



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 AUGUST 2024 To 31 JULY 2025

Charity name: CREATING NATURES CORRIDORS

Charity registration number: 1193553

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in particular by planting trees and other plants with the aim of increasing wildlife habitats, helping carbon capture, mitigating the detrimental effects of</p> <p>climate change including flooding, encouraging biological diversity and improving air quality.</p>
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	<p>During the 2024/25 planting season, Creating Nature's Corridors planted 8,922 native trees and hedging plants across 15 sites throughout the UK and Ireland. All planting was carried out using bare root stock during the appropriate dormant season window, in line with best horticultural practice for native species establishment.</p> <p>Our volunteer programme engaged 259 individuals across the season, including corporate volunteers, community groups, and individual supporters, all of whom contributed directly to the delivery of our charitable objectives. The breadth and</p>

		<p>diversity of our volunteer base reflect the growing community of people who believe in our mission and want to play an active part in restoring the natural landscape.</p> <p>Creating Nature's Corridors is committed not only to planting trees but to ensuring their long-term survival and establishment. During the reporting period, we carried out multiple mulching days across our planting sites to support the health and vitality of the newly planted bare root stock, reducing weed competition, retaining moisture, and improving the conditions for successful establishment.</p> <p>An independent site inspection was carried out by one of our donors across three of our key planting locations. The results confirmed that Creating Nature's Corridors is maintaining a 97% tree survival rate, a figure that reflects the quality of our planting methodology, the dedication of our volunteer teams, and our commitment to robust aftercare.</p> <p>This survival rate is significantly above sector averages and demonstrates that our approach to planting site selection, species choice, preparation, and ongoing maintenance is delivering genuine, lasting environmental impact.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have taken into account the guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity is not grant-making
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The trustees reviewed the mainstream banking providers and have chosen the Co-operative Bank for the charity as it meets social investment criteria
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The 2024/25 planting season was made possible through the generous support of a range of funders, corporate partners, and individual donors. We are deeply grateful to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● International Tree Foundation grant funding secured to support tree planting activity● KDM Communications corporate donation● CGI corporate donation● Bread & Jam corporate donation● IFE (International Food & Drink Event) corporate donation● Speciality & Fine Food Fair corporate donation● 1% for the Planet scheme supporters' ongoing donations through our

		<p>membership of this global environmental giving network</p> <p>● Individual donors and supporters whose kind contributions continue to be the lifeblood of our charity</p> <p>The diversity of our funding base, spanning institutional grants, corporate partnerships, ethical business networks and individual giving, reflects the breadth of support for our mission and provides a resilient foundation for our future activity.</p>
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	See above

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity had a total of £8,407 (2024 - £16,099) unrestricted funds at the year end, in part to be used to start the next planting season 2025/26.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As at the year end, the money held by the charity in the unrestricted funds was unincumbered, and so the trustees have agreed to allocate all the funds against planting season 2024/25 and raising

		awareness of the charity.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£8,407 (2024 - £16,099) unrestricted
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	There are no uncertainties on the going concern of the charity as it does not rely on grants to continue.

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>As we move into the 2025/26 planting season, Creating Nature's Corridors remains focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expanding our network of planting sites across new regions ● Growing our volunteer programme and corporate partnership offer ● Securing additional grant funding to increase the scale and pace of planting ● Continuing to maintain and monitor existing sites to protect our outstanding survival rates ● Deepening community engagement through events, education and our memorial tree programme
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Any money received by the charity is kept in its bank account, with limited interest but on-demand access, so it can pay items as required. The charity trustees do not want to create a large level of reserves but wish to spend any funds raised on meeting the charity's objectives.

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Principal risks that the charity faces include the health and safety of volunteers and trustees. In addition, the risk of negative impact on the environment, which is mitigated by trustees' detailed review of all plans and risk assessments.
Other		The charity owns the rights to the Plantober Campaign.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
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	Trustees are selected by review of the talents required by the charity and those of the applicant.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Creating Natures Corridors
Other name the charity uses	CNC
Registered charity number	1193553

Charity's principal address	49 West End Brampton Huntingdon Cambs

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
	1	Vhari Russell	Chair	Since charity formed
	2	David Freeman	Environment/Planting specialist	Since charity formed
	3	Marissa Harris	Finance	Since charity formed

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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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

	Full name(s)	Vhari Russell
		Marissa Harris
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair
		Finance
	Date	31/5/2026

CREATING NATURES CORRIDORS			
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT			
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025			
		2025	2024
		£	£
DONATIONS		26,664	42,738
Interest received		0	0
COSTS:			
TREES and planting costs	26,789		28,868
FUNDRAISING:	54		2,812
ADMIN:	7,513		3,404
		34,356	35,085
Surplus income over expenditure		-7,692	7,653
SUMMARY OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Balance brought forward		16,099	8,446
Movement in year		-7,692	7,653
Bank account - balance at 31 July 2025		8,407	16,099
Creditor to Vhari		0	0
		8,407	16,099
Unrestricted Funds		8,407	16,099
<p>The above Income and Expenditure account and Summary of Assets and Liabilities has been prepared from the books and records of the charity, from the year ended 31st July 2025.</p> <p>Any donations in kind received by the charity have had an estimated monetary value established and entered into the books and records, and are recorded above.</p>			
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