



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024
Period end date

Period start date To 31.03.25

Charity name: Oaks Meadow Project

Charity registration number:1192200

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Provision of facilities for recreation, leisure and education in the interests of social welfare and improving the conditions for life for the residents of Combs, Little Finborough and neighbouring rural settlements. The promotion of sustainable eco systems and recycling with a view to providing education and conservation of local flora, fauna and the environment generally. A commitment to improve moral and spiritual welfare and promote civic responsibility, good citizenship and social cohesion.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Much of 2024 was spent maintaining and improving the facilities that were already on site. This involved tending to the trees and gardens, the pond and the orchard which visitors to the site have appreciated and enjoyed spending time in the countryside and at one with the natural environment. The playground area continues to be extremely popular with local residents and visitors from further afield. It has become a social hub for all ages, especially the young families that have moved into the village recently, giving them an opportunity to meet with others. The addition of goal posts and net has appealed to the older children along with their parents/carers. Collaboration with other groups and organisations have been of mutual benefit to us all. The Indigo Opportunities Group attend weekly to help with maintaining their sensory garden and the reflective space. Wild Heritage Suffolk have moved onto the meadow and will be establishing their "Let it Grow" programme for social prescribing. The Oaks Meadow Focus/User group have organised social and fundraising events

		which have been well attended and much enjoyed by all. At the beginning of 2025 a car park was constructed allowing for 20 cars to park safely on site. Cycle stands have been installed and a ramp off the carpark onto the meadow for wheelchair users. The bank of earth from the construction running alongside the hedge, has been planted with wildflower seeds.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All Oaks Meadow Project Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and acknowledged such.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	As was set out at it's inception, Oaks Meadow has provided a safe, country side space for people of all ages to socialise and be at one with the natural environment. Football increases month on month and feedback from visitors near and further afield is always positive. There is no other community space within the village of Combs & hamlet of Little Finborough, causing isolation for some and the lack of opportunity to meet others for most. There are many Grandparents living within

		walking distance of the meadow and they welcome the space to bring their grandchildren when they are caring for them. Not only do they then play on the playground equipment but they love to explore the greenspace with it's many pathways around the trees and gardens with educational sites such as bug hotels on the way.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Bank Balance £10,556.00 Cash in hand £128.97 Total. £10,684.97
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Oaks Meadow Reserves Policy states that we hold £1000 in reserves to cover annual running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2919.48
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Combs Parish Council have covered most of the annual running costs and provided some of the capital required for additional projects through CIL funds. Mid Suffolk District Council have funded the larger part of a capital project through CIL Funds. The Oaks Meadow User Group & Trustees organise fundraising events locally which is adequate to cover the amount needed for the running costs.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Potential Trustees are invited to apply for a position as a Trustee. The application is reviewed by all current Trustees and the applicant is informed if they have been appointed.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Oaks Meadow Project
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1192200
Charity's principal address	Blackberry Barn Bildeston Road Combs Stowmarket IP14 2JZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Desiree Shelley	Chairperson		
2	Susan Green	Secretary		
3	Diana Marjoram	Treasurer		
4	Stephen Green			
5	Ian Clark			
6	Georgina Shelley			
7	Darren Lambert			
8	Christopher Holman			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Desiree Shelley		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

D G Shelley

S G Green

Full name(s)

Desiree G Shelley

Susan Green

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chairperson

Secretary.

Date

13.09.25



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Charity Name
Oaks Meadow Project

No (if any)
1192200

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2024

To

Period end date
31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	55	-	-	55	-
MSDC	-	26 488	-	26 488	-
Locality Budget (CC & DC)	-	2 760	-	2 760	-
Suffolk County Council	-	-	-	-	-
Combs Parish Council	-	8 933	-	8 933	-
Funding Organisations - Co-op	-	500	-	500	-
Local Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	55	38 682	-	38 736	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	55	38 682	-	38 736	-
A3 Payments					
Insurance	-	146	-	146	-
Bank Charges	-	71	-	71	-
Site Groundworks & Design	-	35 488	-	35 488	-
Structure & Equipment	-	3 583	-	3 583	-
Trees, hedging & Plants	-	125	-	125	-
Admin & office expenses	-	51	-	51	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	39 464	-	39 464	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	39 464	-	39 464	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	55	- 782	-	Cross Add Error	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	55	- 782	-	#VALUE!	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	PettyCash	129	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	129	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Bank balance at end of period	10 556	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	D G Shelley	D G Shelley	09/08/2025	
	D Marjoram	D Marjoram	09/08/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Oaks Meadow Project

On accounts for the year
ended

March 31st 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1192200

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

J Scarff

Date:

10/08/2025

Name:

MRS JILL SCARFF

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

WEST END ROAD, MILL LANE,
CANIS STOWMARKET
SUFFOLK IP14 2NF

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.