

# TREEBOURNE

England & Wales · Charity number 1196395

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-11-03

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

## Contact

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**Address** 18 The Goffs  
Eastbourne  
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**Website** [treebourne.org](http://treebourne.org)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY - A) CULTIVATING, PLANTING AND CARING FOR TREES AND OTHER PLANTS, AND MAINTAINING THE ENVIRONMENTS IN WHICH THEY GROW, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN EASTBOURNE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS B) RAISING AWARENESS AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF TREE CULTIVATION AND PLANTING IN RELATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT C) FACILITATING, ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE CULTIVATION AND PLANTING OF TREES AND OTHER PLANTS, AND THE CONSERVATION AND REGENERATION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, BY INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATE AND INSTITUTIONAL LANDOWNERS, ON THEIR OWN LAND

**Activities:** Planting trees and other carbon capturing plants, and encouraging and enabling the planting of these, on public and private land in and around Eastbourne. Supporting others in these activities. Maintaining planted trees and enriching the environment in which they are planted. Enhancing the natural environment and biodiversity of Eastbourne by planting and greening.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- East Sussex
- West Sussex

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£121,046	£97,096	-	-
2024-03-31	£140,476	£122,665	-	-
2023-03-31	£86,106	£61,583	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Adam Rose	Chair	2021-11-03
Annabel Marriot		2022-03-07
Gareth Jones		2021-11-03
Glen Cooper		2021-11-03
Jacquie Mutter		2025-03-12
Jonathan Dow		2021-11-03

**TREEBOURNE**

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# Accounts

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The Charity Registration Number is :- 1155752

**Treebourne**  
**Report and Accounts**  
**31 March 2025**





# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From**

Period start date

01 04 2024

**To**

Period end date

31 03 2025

**Charity name**

Treebourne

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1196395

**Charity's principal address**

18 The Goffs,

Eastbourne

East Sussex

**Postcode**

**BN21 1HD**

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Adam Rose	Chair		
2	Annabel Marriot	Trustee		
3	Glen Cooper	Trustee		
4	Jonathan Dow	Trustee		
5	Gareth Jones	Trustee		
6	Jacquie Mutter	Trustee	From 12 March 2024	
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## Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

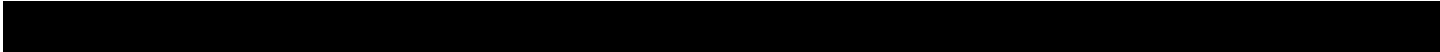
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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
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**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To promote for the public benefit the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by cultivating, planting and caring for trees and other plants, and maintaining the environments in which they grow, in particular, but not exclusively within Eastbourne and its surrounding areas. Facilitating, encouraging and supporting the cultivation and planting of trees and other plants, and the conservation and regeneration of the natural environment, by individual, corporate and institutional landowners, on their own land. Education of the public, particularly schoolchildren, on the benefits and methods of tree planting, and on tree lifecycle, cultivation and care.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The objects of the charity are as detailed in the previous section.

Treebourne registered as a CIO on 3rd November 2021 with a mission to increase Eastbourne's tree cover by 2030. Treebourne has to date made a massive contribution to the environment and communities in and around Eastbourne by planting so far, approximately 29,500 trees across 12 sites, including church sites, 1,000 street trees, 2 small new orchards and 5 wildflower areas.

As a small team, the trustees are in regular communication making joint decisions on the day-to-day running of the charity. They meet formally a minimum of four times a year to discuss the status of accounts, forward planning and strategies, ensure all charity governance is in place, plan future fundraising and grant applications and ensure existing project reporting is on track. The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The trustees all give their time freely and no remuneration to the trustees has been paid. They remain committed and focussed in working towards Treebourne's aims and objectives.

Key public benefits of our projects are summarised below:

The Greening Eastbourne Streets project, which involved planting 1,000 street trees, primarily in areas of low tree cover and high deprivation and but also in locations where trees have been lost due to Dutch elm disease and ash dieback has been of major public benefit to Eastbourne and its residents. The natural environment of the town has undoubtedly been improved and Treebourne has at the same time been able to spread the message of the long-term benefits of planting trees within the community. This project has also strengthened the existing excellent relationship with Eastbourne Borough Council and Treebourne's support in their quest to become carbon neutral by 2030. The funding for The Greening Eastbourne Streets continues to assist in the maintenance of 1,000 street trees. The maintenance element of these trees has presented a number of challenges driven mostly by the weather, as it's either been too wet, too hot or too humid causing the rapid growth of weeds along with a number of mortalities or victims of vandalism. This has resulted in the subsequent need for these losses to be replaced. Whilst difficult to monitor and maintain, Treebourne continues to ensure these challenges are assessed, managed and actioned in a timely manner.

