

MACC WILD NETWORK TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered number: 1195435

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

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1. LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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 – until 15 th January 2024) Rachel Browne Simon Browne Ian Coppack Bryan Hammond Anthony Hothersall (Chair – from 15 th January 2024) 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 2024.

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

The following Trustees served for the full year to 31st March 2024 and were:

- Emma Passmore (Chair – until 15th January 2024)
- Ian Coppack
- Bryan Hammond
- Anthony Hothersall (Chair – from 15th January 2024)
- Diana Moss
- Gordon Richardson

Two new Trustees joined us On 6th February 2024. They were:

- Simon Brown
- Rachel Browne

The charity was advised by:

- Tina Hanak (RSPB)
- Ruth Morgan (ANSA)

The additional Trustees were appointed by resolution of the existing Trustees in accordance with the constitution. The same process will be followed should any further changes be made to the Trustee board. 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 2024, income from these sources was £13,085. During the year the Trust incurred costs of £15,057

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 Co-op Local Community Fund which supported the expansion of the orchard. Other work during the year included continuing the species recording for the site, young tree care and management of the meadow.

We extended existing orchards at the Leisure Centre and St Alban's and planted a new orchard in the meadow created in 2022 at the Pavilions, Macclesfield. We also worked with Macclesfield Cricket Club to help them create a mini orchard and start to establish a small meadow area using yellow rattle.

In 2023/24 we progressed the Brimstone Butterfly Project by planting Alder Buckthorn at four Macclesfield Primary schools. Children and staff planted the trees, and we presented assemblies for them on Brimstone butterflies including their life cycle and conservation. This was done with a view to returning to each school in June to look for Brimstone caterpillars on the trees they had planted. This successful partnership project will be continued next year with a new cohort of schools. We also helped Christ the King school with care for their recently planted hedge and trees.

We worked with ANSA to further support the wilding of South Park including, thanks to support from the Tree Council, the planting of over 600 native trees. This work was carried out by volunteers and ANSA over a couple of days in December 2023.

Grant funding from the Peak District National Park Farming in Protected Landscapes programme helped us start the Willow Tit project. We employed a consultant to survey for Willow Tit in potential suitable habitat in a corridor between Danes Moss, Rudyard Lake and Tittesworth. Volunteers also started surveying on other sites in east Cheshire. This survey work will continue in future years and is being used to inform the next stage of the project which will involve engaging with farmers and landowners to create manage and create Willow Tit habitat to help maintain a sustainable population in the area. We have also been engaged on four separate projects with the local community and Peak District National Park in Langley two of which have proceeded to grant applications.

As part of this project over 200 people attended an evening of poetry, talks and discussion in Macclesfield to highlight the plight of the Willow Tit and act as a catalyst for action to protect this vulnerable species.

The Trust continues to look for opportunities to work with others to make Macclesfield a greener and more biodiverse place. This includes liaising with Macclesfield Town Council regarding the possible development of a tree planting plan for the town.

We have continued to build up a supply of tools to enable us to deliver more practical projects and involve more volunteers. This included the purchase of an electric strimmer thanks to the excellent support of Macclesfield Town Council

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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; the Tree Council, the Co-op's Local Community Fund, The William Dean Countryside and Educational Trust, the Peak District National Park's Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme, Macclesfield Town Council, Scoop and Scales, 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 2024 shows total funds £2,398 of which £2,390 are restricted. The Trust had at the year-end £8 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 2024 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 on 1st July and signed on their behalf by:

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large loop and a trailing flourish.

Bryan Hammond
Treasurer & Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to start with a capital 'A' followed by several loops.

Anthony Hothersall
Chair & Trustee

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3. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND CASH FLOW

3.1 Financial activities and cash flow for the year ended 31st March 2024

MACC WILD NETWORK CIO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31 March 2024					
		2024			2023
	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	£
Income					
Grants and donations	1	11,514.61	1,570.00	13,084.61	2,395.00
Gift Aid		-	-	-	-
Sales of Merchandise		-	-	-	-
Interest		-	-	-	-
Other income		-	-	-	-
Total		11,514.61	1,570.00	13,084.61	2,395.00
Expenditure					
Project costs	2	10,557.59	1,029.74	11,587.33	4,283.96
Fundraising costs		-	-	-	-
Repairs, maintenance		-	-	-	-
Grants made		-	222.99	222.99	-
Support costs					
Services		250.00	75.00	325.00	1,402.00
Tools & Equipment		1,813.48	195.86	2,009.34	2,263.78
Insurance	3	-	157.00	157.00	157.00
Publicity and IT	4	-	708.43	708.43	616.70
Stationery		-	46.79	46.79	15.00
Governance costs					
Independent auditor		-	-	-	-
Meeting costs		-	-	-	-
Total		12,621.07	2,435.81	15,056.88	8,738.44
Net Income		-1,106.46	-865.81	-1,972.27	-6,343.44
Total funds brought forward from last FY		3,496.01	874.03	4,370.04	-
Transfer from restricted funds		-	-	-	-
Total carried forward to next FY		2,389.55	8.22	2,397.77	10,713.48

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Notes to these accounts:

1. Includes donations for restricted usage from Macclesfield Town Council (£1,818.88 for Electric Strimmer), Co-Op Community Fund (£3,068.45 for Orchard project), Tree Council (£2,396.64 for various projects), Scoop & Scales (£259 for Willow Tit project) and Peak District national Park (£3,980.64 for Willow Tit project)
2. Expenses against South Park, Willow Tit, Orchards and Brimstone projects
3. General Charity Insurance for the 12 months starting 10 January 2024
4. Website and domain name costs for www.maccwildnetwork.org.uk and cloud storage for MWN documents

3.2 Balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	2023 £
<i>Fixed Assets</i>				
Tangible Assets		0		
Tools & Equipment	1	<u>3,518.53</u>		
		3,518.53	3,518.53	2,263.78
<i>Current Assets</i>				
Debtors		-		
Cash at bank		<u>2,397.77</u>		
		2,397.77	2,397.77	4,370.04
<i>Current Liabilities</i>				
Creditors falling due within one year		-		-
Depreciation on Assets	2	<u>1,172.84</u>		
		1,172.84	1,172.84	754.59
<i>Tools and Equipment Book Value</i>			2,345.69	1,509.19
Net Current Assets			<u>5,916.30</u>	<u>6,633.82</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u>4,743.46</u>	<u>5,879.23</u>
Represented by:				
Accumulated restricted funds			2,139.55	3,496.01
Accumulated unrestricted funds			258.22	874.03
Total funds			<u>2,397.77</u>	<u>4,370.04</u>

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Notes to the Balance Sheet

1. The sum of tools bought last FY (minus their depreciation) plus tools bought this FY
2. Tools & Equipment will be devalued at 33% per year. Therefore, tools bought this FY have 33% depreciation applied and tools bought last FY are further depreciated 33%. The total depreciation charge is shown in this cell.

3.3 Accounts approval

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 1st July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Bryan Hammond

Treasurer & Trustee



Anthony Hothersall

Chair & Trustee