

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**Registered number: 1195435**

**MACC WILD NETWORK TRUST**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**30 June 2025**

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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 Rachel Browne Simon Browne Bryan Hammond Anthony Hothersall Diana Moss Gordon Richardson
Advisor	Tina Hanak
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 2025.

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and were:

- Emma Passmore
- Bryan Hammond
- Anthony Hothersall
- Diana Moss
- Gordon Richardson
- Simon Browne
- Rachel Browne

The charity was advised by:

- Tina Hanak (RSPB)

The following Trustee stood down on the date shown

- Ian Coppack - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Changes in Trustees are executed 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 as required.

## 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 2025, income from these sources was £16,838. During the year the Trust incurred costs of £16,890.

During the financial year 24/25 Macc Wild Network Trust built on the key aims and objectives of our constitution – this included both continuation and evolution of existing projects as well as new projects and activities – as summarised below:

- The Trust continued working on its flagship biodiversity project at Macclesfield Leisure Centre working with a range of partners including ANSA, RSPB Wildlife Explorers, The Lifestyle Group, Zuto and Everybody Health and Leisure. Funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund supported the planting of 3 more mini orchards on the site at a well-attended event in March. Further tree planting included an area of 'scrub', a birch copse and willow planting on wet ground, all to diversify the range of species and habitats on site. Other work during the year included continuing the butterfly and breeding bird recording for the site and young tree care.
- Funded another well-attended scything course in July and expanded our scything team. The meadow and orchard at the Leisure Centre and the orchard on Pavilion Way were scythed in late summer and are all developing well into species-rich meadows.
- Extended existing orchards at the Leisure Centre and planted a new orchard with a community group at Brynmore Drive, Macclesfield.
- 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. We returned to each school in June with the education officer for the Cheshire branch of Butterfly Conservation to look for Brimstone caterpillars on the trees they had planted. This was very successful with caterpillars being found on the planted trees at each school. This successful partnership project is being run again this year at a further 4 schools and will be continued next year with a new cohort of schools. We also planted Alder Buckthorn in all our planting schemes across Macclesfield. and planted a mini orchard at Ashgrove Primary School, Macclesfield.
- Supported the Parish Council and a local group in Langley to plant a community orchard at Turnip Brow and advised on developing the space into a pocket reserve for the village.
- Worked with Cheshire East Ranger Service to plant Elm at Poynton Coppice on the Middlewood Way for White-letter Hairstreak. We also ran a fruit tree pruning session at Riverside Park with the Bollin Valley Rangers.
- Supported meadow creation at Forest Chapel by supplying harvested Yellow Rattle seed and raking off the arisings to reduce fertility.
- We met with FCC who run the closed landfill site at Danes Moss, and it was agreed that Macc Wild would undertake butterfly and other invertebrate, and bird surveys over the summer months to help inform future management of the site. The target species are Dingy Skipper and Small Heath butterflies, both declining species that have colonies on the landfill site. This work has been supported by a grant for a gas monitor from Tanyptera, North-west Invertebrates Group.
- The Willow Tit project continued with funding from FiPL. We worked in partnership with the RSPB who recruited 60 volunteers to survey for Willow Tit in an expanded project area including east Cheshire, North Staffordshire and the southern edge of the Peak District. The project report is currently being written and it is hoped this will lead to an RSPB project, engaging with farmers and landowners to create and manage Willow Tit habitat to help maintain a sustainable population in the area.



- In partnership with United Utilities, and with funding from FiPL, we commissioned a Beaver Feasibility study from The Beaver Trust which assessed the potential for beaver introduction at two sites in the forest. We also facilitated the planting of willow in the two target areas to increase the suitability of these areas as potential beaver habitat.

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.

