



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 8 January 2021

To: 31 March 2022

Charity name: Natural Cambridgeshire

Charity registration number: 1193040

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	From our Constitution, the object of Natural Cambridgeshire is: For the public benefit, the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment in particular but not exclusively by (a) the advancement of biological diversity, and (b) the promotion of sustainable development in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Sustainable development means 'development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs'.
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	Advocacy for biodiversity and for the benefits of biodiversity, including for public health and well-being, climate adaptation, cleaner air, improved water quality, healthier soils and flood risk mitigation. Specifically, we: • Identified and defined six priority landscapes around which to focus landscape restoration efforts. • Convened and facilitated stakeholder groups including for local authorities; communities and community organisations including town and parish councils; and developers. • Delivered a small grants to communities pilot scheme for communities across the county. • Commissioned projects that would directly inform the development of plans for one of the six identified priority landscapes. • Promoted, socialised and discussed the concept of and implications for the introduction for Biodiversity Net Gain for

		Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, amongst all stakeholder groups.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees as part of their commitment to the organisation and their induction were required to familiarise themselves with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Trustees also received briefings on public awareness of biodiversity; relationship between biodiversity and climate change; impact of nature on health; importance of advocacy to communities about benefits of access to more and better nature.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We are developing a grant-making policy based on the small grants to communities pilot work that we undertook during the reporting period.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Much of the work of Natural Cambridgeshire to date has been achieved by and through volunteers, primarily trustees and advisors, all of whose time, dedication and commitment is much appreciated. Our grantees also mobilise the efforts of volunteers in the improvements to green spaces within parishes, urban communities and on other nature sites.
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	- Identified six priority landscapes for investment in nature recovery, and the associated benefits for human health and wellbeing. This included galvanising partnerships around the landscapes to support the development of Nature Recovery Plans, and leveraging funds to support those partnerships, specifically from Natural England for the Great Ouse Valley for partners to establish baseline upon which to leverage further funds. - Convened and facilitated discussion Forums (Policy and Planning Forum and Developing with Nature Forum) for stakeholder groups including local authorities, developers,

		environmental charities and community organisations to engage with the themes of: biodiversity, and its centrality to the future health and prosperity of communities across the county; and biodiversity net gain. • In relation to the above, we have also specifically familiarised councils, NGOs and landowners with the concept of Local Nature Recovery Strategies, including the development of Local Nature Recovery Networks for their areas. • Provided regular expert briefings (Partnership Forum) to the broader community on specialist subject areas relating to nature and landscape improvements. • Piloted a small grants to communities scheme, which resulted in nine community-led projects across the area, and which provided an evidence-base on which to inform the scale-up and roll out of an expanded scheme. • Collated and sent out a weekly news digest of the latest international, national and local research, news and events relating the state of nature and the pressures of climate change to over 570 contacts in the county. • Input into the development of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Climate Action Plan. Our Chair, Richard Astle, was a Commissioner of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate, the recommendations from which have informed the Climate Action Plan, and we are members of the various working groups supporting the development and implementation of the Plan.
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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	The financial results are shown in the attached accounts. The charity generated income of £60,925 during the period ended 31 March 2022 which was mainly generated from grant income. Expenditure totalled £36,000, leaving a net contribution to funds of £24,925. We appointed a Treasurer and gained grants from local authorities, charities and one corporate sponsor to cover running costs and build up a surplus. We also successfully secured funding for grants which were dispersed to communities, and grants from central government to commission development work for landscape recovery.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We created additional resources which we developed to cover sustained running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£24,925
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	At present time, the charity's running costs depend on gaining grants from local authorities to continue its work.

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	Local Authorities Charities Central Government
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	• Failure to attract income for ongoing running costs. • Reputational risk. • Initiating projects which are not fully funded. • Key staff – for the reporting period the organisation employed one part-time officer who was carrying the whole workload. While at the time of writing there are now two part-time officers, the workload remains considerable.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity's governing document is its constitution, which sets out how it will operate as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation Model).
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
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	In this, the CIO's first year, the first trustees were those individuals who founded the charity and who met with the requirements of the organisation's pre-CIO Terms of Reference as representing the identified sectors and organisations.

