

Somerset Wildlands

Annual report 2023-24



Registered Charity 1191953



COVER IMAGE Flock of egrets flying over Athelney in moonlight (Medard Sandor) **THIS PAGE** Close up of snail shell at Athelney (Medard Sandor)

The last 12 months have been an exciting period of development for Somerset Wildlands, as we built on the foundations laid in earlier years. While we didn't purchase any new land, the charity was able to nearly triple its income on the previous financial year, ensuring that more than a third of all debts had been repaid by the end of the period.



We continued to use our sites to generate interest in the charity's aims and objectives. Our team of volunteer wardens has expanded to provide regular on-site cover of Athelney and we have attracted significant interest from nearby landowners, several of whom are exploring joining our network or placing their land in Somerset Wildlands' care, based on the work we have done on our own sites. We expanded our membership and continued to grow our profile.

On the land itself we have carried-on the important process of establishing a baseline of biodiversity indicators. While these are not the sole means of demonstrating success in a rewilding project, they are useful tools which will all go towards allowing us to track changes on the land, and grow the evidence base. We also secured funding and permission to begin a little initial intervention on the waterways, reprofiling some ditches and creating scrapes in the fields themselves. This will speed up the ability of wetland wildlife to spread from the ditches and claim new habitats. While our intention to be as hands-off as possible, such initial changes can rapidly create space for nature, without compromise the open-ended nature of the project.

Finally and most importantly the land itself has continued to evolve. Winter 2023-24 has been very wet, meaning that several of the sites spent weeks and months under deep water. As the floods have receded, leaving behind dead wood and flattened grass, large numbers of saplings have become visible - oak, willow and thorn - seemingly unbothered by the water. In the future as these grow they will provide habitat and cover and possibly the establishment of a wet forest over parts of the site, one which when submerged is no longer flat and still but which in the future will see a host of young trees growing up through the deep water.

Wildlife too has begun to respond to the site, most excitingly in the regular visits now made by common cranes. These beautiful birds were reintroduced to the Levels about 20 years ago and are slowly spreading and investigating new habitats. The fact they are inspecting our sites bodes well for the future.

The truth is though that we do not know exactly what will happen, and that is part of the point. In amongst all the day-to-day management of a charity, and the talk of impact and indicators, it is important to remember what this is all for. Our purpose is to create space where nature can lead and thrive and, for want of a better phrase, do 'what it wants'. We are just at the beginning of that long journey, but it is already thrilling to see the land slowly coming to life.

Alasdair Cameron

Alasdair Cameron, May 2024

Somerset Wildlands' impact and achievements in 2023-24

- **Completed repaying the loan on the purchase of East-Waste.** In March 2024, roughly two years after purchase, Somerset Wildlands cleared its loan from *We Have the Power* on the purchase of a 12-acre parcel of land at East-Waste.
- **Returned a total of £150,000 of philanthropic loans over the course of the year.** These loans were used to purchase land at East Waste and Athelney. This means that as of April 2024 there were £327,000 of loans outstanding, with more than one third of the debt repaid within two years. All of the outstanding loans are now on the Athelney land.
- Entered discussions with a **number of existing landowners** looking to rewild their own lands inspired by or in association with Somerset Wildlands. In some instances this may involve the lease or transfer of land to Somerset Wildlands to rewild in perpetuity.
- **Raised £221,000 in the period to April 2023, paying back £150,000 in loans for land.** This is a significant boost in income, generated through donations from a range of Trusts and major donors, and through donations through the online membership, one-off donations and Gift Aid. More information is available in the financial review.
- Continued to explore the possibility of generating income from a range of agri-environment schemes and ecosystem services markets, including through **commissioning a consultancy to prepare a Biodiversity Net Gain** baseline and uplift projection, based on our approach to rewilding.
- **Continued to work with and develop our team of volunteer wardens** to look after the new site at Athelney.
- Continued to **grow our membership base**, which increased by 36% over the course of the year.
- Working with and facilitating groups from the University of Bristol and the University of Sussex and on issues ranging from soil carbon and chemistry, acoustic monitoring and underground archaeology.
- Gained **media attention** for its activities - appearing on podcasts, broadcast and online and print media.



