

PAINSWICK BEACON CONSERVATION GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1196183

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-10-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF PAINSWICK BEACON COMMON, BY MEANS OF, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE RESTORATION OF NATURAL FEATURES BY THE CLEARANCE OF SCRUB, TREES AND OTHER INVASIVE PLANTS AND BY THE GRAZING AND CUTTING OF GRASS TO MAINTAIN THE SEMI-NATURAL GRASSLAND.2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY MEANS OF, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ORGANISING PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WALKS AND TALKS AND HELPING PRODUCE SIGNS, DISPLAYS, LEAFLETS AND AN INFORMATIONAL WEBSITE.

Activities: Work to fulfil a Site Management Plan through work-party meetings to include the clearance of scrub, some trees & other invasive plants plus the grazing & cutting of grass to maintain the semi-natural grassland.Organise educational activities e.g. walks, talks, signs, displays, leaflets & a website to inform the public & to increase informed enjoyment of Painswick Beacon.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-06-30 | £9,228 | £10,279 | - | - |
| 2024-06-30 | £7,272 | £6,699 | - | - |
| 2023-06-30 | £2,590 | £2,303 | - | - |
| 2022-06-30 | £8,921 | £2,392 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Richard George Aspinall | Chair | 2021-10-18 |
| David Arthur Caruthers Little | | 2021-10-18 |
| Ian Charles Massey | | 2021-10-18 |
| Martin Charles Collins | | 2021-10-18 |
| Paul Mitchell Baxter | | 2021-10-18 |
| Robert Ayrton | | 2025-06-03 |

PAINSWICK BEACON CONSERVATION GROUP

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Accounts

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group (PBCG)

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

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Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 30th June 2025

The Trustees, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 30th June 2025. This is the fourth report as a charity following the registration of the charity on 18th October 2021.

The first trustees of the charity were the members of the committee of Painswick Beacon Conservation Group which was an unregistered charity that had operated for many years.

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation using the “Foundation” model constitution where the trustees are the only voting members of the charity. The Charity also has an associate membership with anyone interested in the conservation of Painswick Beacon being able to contribute by paying a subscription and by attending work parties.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Name of Charity | Painswick Beacon Conservation Group |
| Charity registration number | 1196183 |
| Principal address | Old Forge Cottage, Butt Green, Painswick, GL6 6QS |

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the period and since the period end were as follows:

- Richard Aspinall (Chairman)
- Paul Baxter (Work-Party Manager)
- Robert Ayrton (appointed 03/06/25)
- Kim Brockett (resigned 01/05/25)
- Martin Collins (Secretary and Treasurer)
- David Little
- Ian Massey
- Andrew Penman (resigned 01/09/25)

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| Independent examiner | Martyn Smith MA MBA BFP FCA FCT |
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| Bank | Lloyds Bank Plc 12 Rowcroft, Stroud, GL5 3BD |
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charities activities are governed by a Board of Trustees which meets as and when required to administer the business of the charity but no less than twice each year. Other than on initial appointment at the formation of the charity, trustees are appointed for a period of three years.

The main activities of the charity are in the following areas:

- **Cattle Grazing** – day-to-day management of the cattle is delegated to a core group of volunteers who monitor the cattle on a daily basis and meet as and when needed to make decisions on the cattle's welfare and location. A WhatsApp group ensures effective communication and coordination of activities.
- **Work Parties** – Paul Baxter is delegated the task of arranging and coordinating work parties, liaising with conservation groups and ensuring that activities are in line with the expectations of these groups.
- **Education** – During the year the trustees organised a number of guided walks on Painswick Beacon for local residents interested in the fauna and flora of Painswick Beacon and the activities and achievements of PBCG. We have also completed a initial vegetation survey and it is hoped that this will continue on an annual basis. The trustees hold an annual meeting explaining the activities and achievements of PBCG during the year. This includes a talk by a local expert.

Governing document and Charity Objects

PBCG is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation using the "Foundation" model constitution.

The charity's objects are:

- To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Painswick Beacon Common, by means of, but not limited to the restoration of natural features by the clearance of scrub, trees and other invasive plants and by the grazing and cutting of grass to maintain the semi-natural grassland.
- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by means of, but not limited to, organising publicly accessible walks and talks and helping produce signs, displays, leaflets and an informational website.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees have a responsibility to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee Recruitment, Training and Assessment

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

During the year the trustees reviewed and agreed the Trustee Recruitment, Training and Assessment Policy together with this the Trustee Handbook and Trustee Welcome Pack.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

During the year the trustees reviewed the Risk Management Policy and the risk register.

ACTIVITIES

Cattle Grazing

The group has seven Dexter cattle which are managed using the Nofence system. The cattle wear a collar with a battery/PV panel power source which uses GPS to plot the location of the cattle in relation to a virtual paddock created on the App by a PBCG manager. The cattle have learnt to respect an audible warning if they approach this virtual boundary because, if ignored, they will get a small shock. The system has now been used for a number of years and has proved transformative with the cattle being successfully and easily moved around the Beacon to the various designated grazing areas.

The batteries have to be changed every 6 weeks in the winter but have lasted up to 4 months in the summer. This has reduced the need to move the corral around as much but has meant the cattle are less used to being coaxed in!

We have again been able to keep the cattle on the Beacon throughout the year other than for a short period of time at Cud Hill Common at the request of Upton St Leonards Parish.

We have purchased two more troughs this year to save the constant need to move troughs with pastures. We are using a bowser at the Royal William end and will also use it at Cud Hill.

Cattle movements and events this year:

- 01/07/24 - The cattle started the year at the Turning Circle Glade
- 05/08/24 - The cattle were moved to the Long Quarry, Victoria Quarry and Holcombe Ride
- 05/09/24 - The cattle were moved to the Southern Ramparts Paddock
- 09/10/25 - The cattle were moved to the Permissive Bridleway
- 18/11/24 - TB test. All cattle passed
- 27/11/24 - Cattle moved Cud Hill Common
- 14/12/24 - Cattle moved to Permissive Bridleway/ Spring Tongue Paddock
- 28/01/25 - Cattle moved to Long Quarry and Victoria Quarry
- 12/03/25 - Cattle moved to Cemetery Quarries
- 01/04/25 - Cattle moved to Golf Course Road Paddock using a Bowser
- 11/04/25 - Cattle moved to Cemetery Quarries
- 17/05/25 - Cattle moved to Long Quarry and Victoria Quarry
- 02/06/25 - Cattle moved to Permissive Bridleway

Natural England

During 2023 a lease was signed between the owners of certain parts of Painswick Beacon and Natural England. In the main this covers the open grassland areas. PBCG will continue to work with Natural England with aim of continuing to meet the charities main objectives. The charity received a grant of

£4,950 from Natural England during the year to support our activities. An additional grant of £1,275 was also received in connection with an archaeological investigation in connection with path repairs.

