recovery at scale, with a particular focus on communities, corridors and the next generation.

Established in 2021, we have set out to invest in nature education, research, reporting, and landscape-scale recovery. This year marked the initiation of our charitable activities within these strategic pillars and the first stages of team development.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

In our inaugural year of delivery we have brought over 200 young people to Knepp as part of a range of training and engagement activities. During the summer months, we ran a series of field skills courses in collaboration with Operation Wallacea.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued...)

Over 100 students took part in ecology training at Knepp with 1-2 week courses covering a range habitat and species surveys. The feedback from the young people was excellent, with many saying that this was the first time they had come across certain native species and that, for others, it was the first time they had been able to apply their classroom learning to a natural habitat. The courses were intended to be self-sustaining, with income generated from course fees covering training expenses and catering. We were also able to extend our facilities to include camping tents, a sizable training tent, and compost toilets. These additions not only helped to facilitate safe and accessible outdoor training this year but will also reduce the cost of training delivery in the future.

In the autumn, we hosted a youth-led summit, "Resurgence." Organised in collaboration with Heal Rewilding and Young Wilders, this event brought together another 100 young individuals from across the UK, offering seminars, guided walks into Knepp Wildland, and group activities. "Resurgence" centred around the theme of "access to nature" and shed light on the significant barriers faced by young people when connecting with natural landscapes. Our aspiration is for this event to become an annual gathering, creating a network of young individuals, amplifying their voices, and harnessing their valuable potential.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 31 December 2022, there was a surplus of £70,343 (2021: £9,555)

There was a balance of £79,898 of unrestricted funds (2021: £9,555) and £nil of restricted funds (2021: £nil).

The trustees seek to maintain sufficient reserves to ensure the smooth ongoing day to day operations of the charity.

CREATING CORRIDORS

As part of our commitment to landscape recovery, we are engaged in the launch of an aspirational initiative, Weald to Waves, aimed at creating and connecting a 100-mile ribbon of natural habitat for wildlife across Sussex, from the ancient forests of the High Weald to the restored kelp forests off the Sussex coast.

With much of the large-scale nature recovery projects led and funded by the government or national organisations, there is a need for bottom-up land manager led initiatives. 89% of Sussex is farmed, and that is reflective of the huge role farmers and land managers play in nature recovery. Weald to Waves is made up of a group of farmers and land managers who see the value in working together to restore nature at scale and enhance nature-based solutions to poor soil and water quality, managing flood water and preparing for climate shocks.

CREATING CORRIDORS (continued...)

To date, seven large farms and estates have committed to being part of the corridor, collaborating on land projects and data sharing, and exploring ways to facilitate species movement between habitats on their farms and estates. The next stage will be engaging those who hold land between these sites and encouraging them to work in tandem. This initiative calls for comprehensive, integrated thinking across landscapes, communities, and sectors and, if successful, could become a template for community-driven landscape

RIVER RECOVERY

Rivers play a pivotal role as corridors in landscapes. Unfortunately, water quality in Sussex is currently poor, with a myriad of sewage outfalls, run off from roads and farms and the impact of embankments and development over time to facilitate housing, trade and navigation. We've lost significant stretches of wetlands and saltmarshes, along with the associated species and habitats.

The Knepp Estate, located in the headwaters of the River Adur, previously initiated a successful river restoration project on-site. In early 2022, DEFRA introduced a funding opportunity for large landscape recovery projects, designed to pilot the new Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS). In collaboration with the Upper Adur Farmer cluster and catchment-wide partnerships, we worked with 27 farmers along the Adur to submit a substantial bid, with the aim of remodelling the river and developing a financial and legal framework for funding, governing and sustain its recovery. In late summer, we received the news of our proposal's success, one of only ten river pilots chosen in the UK. This £500,000 two-year pilot will encompass 750 hectares of land and will be managed in collaboration with the Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust, the Sussex Wildlife Trust, and Horsham and Adur District Councils. We eagerly anticipate commencing work on this project from January 2023.