Vision

Our vision is to create a wilder future and a fantastic wildlife core for the South-West of England.

The Somerset Levels were once a vast wild wetland. From pelicans to lynx, beavers to sturgeons, its wetlands, woods and estuaries teemed with wildlife, much of it now gone. Somerset Wildlands is aiming to restore some of that lost wildlife and wildness through a process of distributed rewilding. Using its 'stepping stones' approach, Somerset Wildlands will purchase or otherwise acquire plots of land as they become available and create a distributed network of wilded sites, boosting wildlife populations and providing opportunities for species reintroductions and for wildlife to spread and adapt naturally. This natural habitat restoration will help to store and sequester carbon dioxide, and provide a host of social benefits. It will demonstrate new avenues and approaches to rewilding and encourage others to get involved.

As it increases both the abundance and diversity of life Somerset Wildlands will seek to maximise social value. It will work to ensure that the cultural benefits of rewilding are realised, while maintaining the focus on protecting and providing space for nature. It will encourage citizen-science and education, with particular efforts to engage young people.

Goal

By 2030 Somerset Wildlands hopes to have 1,000 acres of new land undergoing rewilding in the Somerset Levels. It will do this through a mixture of land purchase and leasing, and by building up and encouraging a network of affiliated small landowners to form independent stepping stones. Along the way we will create a community of interest and support around rewilding in the Somerset Levels.

Priority Activities

Somerset Wildlands has three priority activities laid out in its strategy. These were the focus for 2023-24 and will continue into 2024-25.

- **Acquire land for nature.** This may be by raising funds to purchase or lease it, or through receiving land as a gift. At present we are largely focused on paying for the acquisition of land at Athelney, and drawing other land into the network.
- **Develop a network of affiliated small landowners.** These are smaller landowners inspired to join us on the rewilding journey.
- **Communicate the benefits of rewilding** and nature restoration and engage people in seeking long term change, and work to help establish the evidence base for the success of rewilding (through monitoring etc).

People

Somerset Wildlands currently has one member of staff – the Executive Director Alasdair Cameron. For the whole of the 2023-24 reporting period he was employed 3.5 days a week working for Somerset Wildlands.

In addition to permanent staff, the Charity has engaged contractors such as Ecosulis, Derek Gow Consulting and Tebourba Consulting to assist with ecological work, Trustee engagement and fundraising.

Over the period 2023-24 Somerset Wildlands welcomed a new Trustee to its board - Ms. Lynne Davies.

Somerset Wildlands has also begun to recruit a team of volunteer wardens to study and protect its sites. So far these volunteers are being drawn from the organisation's membership.



Financial review

In 2023-2024 Somerset Wildlands had an income of £221,935, an increase of around £140,000 over the previous year. Over the same period expenditure was £201,112. £31,019 was carried over into the period from 2022-23. At the end of the year £51,842 was carried forward to 2024-25. Of total expenditure, £150,000 was loan repayments on land purchase (more below), meaning the organisation had a operational surplus of £20,822 for 2023-24.

Thanks to its awards from Trusts and major donors, and public fundraising, the organisation has secured income for sufficient basic operational funds for 2024-25. This income has been generated by a range of Trusts and individual donors, as well as through funds donated through the website or other online platforms. This includes memberships and one-off donations. The breakdown is explained in more detail below.

Loans repayment

Over financial year 2023-24 a further £150,000 of repayments were made on the philanthropic loans provided by *We Have the Power* for the purchase of land, on generous terms over five years. These loans consisted of one loan of £460k for Athelney and another of £50k for East-Waste. A total of £183,000 of this debt has now been returned, leaving an outstanding debt of £327,000. As part of this repayment the loan on East-Waste has now been entirely paid off, meaning that all the remaining debt is owed on the Athelney site.

While we recognise this is still a significant amount of debt for an organisation of this scale, the nature of the loans and the terms on which they were agreed has satisfied the Trustees that it does

not represent an unacceptable risk for the organisation. It is not the Charity's intention to take on any more debt until significant progress has been made on repayment.

Reserves

The charity has a policy on reserves which states that it is the Charity's intention not to go below £12,000 in cash (representing about 3 months of basic operation). This is to ensure that the charity can pay its bills, and to ensure that sufficient funds are available to cover administration obligations in the event of an unexpected event. This policy is kept under review.