The regeneration projects in Sevenoaks Recreation Ground and Tugwell Park that saw the planting of over 14,000 saplings that continue to thrive and have, without a doubt, massively improved these green spaces not only for the enjoyment of local residents, but equally encouraging wildlife biodiversity at the sites.

Treebourne continues to develop close working relationships with local schools, planting trees within their own grounds and also educating and nurturing all the benefits of trees. During the year to March 2025, two new projects have been undertaken with schools. One far-reaching major project with a secondary school has provided beneficial impact for all 1200 students at the school, as well as significant learning opportunities for those in the two year groups who were involved in the planting. The feedback from students, teachers and volunteers alike was so positive. The second smaller project at a primary school was similarly impactful, enriching the environment for over 600 pupils to enjoy, as

well as generating a fun learning experience and focussed educational benefit for the 90 Year 5 pupils who planted trees.

When we work with schools, we aim not just to plant trees and wildflowers, and achieve our other practical objectives, but to assist in educating the children and teaching staff about the value of planting, the many benefits of trees and nature, the lifecycle of trees, the importance of environmental stewardship and how they, by planting, can play a vital role in mitigating the effects of climate change. Treebourne volunteers were also an integral part of this project sharing their own knowledge with the students about how trees sequester carbon, prevent flooding, absorb pollution, cool buildings, and provide habitats for wildlife.

Treebourne's established educational programme, 'Seeds4Kids', is aimed at younger school children introducing them to the wonder of being outdoors, educating them about the lifecycle and importance of trees, and how to cultivate them from seed, and nurture them.

Organised Tree Care volunteer working parties run on the last Saturday of each month to ensure all projects are regularly maintained, and these sessions create opportunities for getting involved in Treebourne activities, and connecting with other like-minded volunteers, year round. The social engagement opportunity provided by the monthly sessions is not to be underestimated in its value to the community.

Treebourne remains a totally volunteer-led charity focussed on finding sites of all sizes where trees and wildflower meadows can be planted, engaging with the community at every opportunity mainly through volunteers providing practical hands-on planting, education through school's projects, social media, as well as seeking suitable funding to meet the aims and objectives of making Eastbourne green with the involvement and support of the community.

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**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

In the year to March 2025, Treebourne achieved an outstanding multi-faceted planting project with Ratton School, a local secondary school that included: over 1000 trees planted by pupils under Treebourne supervision, to create a hedge around the perimeter of the playing fields as well as an enclosed outside dining space; a hedge planted by Treebourne volunteers to reinforce the school boundary with the street; mature large 'standard' trees planted to create shade in the playground and outside dining space, as well as an avenue along the main entrance to the school; a large wildflower meadow planted in a lawn outside the school main building, that attracted significant biodiversity last summer (2025); clearing, refurbishment and fencing of an overgrown outside learning pond area, with the help of volunteers from a local company; and more. We also installed solar panels on their outdoor classroom to extend its use and teach the value of sustainable energy.

Treebourne was subsequently presented with a community excellence award by Ratton at its annual community awards ceremony, for the hugely successful collaboration.

In addition to this, a further successful tree-planting project was completed with West Rise School, a local primary school. All 90 Year 5 pupils planted at least 2 trees each, under Treebourne supervision, to create a 200-tree hedge around their forest school area. In addition, a substantial wildflower meadow was created and planted in the adjacent field, with incredible results in terms of both flowers and wildlife in the summer of 2025.

Supporting all our work, 3 small established community tree nurseries are maintained all year round, mostly by volunteers, where approximately 2,000 trees a year are grown to supply both existing and future projects.