Working Parties

- A total of 921 hours were worked on work parties, almost the same as last year. 758 hours were on Saturdays with an average attendance of 11. A further 163 hours were worked on Fridays with an average attendance of 5
- Nearly two days were spent flailing with a tractor and four days slitting fairways and paths
- 84 hours were spent on other tasks, mainly bramble and old man's beard spraying, but also putting ventilation vents in the lock-up and chainsaw training
- The Cotswold Wardens continued their effort along the plantation edge and installed bollards in the parking areas

Summary of work undertaken

- Southern Ramparts - Fifty percent reduction in scrub, much bramble brush cut and sprayed.
- Western Ramparts - Removed much of the scrub to make ramparts more visible. This work was carried out at the request of Historic England
- General scrub clearing in the following areas: Victoria Quarry, Long Quarry, Winn's Quarry, and below 15th tee
- On the East side of 8th fairway - Many trees were removed to expand the grassland edge
- Royal William Paddock - More diseased ash felled and brambles cut back
- Seeding
- Long Quarry, North bank - Whitebeams and ash felled to clear the top flat area

Notable gains

- Cattle have grazed all year round for the second year
- We bought a slitter attachment to enable paths and fairways to be aerated
- Co-ordinated and helped pay for two sections of track to be repaired and installed a soak-away drain behind the 5th green
- Other areas continue to show the benefit of regular grazing
- Won an award of excellence from The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England

Overall the work-party groups had another successful year.

In order to facilitate the activities of the charity, in addition to the time outlined above, a total of 550 hours were spent on cattle management and a further 320 hours attributed to trustees' activity and "behind the scenes" work. In all a total of 1,875 volunteer hours were contributed by trustees and volunteers to the work on Painswick Beacon

Vegetation Surveys of Painswick Beacon

This project, started in April 2024 has seen Dr. Kathy Meakin, a local expert ecologist (Evidence Nature), establish a monitoring program. A small team has been trained to identify a selection of important species and carry out one metre quadrats and 10 metre "walkover surveys". The team, led by Sue Bruce and Aleks Maljkovic carried out the surveys, plotted the results onto spreadsheets and input the results into the QGIS (Quantum Geographic Information System) computer program. This allows us to produce accurate maps of every species surveyed showing its position and abundance. With the initial work done and data recorded, in Spring 2025 a second survey has commenced. We now have a baseline survey against which we can assess the impact of the work of the Group and enable the tweaking of our conservation plans to improve the outcomes.

The 2024 survey work took 168 hours plus 25 hours inputting data

Education

The trustees intend to hold an annual public meeting to explain the objectives and activities of the charity over the previous year.

An open meeting was held on 11th September 2025 when reports were received from the chairman, secretary, treasurer and work-party leader. The guest speaker was John Parker from the Arboricultural Association who gave an energetic presentation about his career with trees.

The 2024 meeting heard a talk by Andrew Commins entitled “Birds of the Beacon – Habitat and Migration”.

Informative guided walks on the Beacon were organised by Paul Baxter in July 2024 to explain the activities and objectives of the working parties.

Projects

Ecological survey of Painswick Beacon - The project started last year to carry out an ecological survey of Painswick Beacon was completed with the help of Dr. Kathy Meakin. Following training of a number of volunteers regular surveys continue, guided by Sue Bruce and Aleks Maljkovic.

Aerating of grassland areas – During the year the Charity purchased a slitter machine that can be used to aerate grassland. With the cooperation of Painswick Beacon Golf Club, PBCG has been able to aerate large areas of the Beacon.

Path Repairs – PBCG has used funds to make improvements to footpaths on the Beacon

FUTURE PLANS

- The charity will be working with Natural England to fulfil the charity’s objective of the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Painswick Beacon
- The cattle continue to be a significant contribution to this work
- Working parties will continue during the coming years
- Ecological survey work will continue
- Continue to cooperate with Painswick Beacon Golf Club to aerate grassland areas of the Beacon
- When funds are available, make improvements to footpaths and their drainage at “pinch” points over the Beacon
- Maintain the glow worm transect data

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity made a deficit of £1,051 (2024 – £573 surplus) during the year. Grants were again received from Natural England during the year and this enabled the charity to purchase a slitter machine and carry out path maintenance in addition to continuing with working parties and the management of the grazing cattle on the Beacon. The charity continues to be in a strong financial position with reserves in excess of £15,000.

Reserves Policy

The charity has no formal reserves policy. The charity currently has total reserves of £15,958 (2024 £17,009). Most of these are unrestricted meaning that they can be expended on any of the charity’s activities.

The charity has only a small amount of regular income but has annual expense commitments including grazing and fencing costs, insurance and training. The charity therefore needs to maintain an amount of reserves to meet ongoing commitments in the near future.

In recent years the charity has been successful in attracting levels of grants and donations that provides a secure base for the charity's activities.

- **Restricted Funds** are those that require to be expended on specific projects
- **Unrestricted Funds** have no restriction on their uses

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Major Risks

The major risks of the charity are:

- The inability to raise funds to meet its obligations and in particular, for the care of the cattle
- A lack of volunteers for working parties
- Potential claims from incidents in relation to the cattle's location on the Beacon and from the activities of the working parties

STATUTORY DECLARATION ON PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 29th November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Richard Aspinall (Chairman)

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

Independent Examiners' Report To The Trustees Of Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

For the year ended 30th June 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of independent examiner's 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.