Individual giving

Fundraising from the general public and website has been conducted largely through online activities and fundraising drives. A total of £13,257 has been received through one-off and recurring donations and associated Gift Aid. This is a decrease on last year, explained by the lack of a public crowdfunding drive over this period.

In October 2022 the charity launched its membership scheme, encouraging people to become regular donors in exchange for opportunities to become involved. So far this has around 75 regular givers (an increase of 36% over the year), generating in excess of £8,000 on an annual basis. Growing this will be an important task in the years ahead. As well as providing income, the membership has provided the basis for the volunteer site wardens.

Major donors, trusts and foundations

Somerset Wildlands received income totalling £201,932 from trusts, foundations and major donors in 2022-2023, providing the bulk of its funding. Donations from

Table 1. Somerset Wildlands income and expenditure 2023-2024

Carried over from 2022-23	£31,019.05
Income in 2023-24	
Trusts, grants, and donations >£5,000	£201,932
Smaller donors, membership, Gift Aid	£13, 257
Income from land	£6754
Total income in 2023-24	£221,934
Expenditure in 2023-24	
Core operations, staff, governance	£51,112
Loan repayments on land acquisition	£150,000
Total expenditure 2023-24	£201,112
Operational surplus	£20,822
Carried forward to 2024-25	£51, 842

Trusts and major donations >£5,000 are listed below. Several of these are part of multi-year commitments.

Banister Trust
Garfield Weston
Bayesian Shift
Founders Pledge
Vivo Barefoot Live Barefoot Foundation
Frederick Mulder Foundation
Corton Hill Trust
Mr. Ben Goldsmith
Wilderkind Ltd
Swire Charitable Trust
Consano Earth
Norman Family Foundation.

Income from land or charitable activities

To date the charity has generated only modest income totalling £6,754 from activities (e.g. land management, agri-environment

schemes etc). This has included residual Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) payments, Sustainable Farm Incentive and ELMS payments for water storage. It is anticipated that this income will increase in the coming financial year as the charity has entered into a Countryside Stewardship agreement. These payments will go towards helping reduce the debt acquired during the land purchase.

Looking to the future Somerset Wildlands continues to be in discussions with a range of agencies and consultants and is exploring income from Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), flood water storage, carbon storage and voluntary nature credits. Participation in any of these schemes will be subject to Trustee approval.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), and is governed in accordance with its founding document.

The initial Trustees were invited by the Founder of the Charity, and further trustees can be appointed at the Trustees discretion, in discussion with the Director, as laid out in the governing document.

Over the course of the year 2023-24 one new Trustee was appointed. Ms. Lynne Davies joins the organisation with a wealth of experience in fundraising and charity administration.

Administrative details

Charity Name: Somerset Wildlands

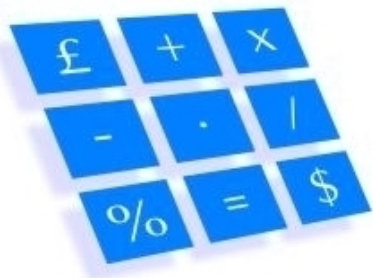
Charity Number: 1191953

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The charity is currently organised with an Executive Director (Alasdair Cameron, who also founded the Charity) and a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees has elected a Chair, currently David Powell.





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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Somerset Wildlands

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Somerset Wildlands (Charity) for the year ended 5th April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity'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 Charity 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Martin Arthur
FMAAT, FFA, FIPA, FFTA, MIH, ACIE.
23rd May 2024



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Somerset Wildlands			Charity No (if any)		1191953	CC17a
Annual accounts for the period						
Period start date	April 2023	To	Period end date	5 April 2024		