SECURING FUNDING FOR IMPACT

Alongside the success of our ELMS grant, we are thrilled to have started to receive public donations this year towards our youth engagement and landscape recovery work. Our vision for the Foundation is to remain agile and responsive while ensuring its resilience and sustainability through a mix of funding and revenue streams. Public giving does, and always will, play an essential role in this endeavour. Over the year, we received donations totalling £128,827. A significant proportion, £100,000, was generously contributed as an unconditional donation by one of our trustees, enabling us to hire our first staff member and establish a sustainable reserve account. We also received community contributions directed towards Weald to Waves, and a £1,500 grant from Skylark coffee supporting the Resurgence summit. In the coming year, we aim to cultivate new relationships with partners, trusts, and foundations who share our vision and values, expanding our outreach and impact.

Our trustees play an ambassadorial role in promoting the mission and vision of the Foundation. During this and their wider work, they often decline any offered speaker fees and suggest that, instead, a donation is made towards the work of the Foundation. Any donation received in this way is given freely and without conditions or the provision of services by the charity.

FUTURE PLANS

In 2023, we have set the following ambitious goals:

- 1. Appointment of Delivery Team:** We aim to appoint a small, agile delivery team to effectively execute our mission.
- 2. Establish Our Identity and Platforms:** We will build a strong online presence to reach our target groups, influence decision-making, and effectively communicate with communities.
- 3. Roll-out Weald to Waves:** We will establish a viable route map and robust mechanisms for land managers to develop environmental land plans and join the corridor.
- 4. Launch Adur River Recovery:** We will support land planning and landscape modelling across all 27 farms along the Adur, engaging ecologists to record baseline data for future habitat and species impact assessments.
- 5. Sharing Knepp's 21 Years of Data:** We intend to publish key data from Knepp's 21 years of rewilding, providing accessible knowledge to those engaged in conservation, land management, and community advocacy.
- 6. Increase Youth Access to Green Skills and Nature:** We plan to expand our youth engagement work, launching a youth bursary scheme to provide opportunities for young people from less affluent families to connect with nature and conservation.

The Knepp Wildland Foundation remains unwavering in its commitment to nature recovery, landscape connectivity, and the dissemination of accessible environmental data and education. With the invaluable support of our early donors in 2022, we are on track for a transformative 2023, contributing to more sustainable and connected landscapes and communities across Sussex and beyond.

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Donations and legacies	3	116,927	11,900	128,827	26,376
Charitable activities		-	49,911	49,911	-
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	46,584	61,811	108,395	16,821
NET INCOME		<u>70,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,343</u>	<u>9,555</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds at brought forward		9,555	-	9,555	-
TOTAL FUNDS AT CARRIED FORWARD		<u>79,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,898</u>	<u>9,555</u>

Knepp Wildland Foundation

Balance Sheet 31 December 2022

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Cash at bank and in hand		68,299	-	68,299	11,277
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Amounts falling due within one year	6	(5,175)	-	(5,175)	(1,722)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>63,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,661</u>	<u>9,555</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>79,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,898</u>	<u>9,555</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>79,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,898</u>	<u>9,555</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	7	<u>79,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,898</u>	<u>9,555</u>
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Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and equipment - 20% on cost

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2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 December 2022

	Year ended 31.12.2022 £	Period ended 31.12.2021 £
3. INCOME		
Donations	128,828	26,376
Charitable activities	49,911	-
	<u>178,738</u>	<u>26,376</u>
4. EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Activities	66,091	-
Support Costs (See note 5)	42,304	16,821
	<u>108,395</u>	<u>16,821</u>
5. SUPPORT COSTS		
Legal / Professional Fees	990	14,208
Accountancy Fees	3,208	1,617
Office Costs	367	911
Bank Charges	117	85
Staff costs	34,167	-
Travel	169	-
Depreciation	3,287	-
	<u>42,304</u>	<u>16,821</u>
6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Accruals	2,472	1,722
Creditors	2,477	-
Social Security	226	-
	<u>5,175</u>	<u>1,722</u>

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.01.2022	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.2022
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,555	70,343	79,898
Restricted funds			
New Generation (New Gen)	-	-	-
Landscape Recovery	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	9,555	70,343	79,898

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	116,927	(46,584)	70,343
Restricted funds			
New Generation	51,411	(51,411)	-
Landscape Recovery	10,400	(10,400)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	178,738	- 108,395	70,343

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Charles Raymond Burrell & Isabella Elizabeth Nancy Tree
Trustee
Joint donation of £100,000