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23rd December 2025

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30th June 2025

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2025 | 2024 |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | £6,811 | £1,675 | £8,486 | £6,590 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | £600 | - | £600 | £500 |
| Investments | 4 | £142 | - | £142 | £182 |
| Total | | £7,553 | £1,675 | £9,228 | £7,272 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 5 | £8,444 | £1,835 | £10,279 | £6,699 |
| Total | | £8,444 | £1,835 | £10,279 | £6,699 |
| Net income / (expenditure) | | (£891) | (£160) | (£1,051) | £573 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | £16,449 | £560 | £17,009 | £16,436 |
| Total funds carried forward | | £15,558 | £400 | £15,958 | £17,009 |

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Statement of Financial Position
For the year ended 30th June 2025

| | Notes | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed Assets | 6 | <u>£2,737</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Debtors | 7 | £1,192 | £1,239 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | £12,939 | £17,825 |
| | | £14,131 | £19,064 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year | | <u>£910</u> | <u>£2,055</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | <u>£15,958</u> | <u>£17,009</u> |
| The funds of the charity | | | |
| Restricted income funds | 9 | £400 | £560 |
| Unrestricted income funds | 9 | £15,558 | £16,449 |
| Total Funds | | <u>£15,958</u> | <u>£17,009</u> |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Richard Aspinall
Chairman

29th November 2025

Martin Collins
Treasurer

29th November 2025

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30th June 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

- Equipment 25% Straight line

Funds

- Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Incoming resources from grants are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable
- Investment income is included when receivable
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure:

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30th June 2025

2 Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Associate Member subscriptions | £547 | - | £547 | £586 |
| Donations | £1,314 | - | £1,314 | £654 |
| Grants receivable | £4,950 | £1,675 | £6,625 | £5,350 |
| | £6,811 | £1,675 | £8,486 | £6,590 |

3 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tree and other maintenance activities | £600 | - | £600 | - |
| Grazing income | - | - | - | £500 |
| | £600 | - | £600 | £500 |

4 Investment income

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bank interest receivable | £142 | - | £142 | £182 |
| | £142 | - | £142 | £182 |

5 Costs of charitable activities by fund type and activity

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Project expenses | £4,513 | £1,275 | £5,788 | £1,650 |
| Repairs, fuel and spares | £141 | - | £141 | £1,916 |
| Other work party costs | £178 | - | £178 | £184 |
| Grazing and fencing costs | £1,164 | - | £1,164 | £818 |
| Contracting costs | £20 | £560 | £580 | - |
| Meeting & education costs | £60 | - | £60 | £80 |
| Training | £1,225 | - | £1,225 | £1,312 |
| Insurance | £676 | - | £676 | £739 |
| Accountancy | - | - | - | - |
| Depreciation | £467 | - | £467 | - |
| Sundry expenses | - | - | - | - |
| | £8,444 | £1,835 | £10,279 | £6,699 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30th June 2025

6 Tangible fixed assets

| | Equipment | Total 2025 | Total 2024 |
|--|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Cost or valuation | | | |
| As at 01 July 2024 | - | - | - |
| Additions | £3,204 | £3,204 | - |
| Disposals | - | - | - |
| As at 30 June 2025 | £3,204 | £3,204 | - |
| Depreciation | | | |
| As at 01 July 2024 | - | - | - |
| Charge for year | £467 | £467 | - |
| Eliminated on disposals | - | - | - |
| As at 30 June 2025 | £467 | £467 | - |
| Net book value as at 30 June 2025 | £2,737 | £2,737 | - |
| Net book value as at 30 June 2024 | - | - | - |

7 Debtors

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Prepayments and accrued income | £1,192 | £1,239 |
| | £1,192 | £1,239 |

8 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2025 | 2024 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Tangible fixed assets | £2,737 | - | £2,737 | - |
| Current assets | £13,731 | £400 | £14,131 | £17,009 |
| Current liabilities | (£910) | - | (£910) | - |
| Net assets at 30 June 2025 | £15,558 | £400 | £15,958 | £17,009 |

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9 Movement in funds

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | | |
| Balance as at 01 July 2024 | £16,449 | £15,876 |
| Incoming resources | £7,553 | £6,872 |
| Outgoing resources | (£8,444) | (£6,299) |
| Balance as at 30 June 2025 | £15,558 | £16,449 |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Balance as at 01 July 2024 | £560 | £560 |
| Incoming resources | £1,675 | £400 |
| Outgoing resources | (£1,835) | (£400) |
| Balance as at 30 June 2025 | £400 | £560 |
| Total funds | £15,958 | £17,009 |

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds relate to grants for contracting work and a contribution to Nofence costs

10 Trustee Remuneration, benefits and expenses

No trustees are paid any remuneration or receive any other benefits from employment with the charity.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30th June 2025

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Income and Endowment | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Associate Member subscriptions | £547 | £586 |
| Donations | £1,314 | £654 |
| Grants receivable | £6,625 | £5,350 |
| | £8,486 | £6,590 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Tree and other maintenance activities | £600 | - |
| Grazing income | - | £500 |
| | £600 | £500 |
| Investments | | |
| Bank interest receivable | £142 | £182 |
| | £142 | £182 |
| Total income resources | £9,228 | £7,272 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Specific projects | | |
| Beacon ecological survey | (£10) | £1,650 |
| Path repairs | £5,798 | - |
| | £5,788 | £1,650 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Repairs, fuel and spares | £141 | £1,916 |
| Other work party costs | £178 | £184 |
| Grazing and fencing costs | £1,164 | £818 |
| Contracting costs | £580 | - |
| Meeting & education costs | £60 | £80 |
| Training | £1,225 | £1,312 |
| Insurance | £676 | £739 |
| Depreciation | £467 | - |
| | £4,491 | £5,049 |
| Total Expenditure | £10,279 | £6,699 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | (£1,051) | £573 |

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- 01/07/23 - The cattle started the year at the Holcombe House Paddock
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- 17/08/23 - The cattle were moved to the Northern Ramparts
- 07/09/23 – Nigel threw off his Nofence collar. The cattle were moved to the West and Southern Ramparts
- 14/11/23 – A new collar was fitted to Bobby and the paddock area was slightly modified
- 24/11/23 – The cattle were moved to an enlarged paddock consisting of the Permissive Bridleway, Turning Circle Glade and the 4th Tee Quarry
- 28/11/23 - TB test. All cattle passed
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- 07/02/24 – Cattle moved to a paddock close to the Cemetery
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- 11/06/24 - TB test. All cattle passed
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Natural England

During 2023 a lease was signed between the owners of certain parts of Painswick Beacon and Natural England. In the main this covers the open grassland areas. PBCG will continue to work with Natural England with aim of continuing to meet the charities main objectives. The charity received a grant of £4,950 from Natural England during the year to support our activities.