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)							
Incoming resources from generated funds							
Voluntary income		S01	95,091	119,800	-	214,891	-
Activities for generating funds		S02	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income		S03	290	-	-	290	-
Incoming resources from charitable		S04		6,754	-	6,754	-
Other incoming resources		S05		-	-	-	-
	Total incoming resources	S06	95,381	126,554	-	221,935	-
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)							
Costs of Generating Funds							
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07	3,900	-	-	3,900	-
Fundraising trading costs		S08	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs		S09	56	-	-	56	-
Charitable activities		S10	77,613	115,823	-	193,436	-
Governance costs		S11	570	-	-	570	-
Other resources expended	Purchase of entitlements	S12	3,150	-	-	3,150	-
	Total resources expended	S13	85,289	115,823	-	201,112	-
	Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	S14	10,092	10,731	-	20,823	-
Gross transfers between funds		S15	-	-	-	-	-
	Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)	S16	10,092	10,731	-	20,823	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)							
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18	-	-	-	-	-
	Net movement in funds	S19	10,092	10,731	-	20,823	-
Total funds brought forward		S20	£31,019.05	-	-	31,019	-
	Total funds carried forward	S21	41,111	10,731	-	51,842	-

Section B

Balance sheet

	Note	Restricted income				
		Unrestricted funds	funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Tangible assets (Note 9)	B01	525,000	-	-	525,000	525,000
	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 10)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B04	525,000	-	-	525,000	525,000
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 11)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
(Short term) investments	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	41,111	10,731	-	51,842	31,019
Total current assets	B09	41,111	10,731	-	51,842	31,019
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 12)	B10	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B11	41,111	10,731	-	51,842	31,019
Total assets less current liabilities	B12	566,111	10,731	-	576,842	556,019
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 12)	B13	327,000	-	-	327,000	477,000
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets	B15	239,111	10,731	-	249,842	79,019
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds	B16	41,111	-		41,111	31,019
	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 13)	B18		10,371		10,371	-
Endowment funds (Note 13)	B19			-	-	-
Total funds	B20	41,111	10,371	-	51,482	31,019

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	David Powell	28 June 2024

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Note 1 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with*

X

 Accounting Standards;
- or

X

 Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

[** except for the following].

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards";
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year (§ except for the following).

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§ if no changes have been made to accounting policies then delete these words.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

§§ if no changes have been made to accounts for previous periods then delete these words.

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
Note 2	Accounting policies	
<i>This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.</i>		
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: - the charity becomes entitled to the resources; - the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.	
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.	
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.	
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.	
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.	
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.	
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.	
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.	
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.	
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.	
EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES		
Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.	
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.	
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.	
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.	
Support Costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.	
ASSETS		
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.	
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.	
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.	
POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE		

Section C
Notes to the accounts
(cont)
Note 3
Analysis of incoming resources
Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income			-
	Donations over £1000	201,932	-
	Donations less than or equal to £1000	8884.79	-
	Gift Aid to 1 Sep	4,083	-
		-	-
	Total	214,900	-
Activities for generating funds			-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment income	Interest on accounts	290	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	290	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Agri-environment payments on land (BPS, SFI, ELMS)	6,754	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	6,754	-

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Costs of generating voluntary income	Hiring of fundraising consultant	3,900	-
	Purchase of entitlements on land	3,150	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	7,050	-
Fundraising trading costs			-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment management costs	Bank Charges	56	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	56	-
Charitable activities	repayment of loans	150,000	-
	other activities (insurance, salaries, monitoring etc)	43,436	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	193,436	-
Governance costs	Accountant	570	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	570	-

Note 5 Support Costs

Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.

Support cost type	Fundraising activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure**6.1 Trustee expenses**

Please provide details of the amount of any payment or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees. If no expenses were paid, please enter 'None' in the appropriate box(es).

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Total amount paid

This year	Last year
1	0
Travel to event	
88.49	0

6.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner or auditor. If nothing was paid please enter NONE in the appropriate box(es).

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

This year £	Last year £
0	570
0	0

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 7 **Paid employees**
Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

7.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	33,555	33,463
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Pension costs	2,408	2,858
Total staff costs	35,963	36,321

7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

	This year Number	Last year Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work	-	-
Charitable Activities	-	-
Governance	-	-
Other	1	1
Total	1	1

7.3 Defined contribution pension scheme

Please complete if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.

Brief details of the scheme

Scheme established and operating through NEST.
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	This year £	Last year £
The costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	1076.34	1049.76
The amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end		
The amount of any contributions prepaid at the year end		

Note 8 Grantmaking

Please complete this note if the charity made any grants or donations which in aggregate form a material part of the charitable activities undertaken.