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	Trustees when they were first appointed in the formation of the CIO were asked to familiarise themselves with the Charity Commission's guidance: Charity trustee: what's involved Conflicts of interest: a guide for charity trustees For Local Authority nominees: Councillors' guide: to a council's role as charity trustee
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The generosity of local authorities and the support of partner organisations has enabled the trustees to appoint a part-time co-ordinator (0.6 FTE) who provides secretariat support to facilitate the efficient running of the organisation and its meetings.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Nene Park Trust employ the Natural Cambridgeshire staff member on behalf of Natural Cambridgeshire and provide human resources, payroll and book-keeping services.
Other		See 'Natural Cambridgeshire - Report on Activities 2021' attached.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Natural Cambridgeshire
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1193040
Charity's principal address	For the reporting period the charity's principal address was: c/o Athene Communications Ltd 25 Priestgate Peterborough PE1 1JL

	From December 2022, the charity's principal address changed to: c/o Nene Park Trust Ham Farm House Ham Lane Peterborough PE2 5UU
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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	Richard Astle	Chair		Business Sector
2	Martin Baker			Environmental Charity
3	Matthew Bullock	Treasurer	From June 2022	Independent
4	Matthew Bradbury	Vice-Chair		Country Park
5	Professor Carol Brayne		From June 2022, resigned September 2022	Independent
6	Major Tim Breitmeyer DL			National Farmers Union/ County Landowners Association
7	Rebecca Britton			Business Sector
8	Tom Clarke		From June 2022	Independent
9	Cllr Pippa Heylings			Local Authority
10	Professor Peter Landshoff			Independent/Partnership Forum
11	Carly Leonard	Treasurer (resigned)	Resigned December 2021	Independent/Partnership Forum
12	Dr Roger Mitchell	Secretary		Independent/Partnership Forum
13	Sarah Smith		Resigned December 2022	Environmental Charity
14	Rachel Steward		From June 2022	Independent
15	John Torlesse			Environmental Charity
16	Hannah Ward			Environmental Charity
17	Rob Wise		From 5 October 2021	National Farmers Union/ Country Landowners Association
18	Cllr Hilary Cox-Condron		From 3 August 2021	Local Authority
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

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

Helen Dye

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

None

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Roger Mitchell	16 th February 2023
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee/Secretary	
Date		



NATURAL CAMBRIDGESHIRE		1193040			
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	08/01/2021	To	Period end date	31/03/2022	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources						
Income and endowments from:						
Grants for Local Authorities		33,850	-	-	33,850	-
Various Donations		5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Community Projects - FPA		-	16,267	-	16,267	-
Great River Ouse Project		-	5,808	-	5,808	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total		38,850	22,075	-	60,925	-
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Advertising		115	-	-	115	-
Office Costs - computers		282	-	-	282	-
Office Costs - Supplies		184	-	-	184	-
Office Costs - Telephone		450	-	-	450	-
Salary Costs		25,515	-	-	25,515	-
Community Projects - FPA		-	3,646	-	3,646	-
Great River Ouse		-	5,808	-	5,808	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total		26,546	9,454	-	36,000	-
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		12,304	12,621	-	24,925	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		12,304	12,621	-	24,925	-
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		12,304	12,621	-	24,925	-
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		12,304	12,621	-	24,925	-

Section B

Balance sheet

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Current assets				
Debtors - invoiced but not paid:				-
U&C Contribution to running costs	2,000		2,000	-
Cambs CC Grant for FPA Community Project		5,000	5,000	-
Natural England Grants for GOV projects		5,808	5,808	-
Cash at bank	20,054	7,621	27,675	-
Total current assets	22,054	18,429	40,483	-

Current assets

Creditors - invoiced but not paid:				-
NE Gov Project Expenditure - FWAG	-	2,808	2,808	-
NE Gov Project Expenditure - Fieldsure	-	3,000	3,000	-
Deferred revenue				
Lottery Nature Recovery Grant advance	9,750	-	9,750	-
Total current liabilities	9,750	5,808	15,558	-

Total assets less current liabilities

12,304	12,621	24,925	-
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Total net assets or liabilities

12,304	12,621	24,925	-
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Funds of the Charity

Restricted income funds	-	12,621	12,621	-
Unrestricted funds	12,304	-	12,304	-
Total funds	12,304	12,621	24,925	-

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Matthew Bullock	8th February 2023
	Roger Mitchell	8th February 2023

Note 1 Basis of preparation**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the

Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

All income is accounted for as soon as the Charity has entitlement to the income and there is a certainty of receipt. Resources received are allocated to Restricted Funds according to the limitations on their use specified by the donors or other providers. Funds received in the direct operation of the Charity are treated as unrestricted income funds.

1.3 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been listed under headings that aggregate all the costs related to that activity.

1.4 Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent money that has been given to provide for specific activities and for no other purpose.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Natural Cambridgeshire

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1193040

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 March 2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

08/02/2023

Name:

Rebecca Coles

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

ACCA

(if any):

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Address:

Newton Hall, Town Street, Newton, CB22 7ZE

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

No matters of concern were identified during the independent examination.