Working Parties

- During the period 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024 a total of 892 hours were worked which was up on 802 last year, helped by implementing mid-week work parties
- 21 hours were worked on Cud Hill and volunteers helped Natural England on other local sites.
- The Cotswold Wardens continued to work on the section alongside the lower plantation, working a total of 131 hours.
- Time spent on administration and cattle work have not been quantified.

Summary of work undertaken

- Clearing at the Royal William end was continued, and regrowth was grazed in early summer
- Clearing of sycamore and diseased ash was continued in the wildlife corridor
- A strip on the right-hand side of the first fairway was cleared and grazed
- 12 hours were spent doing a complete survey of all the junipers. Since the last survey in 2015 numbers have roughly doubled due to mature plants producing seedlings and the discovery of new plants. Transplants have mostly been successful
- Treatment of old man's beard by spot spraying with glyphosate was very successful
- Periwinkle has almost been eradicated along the south side of the cemetery
- Scrub and brambles were cleared along the right-hand side of the 8th fairway
- More brush piles were constructed rather than bonfires
- Less spraying was done with Paul Baxter was recovering from surgery during the spring
- Initiation of long-term vegetation survey

Notable gains

- Areas are now showing improvement because of regular grazing
- Cattle have grazed all through the summer
- Secured funding to repair a section of the Cotswold Way
- Areas restored ahead of time because of reseeded

Overall the work-party groups had another successful year.

Volunteers

The charity relies on the work of volunteers and its trustees who are involved in the management and care of the cattle and in attending working parties. The trustees thank all those who have volunteered their time during the year.

Education

The trustees intend to hold an annual meeting to explain the objectives and activities of the charity over the previous year.

An open meeting was held on 14th September 2023 when reports were received from the chairman, secretary, treasurer and work-party leader. There was also a talk by Dr. Kathy Meakin entitled "Is nature conservation dead? Wilding and natural recovery". The 2024 open meeting was held on 19th September. We are planning to hold the next meeting in September this year.

Informative guided walks on the Beacon were organised by Paul Baxter in July 2023 to explain the activities and objectives of the working parties and further walks were held in July 2024.

Projects

PBCG has commenced a project to carry out an ecological survey of Painswick Beacon. With the help of Dr. Kathy Meakin, an initial survey is in progress following the training of a number of volunteers to complete an initial survey. Regular surveys will then be undertaken so that changes in the flora and fauna on the Beacon can be monitored.

FUTURE PLANS

- The charity will be working with Natural England to fulfil the charity's objective of the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Painswick Beacon
- The cattle continue to be a significant contribution to this work
- Working parties will continue during the coming years
- The initial ecological survey work will be completed and then continued on a regular basis
- The charity is concerned about the impact of the increased footfall on the Beacon and the consequent compaction of the grassland. Ways to mitigate this are being considered including the aerating of affected areas and potential improvements to footpaths and their drainage at "pinch" points over the Beacon
- Maintain the glow worm transect data

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity made a small surplus of £573 (2023 - £287) during the year. A significant grant was received from Natural England during the year and this enabled the charity to initiate the ecological survey, carry out volunteer training and replace some equipment. The charity continues to be in a strong financial position with reserves in excess of £15,000.

Reserves Policy

The charity has no formal reserves policy. The charity currently has total reserves of £17,010 (2023 £16,436). Most of these are unrestricted meaning that they can be expended on any of the charity's activities.

The charity has only a small amount of regular income but has annual expense commitments including grazing and fencing costs, insurance and training. The charity therefore needs to maintain an amount of reserves to meet ongoing commitments in the near future.

In recent years the charity has been successful in attracting levels of grants and donations that provides a secure base for the charity's activities.

- **Restricted Funds** are those that require to be expended on specific projects
- **Unrestricted Funds** have no restriction on their uses

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Major Risks

The major risks of the charity are:

- The inability to raise funds to meet its obligations and in particular, for the care of the cattle
- A lack of volunteers for working parties
- Potential claims from incidents in relation to the cattle's location on the Beacon and from the activities of the working parties

STATUTORY DECLARATION ON PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 3rd April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Richard Aspinall (Chairman)

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

Independent Examiners' Report To The Trustees Of Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

For the year ended 30th June 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of independent examiner's 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.

Martyn Smith MA MBA BFP FCA FCT
Butt House, Butt Green
Painswick
GL6 6QS

10th April 2025

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30th June 2024

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | £6,190 | £400 | £6,590 | £2,054 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | £500 | - | £500 | £500 |
| Investments | 4 | £182 | - | £182 | £36 |
| Total | | £6,872 | £400 | £7,272 | £2,590 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 5 | £6,299 | £400 | £6,699 | £2,303 |
| Total | | £6,299 | £400 | £6,699 | £2,303 |
| Net income / (expenditure) | | £573 | - | £573 | £287 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | £15,876 | £560 | £16,436 | £16,149 |
| Total funds carried forward | | £16,449 | £560 | £17,009 | £16,436 |

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Statement of Financial Position
For the year ended 30th June 2024

| | Notes | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Debtors | 6 | £1,239 | £1,057 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | £17,825 | £15,421 |
| | | <u>£19,064</u> | <u>£16,478</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year | | <u>£2,055</u> | <u>£42</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | <u>£17,009</u> | <u>£16,436</u> |
| The funds of the charity | | | |
| Restricted income funds | 8 | £560 | £560 |
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Richard Aspinall
Chairman

Martin Collins
Treasurer

3rd April 2025

3rd April 2025

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30th June 2024

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

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Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

- Equipment 25% Straight line

Funds

- Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Incoming resources from grants are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable
- Investment income is included when receivable
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure:

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30th June 2024

2 Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Associate Member subscriptions | £586 | - | £586 | £515 |
| Donations | £654 | - | £654 | £1,139 |
| Grants receivable | £4,950 | £400 | £5,350 | £400 |
| | £6,190 | £400 | £6,590 | £2,054 |

3 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tree and other maintenance activities | - | - | - | - |
| Grazing income | £500 | - | £500 | £500 |
| | £500 | - | £500 | £500 |

4 Investment income

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| Bank interest receivable | £182 | - | £182 | £36 |
| | £182 | - | £182 | £36 |