Isabella Elizabeth Nancy Tree
Trustee
Donation of £1,500

Charles Raymond Burrell
Trustee
Donation of £5,000

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and equipment £	Totals £
COST		
At 1 January 2022	-	-
Additions	19,525	19,525
At 31 December 2022	<u>19,525</u>	<u>19,525</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 January 2022	-	-
Charge for year	3,287	3,287
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,287</u>	<u>3,287</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 December 2022	<u>16,238</u>	<u>16,238</u>
At 1 January 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

10. STAFF COSTS

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
Wages and salaries	29,885	-
Social security costs	3,510	-
Other pension costs	772	-
	<u>34,167</u>	<u>-</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.12.22	31.12.21
Employees	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

KNEPP WILDLAND FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1190335

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1190335

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 December 2021
for
Knepp Wildland Foundation

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Report of the Trustees for the Period Ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees of the Knepp Wildland Foundation present their first annual report and unaudited accounts for the period ended 31st December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

This report covers:

- Structure, governance and management
- Objectives and activities
- Achievements and performance
- Financial review
- Future plans

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Knepp Wildland Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission I England & Wales on 9th July 2020 (Charity Number 1190335).

The Registered office is Knepp Castle Estate Office, West Grinstead, Horsham, RH13 8LJ. The CIO is not known by any other name.

The CIO is governed by a constitution and its trustees are:

Dr Anthony Malcolm Whitbread	<i>Trustee</i>	Appointed 09 July 2020
Isabella Elizabeth Nancy Tree	<i>Trustee</i>	Appointed 10 August 2020
Sir Charles Raymond Burrell Bt	<i>Chair</i>	Appointed 09 July 2020
David Anthony Green Trustee	<i>Trustee</i>	Appointed 09 July 2020

The CIO has no corporate trustees.

The CIO commits to the recruitment and appointment of at least one new charity trustee in the next reporting period, based on election to post by the current trustees.

There were no employees during the period.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the CIO are:

- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment; and/or
- To promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our charitable activities are:

1. Land management for nature conservation

Including instigating new nature recovery projects elsewhere in the UK, including through land purchase for rewilding.

2. Habitat restoration

Extending habitat restoration work to parts of the estate currently outside the rewilding project, including fencing to protect valuable habitats, and creation of additional wetland habitats.

3. Species reintroduction and reinforcement

The reintroduction and reinforcement of species missing from our landscape.

4. Supporting wildlife education

Community outreach, including providing experience in nature conservation for young people at Knepp.

5. Wildlife survey, recording and research projects

Ongoing wildlife surveys and recording work associated with important natural breeding populations within the Knepp rewilding project.

6. Contributing to the national nature conservation debate

Including participation and conducting workshops and conferences at Knepp.

ACHIEVEMENTS

During this reporting period, the CIO has been receiving legal advice on its registration and constitution.

Please refer to our Future Plans for more information about upcoming activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

At the end of the reporting period the CIO had net assets of £9,555.

The CIO received £26,376 in donations and gifts in the reporting period. Included within these reported donations is a receipt of £5,000 owed to one of the Charity's Trustees to compensate for the time and travel costs incurred as part of an honorarium event. The trustee requested the amount be donated to the CIO in lieu of payment.

Our charitable activities support costs were £16,821. Most of this expenditure was on essential legal and professional fees associated with the establishment of the CIO.

During this period, £10,920 of third-party creditor bills were funded by Knepp Estate Home Farm to help with cash flow. The owners of the Knepp Estate, Charles Burrell and Isabella Tree, are trustees of the CIO and have committed both financial support and in-kind support from the Knepp Estate to the CIO. They have committed to donating £100,000 to the CIO in the next budget year to support the future plans detailed below. This is backed by a clear conflict of interest policy that ensures that all support channelled into the Foundation is managed appropriately.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The CIO has no fixed assets. The CIO does not own or hold a title to any property.

The CIO does not yet hold reserves but is developing a reserves policy to align with its commencement of public activities.

The Trustees have reviewed the current financial position of the Foundation and its forecast and consider that the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate and there are no material uncertainties in relation to the going concern status of the Foundation.

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the period.

There are no funds or subsidiary undertaking that is materially in deficit.