All our tree planting projects are backed up by vital monthly Tree Care volunteer working parties. We run these on the last Saturday of each month all through the year, to ensure all sites where we plant trees are regularly maintained, by weeding, mulching, clearing debris, cutting grass and pruning or even replanting if necessary, to give our trees the best possible chances of establishing themselves, growing and thriving.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Treebourne has no explicit policy on reserves. Some reserves have been built up, and these are used to pay the administrator, cover ad-hoc core running costs, but are generally set aside for projects in the next planting season. The aim is to be able to use reserves to cover up-front costs of projects where grant funding is only paid to the charity after project completion, allowing the reserves to refill for the next season.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/A

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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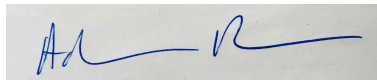
**Section F Other optional information**

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Adam Rose

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

23/01/2026

**Treebourne**  
**Independent Examiner's Report 31 March 2025**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31st March 2025, which are set out in the Receipts and Payments accounts produced by the Trustees.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention."

**Basis of Independent Examiners Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiners Report**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Yvonne O'Connor  
Director, FCCA  
O'Connor & Co  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
13 Meads Street  
Eastbourne  
East Sussex  
BN21 7QY

23rd January 2026

**Treebourne - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Endowment Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income &amp; Endowments from:</b>						
Donations & Legacies	A1		17,885	-	17,885	6,407
Charitable activities	A2		103,161	-	103,161	-
Grant Income	A4			-	-	134,069
<b>Total income</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>121,046</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>121,046</b>	<b>140,476</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	B2		97,096	-	97,096	122,666
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,096</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,096</b>	<b>122,666</b>
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>23,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,950</b>	<b>17,810</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>C</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net income after transfers</b>	<b>A-B-C</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,950</b>	<b>17,810</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>23,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,950</b>	<b>17,810</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:-</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,333</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,333</b>	<b>24,523</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>66,283</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,283</b>	<b>42,333</b>

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

**Treebourne - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	Notes	SORP Ref	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		A		
Tangible assets		A2	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>		B		
Debtors		B2	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	67,183	42,633
<b>Total current assets</b>			<u>67,183</u>	<u>42,633</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	2	C1	<u>(900)</u>	<u>(300)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			66,283	42,333
<b>The total net assets of the charity</b>			<u>66,283</u>	<u>42,333</u>

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds		D2	<u>66,283</u>	<u>42,333</u>
			66,283	42,333
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds		D3	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
			-	-
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u>66,283</u>	<u>42,333</u>

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

**Mr A Rose**  
**Chairman**  
 Approved by the board of trustees on 23rd January 2026

**TREEBOURNE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1196395

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From**

Period start date

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Period end date

01 04 2023

31 03 2024

**Charity name**

Treebourne

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

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**Charity's principal address**

18 The Goffs,

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East Sussex

**Postcode**

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## Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The objects of the charity are as detailed in the previous section.

As a small team, the trustees are in regular communication making joint decisions on the day-to-day running of the charity. They meet formally a minimum of four times a year to discuss the status of accounts, forward planning and strategies, ensure all charity governance is in place, plan future fundraising and grant applications and ensure existing project reporting is on track. The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The trustees all give their time freely and no remuneration to the trustees has been paid. They remain committed and focussed in working towards Treebourne's aims and objectives.

Treebourne registered as a CIO on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 with a mission to increase Eastbourne's tree cover by 2030. Treebourne has to date made a massive contribution to improvement of the urban environment in and around Eastbourne by planting so far, approximately 21,000 trees across 12 sites, including church and school sites, 1,000 street trees, 2 small new orchards and 3 wildflower areas.

In addition, other established projects include the 'Seeds4Kids' programme, which targets the education and encouragement of children, through schools and local groups, towards understanding the lifecycle and benefits of trees and how to cultivate and care for them.

Schools have in fact become a focal point for our activity. As significant landowners within Eastbourne, they not only provide us with an excellent opportunity to plant trees, but to engage the community and educate young people about the benefits of tree planting, and how to do it.

In addition, 3 small established community tree nurseries are maintained mostly by volunteers, where approximately 2,000 trees a year are grown to supply both existing and future projects. A surplus of trees this year resulted in a successful give-away event open to Eastbourne residents.

