

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered number: 1195435

MACC WILD NETWORK TRUST

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

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1. LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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| Constitution | Macc Wild Network Trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) |
| Registered number | 1195435 |
| Name | Macc Wild Network Trust |
| Working name | Macc Wild Network |
| Principal address | 48 Fallibroome Road, Macclesfield SK10 3LA |
| Trustees | Emma Passmore (Chair) Ian Coppack Bryan Hammond Anthony Hothersall Diana Moss Gordon Richardson |
| Advisors | Tina Hanak Ruth Morgan |
| Bankers | The Co-operative Bank, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP |

2. TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their statutory report together with the accounts of Macc Wild Network Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in this document and comply with the Trust's constitution, applicable laws and the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2.1 Structure, governance and management

Constitution and Object

Macc Wild Network Trust - Charity Registration No. 1195435 - was established under a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) 'Foundation' model constitution and was registered with the Charity Commission on 6th August 2021.

The object of the Trust is: to promote for the benefit of the public the improvement and conservation of the physical and natural environment in Macclesfield and the surrounding area through a) the provision of funding to support the establishment and management of biodiverse, resilient and greener habitats which help to mitigate the harmful effects of climate change and create habitats for diverse species to thrive; b) providing education, support, information and encouragement to the public and other stakeholders in matters relating to environmental protection and creating healthy ecosystems.

Organisation

All Trustees served for the full year to 31st March 2023 and were:

- Emma Passmore (Chair)
- Ian Coppack
- Bryan Hammond
- Anthony Hothersall
- Diana Moss
- Gordon Richardson

They were advised by:

- Tina Hanak
- Ruth Morgan

Any additional Trustees will be appointed by resolution of the existing Trustees in accordance with the constitution. Meetings of Trustees take place every quarter. The Trust has no employees and is run by its Trustees with support from other volunteers. The Trust has a written policy on working on private land and will develop additional policies over the coming year.

2.2 Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable

to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing the accounts, the Trustees are required to: - select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; - observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) (the Charities' SORP); - make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; - state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any departures being disclosed and explained in the accounts; - prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

2.3 Risk management

The Trustees have established a process for identifying the major operational and financial risks to which the Trust is exposed and review these risks on a regular basis. The Trust's primary objective is to work with others to develop projects that will help make Macclesfield a more biodiverse, greener and more resilient place. There are inevitably some risks associated with this work. The Trustees are satisfied that systems have been established and are functioning to mitigate and manage these risks. The Trust has taken out insurance in respect of those risks for which suitable cover is available. The types of cover and the limits of liability for each will be renewed annually.

The Trustees meet on a regular basis to review the financial position of the charity as well as other matters.

2.4 Activities

The Trust meets its objectives by working with partners to develop projects and secure funding to make Macclesfield a more biodiverse, greener and more resilient place.

When considering the aims and activities of the Trust, the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on the provision of public benefit together with relevant specific guidance.

2.5 Achievements, performance and financial review

The principal funding sources of the Trust are donations and grants (including gift aid). In the year ended 31 March 2023, income from these sources was £2,395.00. During the year the Trust incurred costs of £8,738.44

The Trust continued to make good progress with its flagship biodiversity project at Macclesfield Leisure Centre working with a range of partners including ANSA, RSPB Wildlife Explorers, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, TCV and Everybody Health and Leisure. Funding for the project included support from the National Lottery Community Fund and Macclesfield Town Council. Work during the year included setting up species recording for the site, young tree care and some additional planting as well as commissioning two solid oak benches to encourage further access to the site. One of the highlights of the year was a one day scything course at the Leisure Centre to start to re-introduce traditional scything skills to Macclesfield. Developing scything skills will enable us to manage meadow areas in a more wildlife friendly fashion. As part of the scything work at the Leisure Centre we extended the meadow area using seed from green hay cut from the existing meadow.

We also used green hay from the Leisure Centre Meadow to start to develop new meadow areas at the Pavilions and St Alban's Primary School. The Trust and many volunteers also worked with the St Alban's school community to help them further improve their grounds with tree and hedge planting. supported two schools in making their grounds

better for wildlife and children. A similar tree and hedge planting project was carried out with volunteers and pupils to improve the school grounds at Christ the King Primary School.

During the year we successfully delivered guided walks at Danes Moss and the Leisure Centre to enable more people to understand and support local wildlife. The Trust also worked closely with ANSA and others to support the development of plans to "wild" South Park.

The Trust continues to look for opportunities to work with others to make Macclesfield a greener and more biodiverse place. This includes supporting other organisations where possible. This year we provided free First Aid training to a number of different organisations who are working with people and wildlife in Macclesfield.

We have started to steadily build up a supply of tools to enable us to deliver more practical projects and involve more volunteers.

The generous support of our funders enables us to continue to develop high quality local wildlife and people projects. As well as generous support from private individuals the following organisations have kindly supported our work during the year; National Lottery Community Fund, The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust, TCV, Macclesfield Town Council, ANSA, Cheshire East Council and Everybody Health and Leisure.

2.6 Reserves policy

The policy of the Trustees is to develop and retain unrestricted deposits of at least six months' normal operational costs.