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, Zuto 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 2025 shows total funds £2,350 of which £2,072 are restricted. The Trust had at the year-end £278 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

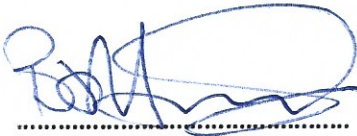
The Trust will continue to meet its objectives by working with others to develop its flagship biodiversity projects, engage the public and develop a pipeline of projects to further deliver its charitable objectives.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

## 2.12 Report Approval

This Trustees' Report was approved by the Trustees on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



**Bryan Hammond**  
Treasurer & Trustee



**Anthony Hothersall**  
Chair & Trustee



### 3. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND CASH FLOW

#### 3.1 Financial activities and cash flow for the year ended 31st March 2025

MACC WILD NETWORK CIO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025					
		2025			2024
	<i>Note</i>	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	£
<b>Income</b>					
Grants and donations	<b>1</b>	15,612.53	1,082.80	16,695.33	13,084.61
Gift Aid		-	142.75	142.75	-
Sales of Merchandise		-	-	-	-
Interest		-	-	-	-
Other income		-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,612.53</b>	<b>1,225.55</b>	<b>16,838.08</b>	<b>13,084.61</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Project costs	<b>2</b>	13,911.69	118.80	14,030.49	11,587.33
Fundraising costs		-	-	-	-
Repairs, maintenance		-	-	-	-
Grants made		-	-	-	222.99
<b>Support costs</b>					
Services		1,719.30	-	1,719.30	325.00
Tools & Equipment	<b>5</b>	115.91	-	115.91	2,009.34
Insurance	<b>3</b>	-	239.55	239.55	157.00
Publicity and IT	<b>4</b>	150.00	597.73	747.73	708.43
Stationery		32.50	-	32.50	46.79
<b>Governance costs</b>					
Independent auditor		-	-	-	-
Meeting costs		-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,929.40</b>	<b>956.08</b>	<b>16,885.48</b>	<b>15,056.88</b>
Net Income		-316.87	269.47	-47.40	2,397.77
Total funds brought forward from last		2,389.55	8.22	2,397.77	-
Transfer from restricted funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Total carried forward to next FY</b>		<b>2,072.68</b>	<b>277.69</b>	<b>2,350.37</b>	<b>2,397.77</b>

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**Notes to these accounts:**

1. Includes donations for restricted usage from Co-Op Community Fund (£1,641.32) for Orchard project and PDNP funding for the WTWTA project. The majority of funds are Restricted but we have allocated £150 in FY24/25 as Unrestricted to contribute to MWN running costs. This was agreed with the Co-Op in the audit that took place in February 2025. Peak District National Park funding is all restricted and is paid via expense claims to an approved budget.
2. Expenses against Willow Tit, Orchard and Brimstone projects
3. General Charity Insurance for the 12 months starting 10 January 2025
4. Website and domain name costs for [www.maccwildnetwork.org.uk](http://www.maccwildnetwork.org.uk) and cloud storage for MWN documents - 3-year renewal to reduce long term costs. An allocation from donations and grants has been taken from restricted funds. Total IT costs were £748 with £150 taken from restricted funds and £598 from unrestricted funds.
5. General consumable tools

### 3.2 Balance sheet for the year ended 31st March 2025

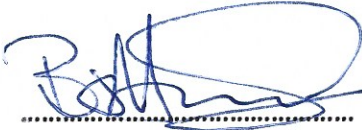
	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<i>Fixed Assets</i>			
Tangible Assets			
Tools & Equipment	1	2,461.60	3,518.53
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Debtors			
Cash at bank		2,350.37	2,397.77
<i>Current Liabilities</i>			
Creditors falling due within one year			
Depreciation on Assets	2	1,714.54	1,172.84
<i>Tools and Equipment Book Value</i>		747.06	2,345.69
Net Current Assets		4,811.97	5,916.30
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<b>3,097.43</b>	<b>4,743.46</b>
Represented by:			
Accumulated restricted funds		2,072.68	2,139.55
Accumulated unrestricted funds		277.69	258.22
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>2,350.37</b>	<b>2,397.77</b>

**Notes to the Balance Sheet**

1. The book value of tools and equipment from previous years plus equipment bought this FY
2. Tools & Equipment will be devalued at 33%. Therefore, tools bought this FY have 33% of the original purchase price applied as depreciation and tools bought last FY are further depreciated 33%. Anything over 3 years old is written off from a balance sheet perspective.

### 3.3 Accounts approval

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 30th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



**Bryan Hammond**

**Treasurer & Trustee**



**Anthony Hothersall**

**Chair & Trustee**