8.1 Total value of grants

Purpose for which grants made	Grants to institutions Total amount £	Grants to individuals Total amount £
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Total	-	-

8.1 Grantmaking costs

If the charity's accounts are prepared on the "activity basis" please give details of any support cost associated with grantmaking. Please enter "Nil" if the charity does not identify and/or allocate support costs.

Support costs of grantmaking

£

8.3 Grants made to institutions

If the charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grantmaking please give details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution listed. Sufficient information should be given to provide a reasonable understanding of the range of institutions supported.

Names of institutions	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
Total grants to institutions		-

Note 9 Tangible fixed assets*Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets***9.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	70,000	-	-	-	-	70,000
Additions	455,000	-	-	-	-	455,000
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	525,000	-	-	-	-	525,000

9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

	**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
	** Rate					
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-

9.3 Net book value

Brought forward	70,000	-	-	-	-	70,000
Carried forward	525,000	-	-	-	-	525,000

9.4 Revaluation*If any fixed assets have been revalued please give details of the valuer and method of valuation*

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* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

Note 10 Investment assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any investment assets.

10.1 Fixed assets investments

	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	-
Add: additions to investments at cost	-
Less: disposals at carrying value	-
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-
Carrying (market) value at end of year	-

Please provide below:

10.2 A breakdown of the market values of investments shown above agreeing with the balance sheet row B03.

10.3 A breakdown of the income from investments agreeing with SOFA row S03.

Analysis of investments

	10.2	10.3
	Market value at year end	Income from investments for the year
	£	£
Investment properties	-	-
Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes	-	-
Investments in subsidiary or connected undertakings and companies	-	-
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	-	-
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Total	-	-

10.4 Material investment holdings

If any single investment is material in terms of its value (for example represents more than 5 per cent of the value of the charity’s total investments) please provide details.

Investment held	
Market Value	

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)
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Note 11 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors

Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings

Other debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-

Note 12 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

12.1 Analysis of creditors

Loans and overdrafts

Trade creditors

Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings

Other creditors

Accruals and deferred income

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
-	-	327,000	477,000
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
Total	-	327,000	477,000

12.2 Security over assets

If any loan, overdraft or other creditor holds a charge or other security over any assets of the charity please provide details.

There is a single loan outstanding - one of £460,000 secured against land valued at £455,000 at the time of purchase. Of this £133,000 has been repayed, leaving a balance of £327,000. A previous separate loan of £50000 has been completely paid off.

Note 13 **Endowment and restricted income funds**

Please complete this section if the charity has any endowment or restricted income funds.

13.1 Funds held

Please give a brief description of any of the following type of funds held by the charity:

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

Fund Name	Type PE, EE or R	Purpose and Restrictions

13.2 Movements of major funds

Please give details of the movements of the major funds summarised in the restricted and endowment columns of the Statement of Financial Activities.

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
Fund names	£	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Funds	-	-	-	-	-	

13.3 Transfers between funds

Please give details of any transfers between funds.

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount

Note 14 Transactions with related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in note 6) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter “None” in the relevant boxes.

14.1 Remuneration and benefits

Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee or other related parties by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value	
		This year £	Last year £

14.2 Loans

Please give details of and amounts owing to or from the charity’s trustees or other related parties by the charity at the year end.

	Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
			This year £	Last year £
Due to trustees and related parties				
Due from trustees and related parties				

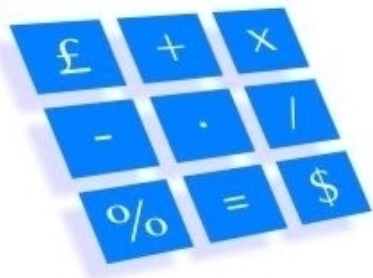
14.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a trustee or related party has a material interest.

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	This year £	Last year £

Note 15 **Additional Disclosures**

The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts. If there is insufficient room here, please add a separate sheet.



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Somerset Wildlands

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Somerset Wildlands

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Somerset Wildlands (Charity) for the year ended 5th April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity'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 Charity 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Martin Arthur
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23rd May 2024



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