2.7 Going concern

The Trustees consider that the Trust has adequate financial resources and is well placed to manage its business risks. The planning process of the Trust, including financial projections, has taken into consideration the economic and financial environment in which the Trust operates and its impact on the sources of income and planned expenditure of the Trust. The Trustees believe that there are no material uncertainties that call into doubt the Trust's ability to continue. The accounts have therefore been prepared on the basis that the Trust is a going concern.

2.8 Financial position

The balance sheet as of 31 March 2023 shows total funds £4,370.04 of which £3,496.01 are restricted. The Trust had at the year-end £1,108.75 of liquidity in the form of unrestricted cash deposits.

2.9 Investment policy

When funds become available the investment policy of the Trust is to safeguard the funds of the Trust by making secure investments to generate the best return possible return from these funds consistent with the balance between maximising return and minimising risk. During the year ended 31st March 2023 no investments were held. It is the policy of the Trustees that all cash deposits held by the Trust shall qualify for compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

2.10 Future plans

The Trust will continue to meet its objectives by working with others to develop its flagship biodiversity projects, engage the public and develop a pipeline of projects to further deliver its charitable objectives.


2.11 Related parties

No Trustee receives any remuneration or other benefit from their work with the Trust. There were no related party transactions during the year ending 31st March 2023.

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2.12 Report Approval

This Trustees' Report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

 Date: 25/9/23

Bryan Hammond
Treasurer & Trustee

 Date: 25/09/23

Emma Passmore
Chair & Trustee

3. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND CASH FLOW

Statement of financial activities and cash flow for the year ended 31st March 2023

| | | 2023 | | | 2022 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | <i>Note</i> | Restricted £ | Unrestricted £ | Total £ | £ |
| Income | | | | | |
| Grants and donations | 1 | 1,500.00 | 895.00 | 2,395.00 | 11,560.50 |
| Gift Aid | | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 287.50 |
| Sales of Merchandise | | - | - | - | - |
| Interest | | - | - | - | - |
| Other income | | - | - | - | - |
| Total | | 1,500.00 | 895.00 | 2,395.00 | 11,848.00 |
| Expenditure | | | | | |
| Project costs | 2 | 4,283.96 | - | 4,283.96 | 784.80 |
| Fundraising costs | | - | - | - | - |
| Repairs, maintenance | | - | - | - | - |
| Grants made | | - | - | - | - |
| Support costs | | | | | |
| Services | | 1,402.00 | - | 1,402.00 | - |
| Tools & Equipment | | 1,796.28 | 467.50 | 2,263.78 | 0.00 |
| Insurance | 3 | - | 157.00 | 157.00 | 157.00 |
| Publicity and IT | 4 | 132.45 | 484.25 | 616.70 | 192.72 |
| Stationery | | 15.00 | 0.00 | 15.00 | - |
| Governance costs | | | | | |
| Independent auditor | | - | - | - | - |
| Meeting costs | | - | - | - | - |
| Total | | 7,629.69 | 1,108.75 | 8,738.44 | 1,134.52 |
| Net Income | | -6,129.69 | -213.75 | -6,343.44 | 10,713.48 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 9,625.70 | 1,087.78 | 10,713.48 | 0.00 |
| Transfer from restricted funds | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total carried forward | | 3,496.01 | 874.03 | 4,370.04 | 10,713.48 |

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4. BALANCE SHEET

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2023

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| <i>Fixed Assets</i> | | | |
| Tangible Assets | | 0 | |
| Tools & Equipment | | 2263.78 | |
| | | <u>2263.78</u> | 0 |
| <i>Current Assets</i> | | | |
| Debtors | | 0 | |
| Cash at bank | | 4,370.04 | |
| | | <u>4370.04</u> | 10,713.48 |
| <i>Current Liabilities</i> | | | |
| Creditors falling due within one year | | 0 | 0 |
| Depreciation on Assets | 5 | 754.59 | |
| | | <u>754.59</u> | |
| Net Current Assets | | 6,633.82 | 10,713.48 |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities | | <u>5,879.23</u> | <u>10,713.48</u> |
| Represented by: | | | |
| Accumulated restricted funds | | 3496.01 | 9625.7 |
| Accumulated unrestricted funds | | 874.03 | 1,087.78 |
| Total funds | | <u>4,370.04</u> | <u>10,713.48</u> |

4.1 Accounts Approval

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

 Date: 25/3/23

Bryan Hammond
Treasurer & Trustee

 Date: 25/09/23

Emma Passmore
Chair & Trustee

5. NOTES TO THESE ACCOUNTS

1. Includes a donation from The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust (£1,500, March 2023). This donation is restricted to funding for the Brimstone Butterfly project that will be delivered in FY2023/24.
2. Expenses against project "Green Shoots" which was funded by the National Lottery grant in FY2021/22.
3. General Charity Insurance for the 12 months starting 10 January 2023
4. Website and domain name costs for www.maccwildnetwork.org.uk and cloud storage for MWN documents
5. Tools and Equipment will be devalued at 30% per year. After 3 years it is assumed to be written off in terms of book value.