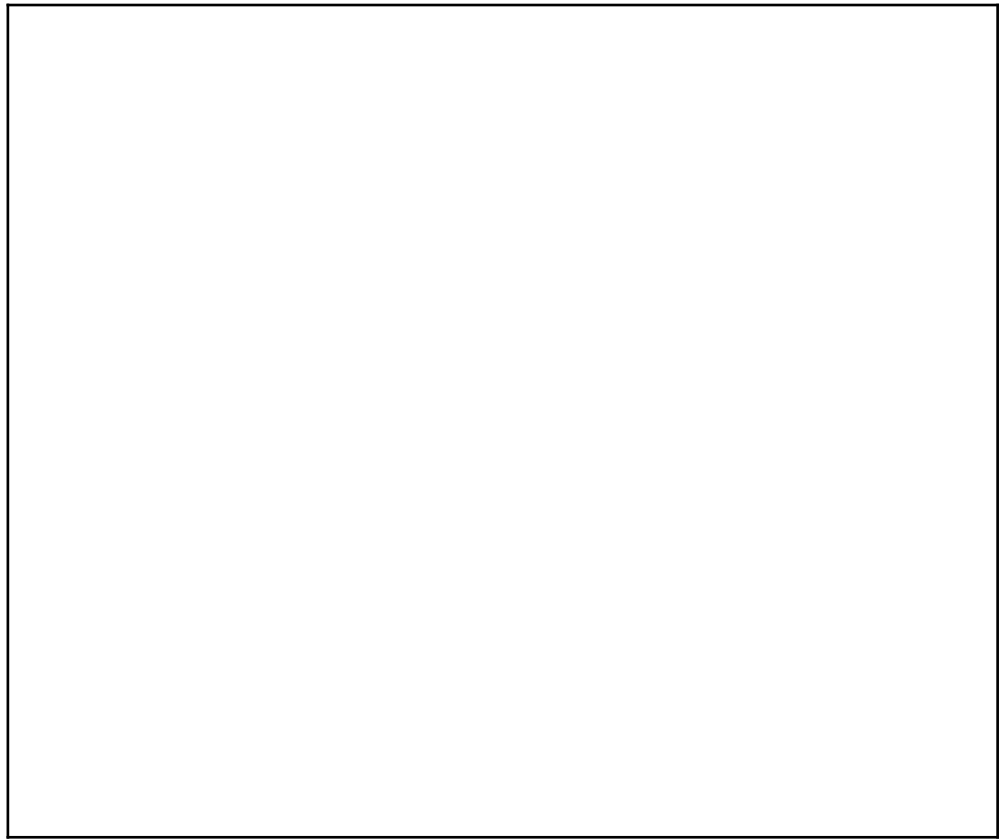
Treebourne continues to seek independent expert advice before undertaking any projects whilst maintaining its objectives and funding principles. Treebourne remains a totally volunteer-led charity focussed on finding sites of all sizes where trees and wildflower meadows can be planted, engaging with the community at every opportunity mainly through volunteers providing practical hands-on planting, education through school's projects, social media, as well as seeking suitable funding to meet the aims and objectives of making Eastbourne green with the involvement and support of the community.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

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**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Key projects in the year to March 2024 have included:

The continuation of The Greening Eastbourne Streets project which involved planting 1,000 street trees, primarily in areas of low tree cover and high deprivation and but also in locations where trees have been lost due to Dutch elm disease and ash dieback. The natural environment of the town has undoubtedly been improved and Treebourne has at the same time been able to spread the message of the long-term benefits of planting trees within the community. This project has also strengthened the existing excellent relationship with Eastbourne Borough Council and Treebourne's support in their quest to become carbon neutral by 2030. The funding for The Greening Eastbourne Streets continues to assist in the maintenance of 1,000 street trees. The maintenance element of these trees has presented a number of challenges driven mostly by the weather, as it's either been too wet, too hot or too humid causing the rapid growth of weeds along with a number of mortalities or victims of vandalism. This has resulted in the subsequent need for these losses to be replaced. Whilst difficult to monitor and maintain, Treebourne continues to ensure these challenges are assessed, managed and actioned in a timely manner.

The regeneration projects in Sevenoaks Recreation Ground and Tugwell Park that saw the planting of over 14,000 saplings that continue to thrive and have, without a doubt, massively improved these green spaces not only for the enjoyment of local residents, but equally encouraging wildlife biodiversity at the sites.

Treebourne continues to develop close working relationships with local schools, planting trees within their own grounds and also supporting education on the benefits of trees, planting processes and tree lifecycle and care. A major tree planting project was completed in January 2024 at Ocklynge Junior School in Eastbourne, the largest Junior school in Europe with over 800 pupils across years 7 to 11. With Treebourne's support, every child in the school was able to plant and mulch their own tree inside designated planting zones around the perimeter of their substantial school playing fields. Additional features such as wildflower meadows were incorporated in the project. The school engagement, through their Forest School leader, was exceptional. The planting took place over a full week, with a rota of volunteer supervisors from Treebourne, and was fully funded and coordinated by Treebourne.