5 Costs of charitable activities by fund type and activity

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Project expenses | £1,650 | - | £1,650 | - |
| Repairs, fuel and spares | £1,516 | £400 | £1,916 | £356 |
| Other work party costs | £184 | - | £184 | £174 |
| Grazing and fencing costs | £818 | - | £818 | £1,003 |
| Contracting costs | - | - | - | - |
| Meeting & education costs | £80 | - | £80 | £50 |
| Training | £1,312 | - | £1,312 | - |
| Insurance | £739 | - | £739 | £720 |
| | £6,299 | £400 | £6,699 | £2,303 |

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
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6 Debtors

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Prepayments and accrued income | £1,239 | £1,057 |
| | <u>£1,239</u> | <u>£1,057</u> |

7 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Current assets | £16,449 | £560 | £17,009 | £16,394 |
| Current liabilities | - | - | - | £42 |
| Net assets at 30 June 2024 | <u>£16,449</u> | <u>£560</u> | <u>£17,009</u> | <u>£16,436</u> |

8 Movement in funds

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | | |
| Balance as at 01 July 2023 | £15,876 | £15,989 |
| Incoming resources | £6,872 | £2,190 |
| Outgoing resources | (£6,299) | (£2,303) |
| Balance as at 30 June 2024 | <u>£16,449</u> | <u>£15,876</u> |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Balance as at 01 July 2023 | £560 | £160 |
| Incoming resources | £400 | £400 |
| Outgoing resources | (£400) | - |
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Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds relate to grants for contracting work and a contribution to Nofence costs

9 Trustee Remuneration, benefits and expenses

No trustees are paid any remuneration or receive any other benefits from employment with the charity.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
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PAINSWICK BEACON CONSERVATION GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1196183

Accounts

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group (PBCG)

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

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- 23/02/23 - The cattle were walked to a paddock near lower plantation and cemetery road
- 01/03/23 – 3 cattle moved to Cud Hill
- 06/03/23 – Remaining cattle moved to Cud Hill
- 17/04/23 – The Cattle moved to Holcombe House Paddock
- 27/06/23 - TB test. All cattle passed
- 18/07/23 - The Cattle moved to the wildlife corridor

Natural England

During the year a lease was signed between the owners of certain parts of Painswick Beacon and Natural England. In the main this covers the open grassland areas. PBCG will continue to work with Natural England with aim of continuing to meet the charities main objectives.

Working Parties

- During the period 01/07/2022 to 30/06/2023 a total of 802 hours were worked which was down well up on 660 last year. Party sizes were between 8 and 20 with an average of 12.4 (2021-22 – 15.7).
- 21 hours were also worked with volunteers from Upton St Leonards on Cud Hill.
- Volunteers helped Natural England with scrub cutting and fencing on Cranham and Edge commons.
- The Cotswold Wardens continued to work on the section alongside the lower plantation.
- Time spent on administration and cattle work have not been quantified.

Summary of work undertaken

- Clearing continued at the head of Victoria Quarry and Long Quarry with the long term aim of joining the two. Junipers found last year in Victoria Quarry were caged to prevent rabbit and rodent damage.
- Many diseased ash cleared from the hollow south of the 12th tee. Potentially a good sheltered site high on the hill.
- Started clearing trees and scrub on east side of 15th fairway.
- Cleared much scrub from the south end of Bottle Bank Quarry, for conservation and also visibility for Painswick Golf Club.
- Continued felling in the Holcombe bridle way glade. Transplanted 12 cherry, 12 spindle whips and layered 6 hazel sky shoots to increase diversity of the adjacent woods.
- Revisited the area below the Brick Path. Recut bramble regrowth and felled ash, whitebeam and pine in the west edge.
- Felling diseased ash at the Royal William end of the Beacon, near the information board.
- Various areas of brambles and old man's beard were spot sprayed (12hrs) and invasive periwinkle was removed by hand from the south cemetery area.
- About 60 thyme plugs were collected and potted on for transplanting in Large Blue habitat.

Overall the work-party groups had another successful year.

Volunteers

The charity relies on the work of volunteers and its trustees who are involved in the management and care of the cattle and in attending working parties. The trustees thank all those who have volunteered their time during the year.

Education

The trustees intend to hold an annual meeting to explain the objectives and activities of the charity over the previous year.

An open meeting was held on 29th September 2022 when reports were received from the chairman, secretary, treasurer and work-party leader. There was also a report from Transector Butterflies followed by a talk by Anna Field entitled The Brink and the Beacon.

Informative guided walks on the Beacon were organised by Paul Baxter in July 2022 to explain the activities and objectives of the working parties and further walks are planned for July 2023.

The 2023 open meeting is planned for the autumn of this year

Projects

In the recent years PBCG completed a project to provide signs on the Beacon explaining to visitors its history, fauna and flora. These were designed and installed with financial assistance from Gloucestershire Naturalists and Painswick Golf Club.

There were no specific projects in the current period however the trustees are looking at a number of projects with a view to improving Painswick Beacon and meeting charitable objectives.

FUTURE PLANS

- The charity will be working with Natural England to fulfil the charity's objective of the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Painswick Beacon
- The cattle continue to be a significant contribution to this work.
- Working parties will continue during the coming years.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity made a small surplus of £287 during the year with no significant grants or donations. The charity however continues to be in a strong financial position with reserves in excess of £15,000.

Reserves Policy

The charity has no formal reserves policy. The charity currently has total reserves of £16,436 (2022 £16,149). Most of these are unrestricted meaning that they can be expended on any of the charity's activities.

The charity has only a small amount of regular income but has annual expense commitments including grazing and fencing costs, insurance and training. The charity therefore needs to maintain an amount of reserves to meet ongoing commitments in the near future.

In recent years the charity has been successful in attracting levels of grants and donations that provides a secure base for the charities activities.

- **Restricted Funds** are those that require to be expended on specific projects
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Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets & liabilities.

Major Risks

The major risks of the charity are:

- The inability to raise funds to meet its obligations and in particular, for the care of the cattle
- A lack of volunteers for working parties
- Potential claims from incidents in relation to the cattle's location on the Beacon and from the activities of the working parties

STATUTORY DECLARATION ON PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 7th September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Richard Aspinall (Chairman)



Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Independent Examiners' Report To The Trustees Of Painswick Beacon
Conservation Group
For the year ended 30th June 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of independent examiner's 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.