There are no funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

FUTURE PLANS

Recent years have seen a huge increase in interest in rewilding; a term used for conservation efforts aimed at restoring and protecting natural processes to create wild areas. The Knepp Wildland Foundation has been established to catalyse the restoration of fully functioning ecosystems, across Sussex, England and beyond. We will use the lessons learned from the rewilding of Knepp Wildland, the first large-scale rewilding project in lowland England to provide the evidence, knowledge and inspiration to support rewilding at scale, with a particular focus on support for the next generation of rewilders.

Our key activity for the next reporting period will be to appoint a Director who can lead the work of the Foundation, as well as laying out a case for support and developing our organisational budget and key policies. This Director will be given the mandate to establish a healthy organisation and build a team that can deliver our mission and vision.

A significant part of that work will be on landscape-scale nature recovery, connecting habitats and sites of biodiversity across Sussex so that we have bigger, better and more connected landscape for wildlife to move through and thrive within. The Foundation will have an initial focus on creating a wild corridor across Sussex, with the Knepp Wildland Project at its heart. By 2025 we aim to have agreements in place for a 50-mile wild corridor running from Ashdown Forest to the marine kelp forests at Climping Gap, and to have inspired communities across Sussex to make the places they live wilder. We aim for the Weald to Waves corridor to become a national exemplar of landscape scale ecological restoration in practice.

The CIO will also work to spread the knowledge and evidence generated at Knepp to a wide audience. This will involve sharing the evidence, knowledge and insight generated to a wide audience through both dissemination of scientific studies and creative storytelling to increase public awareness of the benefits of rewilding. We will run public consultations to develop a strong strategy for diverse engagement.

FUTURE PLANS

The next generation is already critical to nature recovery and their influence will only become stronger over the years. The Foundation is committed to forming appropriate partnerships to educate the next generation of ecologists in the science of rewilding – through training and residential fieldwork placements, seeking support for bursaries for young people otherwise unable to access this learning. Next year, the Foundation will take on Knepp Estate’s current relationship with Operation Wallacea to host students at Knepp for a series of residential training courses on ecology and environmental research. With 171 students at Knepp this summer as part of Operation Wallacea’s UK field skills

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1190335

Principal address

Estate Office
Knepp Castle
West Grinstead
HORSHAM
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 October 22 and signed on its behalf by:

L Drew - Director

C Burrell - Trustee

D Green - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Knepp Wildland Foundation**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Knepp Wildland Foundation

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Knepp Wildland Foundation (the Trust) for the period 9 July 2020 to 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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27 October 2022

Knepp Wildland Foundation

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Period Ended 31 December 2021

			Period ended 31.12.2021	
		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds
	<i>Notes</i>	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies		26,376	-	26,376
EXPENDITURE ON				
Other		16,821	-	16,821
NET INCOME		<hr/> 9,555	-	<hr/> 9,555
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<hr/> 9,555	-	<hr/> 9,555

The notes form part of these financial statements

Knepp Wildland Foundation

Balance Sheet
31 December 2021

	<i>Notes</i>	Period ended 31.12.2021 Unrestricted fund £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank		11,277
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	6	1,722
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>9,555</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>9,555</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>9,555</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	7	<u>9,555</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>9,555</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

L Drew - Director

C Burrell - Trustee

D Green - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Knepp Wildland Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements **for the Period Ended 31 December 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Going Concern

The Trustees have reviewed the Financial Position of the Foundation and consider that the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. There are no material uncertainties in relation to the going concern status of the Foundation.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Period Ended 31 December 2021

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 December 2021

31.12.2021
£

3. INCOME

Charity Donation Income	26,376
	<u>26,376</u>

4. EXPENDITURE

Charitable Activities - Support Costs

Support Costs (See note 5)	16,821
	<u>16,821</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

Legal / Professional Fees	14,208
Accountancy Fees	1,617
Office Costs	411
Communications	500
Bank Charges	85
	<u>16,821</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Accruals	1,722
	<u>1,722</u>

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for the Period Ended 31 December 2021

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.2021
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	9,555	9,555
TOTAL FUNDS	9,555	9,555

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	26,376	(16,821)	9,555
TOTAL FUNDS	26,376	(16,821)	9,555

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the period ended 31 December 2021, the charity received £5,000 of donations from related parties.