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29/04/2024

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30th June 2023

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2023 | 2022 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | £1,654 | £400 | £2,054 | £8,561 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | £500 | - | £500 | £360 |
| Investments | 4 | £36 | - | £36 | - |
| Total | | £2,190 | £400 | £2,590 | £8,921 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 5 | £2,303 | - | £2,303 | £2,392 |
| Total | | £2,303 | - | £2,303 | £2,392 |
| Net income / (expenditure) | | (£113) | £400 | £287 | £6,529 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | £15,989 | £160 | £16,149 | £9,620 |
| Total funds carried forward | | £15,876 | £560 | £16,436 | £16,149 |

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Statement of Financial Position
For the year ended 30th June 2023

| | Notes | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Debtors | 6 | £1,057 | £1,564 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | £15,421 | £14,585 |
| | | <u>£16,478</u> | <u>£16,149</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year | | <u>£42</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | <u>£16,436</u> | <u>£16,149</u> |
| The funds of the charity | | | |
| Restricted income funds | 8 | £560 | £160 |
| Unrestricted income funds | 8 | £15,876 | £15,989 |
| Total Funds | | <u>£16,436</u> | <u>£16,149</u> |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Richard Aspinall
Chairman

Martin Collins
Treasurer

7th September 2023

7th September 2023

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30th June 2023

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

- Equipment 25% Straight line

Funds

- Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Incoming resources from grants are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable
- Investment income is included when receivable
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure:

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30th June 2023

2 Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Associate Member subscriptions | £515 | - | £515 | £450 |
| Donations | £1,139 | - | £1,139 | £2,439 |
| Grants receivable | - | £400 | £400 | £5,672 |
| | £1,654 | £400 | £2,054 | £8,561 |

The charity received £400 from Painswick Parish Council during the year. The grant was provided to assist with contract work, equipment maintenance and for Nofence licence costs.

3 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tree and other maintenance activities | - | - | - | £360 |
| Grazing income | £500 | - | £500 | - |
| | £500 | - | £500 | £360 |

4 Investment income

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|----------|
| Bank interest receivable | £36 | - | £36 | - |
| | £36 | - | £36 | - |

5 Costs of charitable activities by fund type and activity

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Repairs, fuel and spares | £356 | - | £356 | £531 |
| Other work party costs | £174 | - | £174 | £124 |
| Grazing and fencing costs | £1,003 | - | £1,003 | £603 |
| Contracting costs | - | - | - | £240 |
| Meeting & education costs | £50 | - | £50 | £50 |
| Training | - | - | - | £670 |
| Insurance | £720 | - | £720 | £161 |
| Sundry expenses | - | - | - | £13 |
| | £2,303 | - | £2,303 | £2,392 |

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 30th June 2023

6 Debtors

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Amounts due from unregistered charity | - | £700 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | £1,057 | £864 |
| | <u>£1,057</u> | <u>£1,564</u> |

7 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | - | - | - | - |
| Current assets | £15,834 | £560 | £16,394 | £16,149 |
| Current liabilities | £42 | - | £42 | - |
| Net assets at 30 June 2023 | <u>£15,876</u> | <u>£560</u> | <u>£16,436</u> | <u>£16,149</u> |

8 Movement in funds

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | | |
| Balance as at 01 July 2022 | £15,989 | - |
| Funds transferred from PBCG unregistered charity | - | £9,620 |
| Incoming resources | £2,190 | £8,143 |
| Outgoing resources | (£2,303) | (£1,774) |
| Balance as at 30 June 2023 | <u>£15,876</u> | <u>£15,989</u> |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Balance as at 01 July 2022 | £160 | - |
| Incoming resources | £400 | £778 |
| Outgoing resources | - | (£618) |
| Balance as at 30 June 2023 | <u>£560</u> | <u>£160</u> |
| Total funds | <u>£16,436</u> | <u>£16,149</u> |

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds relate to grants received for specific work with the balance being the unspent element of these grants.

9 Trustee Remuneration, benefits and expenses

No trustees are paid any remuneration or receive any other benefits from employment with the charity.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30th June 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Income and Endowment | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Associate Member subscriptions | £515 | £450 |
| Donations | £1,139 | £2,439 |
| Grants receivable | £400 | £5,672 |
| | £2,054 | £8,561 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Tree and other maintenance activities | - | £360 |
| Grazing income | £500 | - |
| | £500 | £360 |
| Investments | | |
| Bank interest receivable | £36 | - |
| | £36 | - |
| Total income resources | £2,590 | £8,921 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Repairs, fuel and spares | £356 | £531 |
| Other work party costs | £174 | £124 |
| Grazing and fencing costs | £1,003 | £603 |
| Contracting costs | - | £240 |
| Meeting & education costs | £50 | £50 |
| Training | - | £670 |
| Insurance | £720 | £161 |
| Sundry expenses | - | £13 |
| | - | - |
| | £2,303 | £2,392 |
| Total Expenditure | £2,303 | £2,392 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | £287 | £6,529 |

PAINSWICK BEACON CONSERVATION GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1196183

Accounts

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group (PBCG)

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the period 18th October 2021 to 30th June 2022

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

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Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

Report of the Trustees

For the period ended 30th June 2022

The trustees present their first report as a charity. The charity was registered on 18th October 2021 with the first trustees being the committee members of the predecessor organisation which was not a registered charity.

The first trustees of the charity were the members of the committee of Painswick Beacon Conservation Group which was an unregistered charity that had operated for many years.

The charity has benefited from a transfer of funds and assets from the predecessor organisation which was not a registered charity. The funds transferred amounted to £9,620 which was the amount of funds shown in the published financial statement dated 30th September 2021. The assets inherited from the unregistered charity had been fully written off and are not shown in fixed assets in the financial statements.

The comparative figures in the Financial Statements are those for the unregistered charity for the year ended 30th September 2021. There were no transactions for the period 30th September to 18th October 2021 when the new charity was registered.

The Trustees, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the period ended 30th June 2022. The financial statements relate to the period from the charity's registration on 18th October 2021 to the year end of the charity on 30th June 2022.

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation using the "Foundation" model constitution where the trustees are the only voting members of the charity. The Charity also has an associate membership with anyone interested in the conservation of Painswick Beacon being able to contribute by paying a subscription and by attending work parties.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Name of Charity | Painswick Beacon Conservation Group |
| Charity registration number | 1196183 |
| Principal address | Old Forge Cottage, Butt Green, Painswick, GL6 6QS |

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the period and since the period end were as follows:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard Aspinall (Chairman)• Paul Baxter (Work-Party Manager)• Joyce Barrus• Kim Brockett | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martin Collins (Secretary and Treasurer)• David Little (Treasurer until 5th May 2022)• Ian Massey• Andrew Penman |
|--|--|

Independent examiner

Martyn Smith MA MBA BFP FCA FCT

Bank

Lloyds Bank Plc
12 Rowcroft, Stroud, GL5 3BD

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charities activities are governed by a Board of Trustees which meets as and when required to administer the business of the charity but no less than twice each year. Other than on initial appointment at the formation of the charity, trustees are appointed for a period of three years.

The main activities of the charity are in the following areas:

- **Cattle Grazing** – day to day management of the cattle is delegated to a core group of volunteers who monitor the cattle on a daily basis and meet as and when needed to make decisions on the cattle's welfare and location. A WhatsApp group ensures effective communication and coordination of activities.
- **Work Parties** – Paul Baxter is delegated the task of arranging and coordinating work parties, liaising with conservation groups and ensuring that activities are in line with the expectations of these groups.
- **Education** – During the period the trustees organised a number of guided walks on Painswick Beacon for local residents interested in the fauna and flora of Painswick Beacon and the activities and achievements of PBCG. The trustees plan to hold an annual meeting explaining the activities and achievements of PBCG during the year and this will include a talk by a local expert.

Governing document and Charity Objects

PBCG is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation using the "Foundation" model constitution.

The charity's objects are:

- To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Painswick Beacon Common, by means of, but not limited to the restoration of natural features by the clearance of scrub, trees and other invasive plants and by the grazing and cutting of grass to maintain the semi-natural grassland.
- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by means of, but not limited to, organising publicly accessible walks and talks and helping produce signs, displays, leaflets and an informational website.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees have a responsibility to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations. Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee Recruitment, Training and Assessment

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

During the period the trustees developed, reviewed and agreed a new Trustee Recruitment, Training and Assessment Policy. In conjunction with this a new Trustee Welcome Pack has been developed together with a Trustee Handbook.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

During the period the trustees reviewed and approved a Risk Management Policy and developed a risk register.

ACTIVITIES

Cattle Grazing

The predecessor group bought the Nofence system for the 7 Dexter cattle in June 2021. The cattle wear a collar with a battery/PV panel power source which uses GPS to plot the location of the cattle in relation to a virtual paddock created on the App by a PBCG manager. The cattle have learnt to respect an audible warning if they approach this virtual boundary because, if ignored, they will get a small shock. The system has now been used for a year and has proved transformative. There have been huge savings in labour and material costs plus a minimum of required maintenance by the group and the cattle have been successfully and easily moved around the Beacon to the various designated grazing areas.

The batteries have to be changed every 6 weeks in the winter but have lasted up to 4 months in the summer. The cattle are relatively easy to entice into a hurdle corral with a hay bale when the batteries can be swapped for new ones.

We have been very fortunate in being able to graze a new large field in Holcombe this year owned by the new owner of Holcombe House.

Cattle movements this year

- 03/11/21 Cattle moved from the wildlife corridor and north slopes to the southern ramparts
- 16/11/21 All batteries changed
- 24/12/21 Cattle moved to Victoria Quarry
- 08/01/22 Cattle moved to cemetery paddock with the Corral by the south wall. Batteries changed
- 23/02/22 Cattle moved to the top end of Victoria Quarry and Long Quarry towards the turning circle on the spine road across the Beacon
- 09/03/22 Batteries changed. Cattle moved to the north face of the Beacon plus the tongue beside the 6th golf hole. Corral moved to near lowest trough position on the north slopes
- 06/05/22 Batteries good. Cattle moved to the field beside Holcombe House
- 13/06/22 TB test. All cattle passed
- 27/07/22 Cattle moved back to the north slopes of Beacon. One cow (Bobby) battery changed
- 26/07/22 Temporary Land Association applied for and granted giving permission to graze Painswick Beacon for another year

Working Parties

- During the period 01/10/2021 to 30/06/2022 a total of 660 hours were worked which was down from 776 last year. Party sizes were between 9 and 23 with an average of 15.7 (2020-21 – 12.2). We had five new helpers sign up.
- Cotswold Wardens managed a small work party to continue clearing their section alongside the lower plantation.

- One paid day was spent clearing more ash trees from the walkers' car park and a further day cutting and clearing logs for fire wood. (one load delivered to Selina Blow)
- More scrub was cleared below the 16th tee and larger trees removed to open up more grassland.
- Many diseased ash and pines were removed from the head of Victoria Quarry, for public safety and to start a connection of Victoria Quarry with Long Quarry.
- Further clearing was done in 4th tee Quarry.
- Juniper Update - Six new seedlings were found in Victoria Quarry. Two original seedlings were transplanted into Long Quarry and two into the Turning Circle area. Two of the 14 seedlings that were potted on and housed at Sunny Cottage have died, but the rest have all put on new growth. All older transplants are growing well. The fine plastic surrounds seem to be preventing damage from rabbits and rodents.
- A day was spent with Nick Hallard flailing areas previously done two years ago, paid for by a grant from Painswick Parish Council.
- Seeds were spread in the hollow between 8th and 10th tees in October 2021 and have germinated very well, but the effect of acid soil below pine trees is evident.
- 19 hours were spent spot spraying brambles and ruderal weeds and some thistles, in newly cleared areas, were scythed and subsequently raked up and burned.
- A start was made on opening up the bridle way from the Holcombe end by removing dying ash. Further trees will be removed to create a more open structure and we plan to transplant other saplings from site to increase the diversity of the ride.
- A days training was organised to help one of the volunteers gain chainsawing experience.

Overall the work-party groups had another successful year.

Education

The trustees intend to hold an annual meeting to explain the objectives and activities of the charity over the previous year.

An open meeting was held on 24th November 2021 when presentations were given explaining PBCG activities and objectives regarding the cattle on the Beacon and working party activity. There was also a Transector's Butterflies On Painswick Beacon Report from Joyce Barrus followed by a talk by Kathy Meakin from the Back from the Brink project titled THE BRINK AND THE BEACON – "A REDOUBT OF HOPE FOR LIMESTONE GRASSLAND WILDLIFE".

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In the previous year PBCG completed a project to provide signs on the Beacon explaining to visitors its history, fauna and flora were designed and installed with financial assistance from Gloucestershire Naturalists and Painswick Golf Club. There were no specific projects in the current period however the trustees are looking at a number of projects with a view to improving Painswick Beacon and meeting charitable objectives.

FUTURE PLANS

The trustees are seeking grant funding for a number of projects including improvements to footpaths along the Cotswold Way and within the woodland areas on the Beacon.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity produced a financial surplus of £6,529 during the period with a number of significant donations in addition to the ongoing receipt of a number of grants. Additional income was received through the work of volunteers in tree felling and through the grazing of the cattle.

The new charity benefitted from the accumulated funds and equipment of the Painswick Beacon Conservation Group that existed as an unregistered organisation. The equipment had been written off in the predecessor financial statements and have not been included in fixed assets.

Reserves Policy

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Major Risks

The major risks of the charity are:

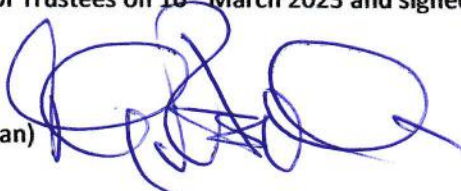
- The inability to raise funds to meet its obligations and in particular, for the care of the cattle
- A lack of volunteers for working parties
- Potential insurance claims from incidents in relation to the cattle's location on the Beacon and from the activities of the working parties

STATUTORY DECLARATION ON PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 16th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Richard Aspinnall (Chairman)



Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Independent Examiners' Report To The Trustees Of Painswick Beacon
Conservation Group
For the period ended 30th June 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 30th June 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of independent examiner's 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").

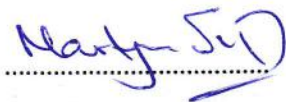
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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.



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20th April 2023

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the period ended 30th June 2022

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2022 | 2021 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | £7,783 | £778 | £8,561 | £6,083 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | £360 | - | £360 | £1,259 |
| Total | | £8,143 | £778 | £8,921 | £7,342 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 4 | £1,774 | £618 | £2,392 | £3,415 |
| Total | | £1,774 | £618 | £2,392 | £3,415 |
| Net income / (expenditure) | | £6,369 | £160 | £6,529 | £3,927 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | £9,620 | - | £9,620 | £5,693 |
| Total funds carried forward | | £15,989 | £160 | £16,149 | £9,620 |

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Statement of Financial Position
For the period ended 30th June 2022

| | Notes | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-------|----------------|---------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Debtors | 6 | £1,564 | - |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | £14,585 | £9,620 |
| | | £16,149 | £9,620 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year | | - | - |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | £16,149 | £9,620 |
| The funds of the charity | | | |
| Restricted income funds | 8 | £160 | - |
| Unrestricted income funds | 8 | £15,989 | £9,620 |
| Total Funds | | £16,149 | £9,620 |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Richard Aspinall
Chairman

Martin Collins
Treasurer

16th March 2023

16th March 2023

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the period ended 30th June 2022

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

- Equipment 25% Straight line

Funds

- Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Incoming resources from grants are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable
- Investment income is included when receivable
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure:

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the period ended 30th June 2022

2 Income from donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Associate Member subscriptions | £450 | - | £450 | £520 |
| Donations | £2,061 | £378 | £2,439 | £4,763 |
| Grants receivable | £5,272 | £400 | £5,672 | £800 |
| | £7,783 | £778 | £8,561 | £6,083 |

3 Income from charitable activities

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Tree and other maintenance activities | £360 | - | £360 | £480 |
| Grazing income | - | - | - | £779 |
| | £360 | - | £360 | £1,259 |

4 Costs of charitable activities by fund type and activity

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Project expenses | - | - | - | £1,295 |
| Repairs, fuel and spares | £531 | - | £531 | £193 |
| Other work party costs | £124 | - | £124 | - |
| Grazing and fencing costs | £225 | £378 | £603 | £1,238 |
| Contracting costs | - | £240 | £240 | - |
| Meeting & education costs | £50 | - | £50 | £689 |
| Training | £670 | - | £670 | - |
| Insurance | £161 | - | £161 | - |
| Sundry expenses | £13 | - | £13 | - |
| | £1,774 | £618 | £2,392 | £3,415 |

5 Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative figures are those for the unregistered charity from which the opening funds were transferred. The comparative figures are for the year ended 30th September 2021.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the period ended 30th June 2022

6 Debtors

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Amounts due from unregistered charity | £700 | - |
| Prepayments and accrued income | £864 | - |
| | <u>£1,564</u> | <u>-</u> |

7 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | 2022 | 2021 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | - | - | - | - |
| Current assets | £15,989 | £160 | £16,149 | £9,620 |
| Current liabilities | - | - | - | - |
| Net assets at 30 June 2022 | <u>£15,989</u> | <u>£160</u> | <u>£16,149</u> | <u>£9,620</u> |

8 Movement in funds

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | | |
| Balance as at 18 October 2021 | - | £5,693 |
| Funds transferred from PBCG unregistered charity | £9,620 | - |
| Incoming resources | £8,143 | £7,342 |
| Outgoing resources | (£1,774) | (£3,415) |
| Balance as at 30 June 2022 | <u>£15,989</u> | <u>£9,620</u> |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Balance as at 18 October 2021 | - | - |
| Incoming resources | £778 | - |
| Outgoing resources | (£618) | - |
| Balance as at 30 June 2022 | <u>£160</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total funds | <u>£16,149</u> | <u>£9,620</u> |

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds relate to grants for contracting work and a contribution to Nofence costs

9 Trustee Remuneration, benefits and expenses

No trustees are paid any remuneration or receive any other benefits from employment with the charity.

Painswick Beacon Conservation Group
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 30th June 2022

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Income and Endowment | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Associate Member subscriptions | £450 | £520 |
| Donations | £2,439 | £4,763 |
| Grants receivable | £5,672 | £800 |
| | £8,561 | £6,083 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Tree and other maintenance activities | £360 | £480 |
| Grazing income | - | £779 |
| | £360 | £1,259 |
| Total income resources | £8,921 | £7,342 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Specific projects | | |
| Beacon signs project | - | £1,295 |
| | - | £1,295 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Repairs, fuel and spares | £531 | £193 |
| Other work party costs | £124 | - |
| Grazing and fencing costs | £603 | £1,238 |
| Contracting costs | £240 | - |
| Meeting & education costs | £50 | - |
| Training | £670 | - |
| Insurance | £161 | £689 |
| Sundry expenses | £13 | - |
| | £2,392 | £2,120 |
| Total Expenditure | £2,392 | £3,415 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | £6,529 | £3,927 |