Classroom curriculum activities supported the hands-on work in the field. Children were taught about the reasons for planting trees, the importance of environmental stewardship and how they can play a vital role in mitigating the effects of climate change. Treebourne volunteers were also an integral part of this project sharing their own knowledge with the students about how trees sequester carbon, prevent flooding, absorb pollution, cool buildings, and provide habitats for wildlife. A similar project is planned at another school for the 2025 planting season.

Treebourne’s established educational programme, ‘Seeds4Kids’, is aimed at younger school children introducing them to the wonder of being outdoors, educating them about the lifecycle and importance of trees, and how to cultivate them from seed, and nurture them. The programme has been running for three years, but has been scaled back and restructured for 2024/25 after lessons learned in previous years, when it grew too quickly. This is with a view to ensuring that the programme is not only scalable to multiple schools but repeatable by schools in future years, independently of Treebourne support.

Following on from the orchard planted in a local school in 2023, Treebourne supported the planting of a further orchard in 2024 within a local recreation ground, with the help of local council ward funding and community volunteers. This involved planting larger, more mature trees than has been the case on previous projects. These are more challenging to plant, but it was encouraging to see that they were already bearing fruit last summer.

A Sunday ‘Pick your own tree’ session was held earlier this year where Eastbourne residents were invited to one of the three Treebourne allotment sites to select and take home a young tree completely free of charge. All trees were native to the UK. Treebourne provided guidance and planting advice and homes were given to 100 trees.

All our tree planting projects are backed up by vital monthly Tree Care volunteer working parties. We run these on the last Saturday of each month all through the year, to ensure all sites where we plant trees are regularly maintained, by weeding, mulching, clearing debris, cutting grass and pruning or even replanting if necessary, to give our trees the best possible chances of establishing themselves, growing and thriving.

**Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves**

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**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/A

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

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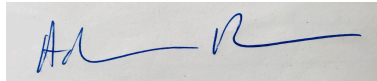
## Other optional information

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s) Adam Rose

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair

Date 20/06/2024

Treebourne		1196395		<b>CC16a</b>	
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>					
For the period from		Period start date 4/1/2023	To		Period end date 3/31/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Sussex Rural Community Council AIRS		6,500		6,500	0
Forestry Commission UTCF		127,569		127,569	71,616
Eastbourne Borough Council		240		240	3,154
Blue Heart		5,000		5,000	0
Veolia		250		250	0
The Tree Council		416		416	0
Charities Trust Donations	501			501	160
Transfer from Eastbourne Eco Action Network					9,041
John Jackson Charitable Trust					1,500
Cheque deposits					535
Sanna Mac Donation					100
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>139,975</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>140,476</b>	<b>86,106</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
					-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>139,975</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>140,476</b>	<b>86,106</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Contractor Fees		118,333		118,333	55,398
Horticultural Expenses		2,918		1,318	2,428
Marketing		800		488	1,009
Refreshments		166		166	316
Tools		449		449	2,433
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,666</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,666</b>	<b>61,584</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	0	0	-		

	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,666</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>17,309</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>17,309</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Main bank account	501	40,601	-
	Second bank account		1,231	-
	Petty cash	0	0	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>41,832</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset bel	Cost (optional)	urrent value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own u</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-



## **Treebourne Independent Examiner's Report 31 March 2024**

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The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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27 September 2024

**TREEBOURNE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1196395

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# Accounts

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<b>Trustees' Annual Report for the period</b>						
<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date	
	03	11	2021		31	03
						2023

**Charity name** Treebourne

**Other names charity is known by**  

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1196395

**Charity's principal address** 18 The Goffs,

Eastbourne

East Sussex

**Postcode** BN21 1HD

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Adam Rose	Chair		
2 Annabel Marriot	Trustee		
3 Glen Cooper	Trustee		
4 Jonathan Dow	Trustee		
5 Gareth Jones	Trustee		
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18			
19			
20			

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Foundation model
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To promote for the public benefit the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by cultivating, planting and caring for trees and other plants, and maintaining the environments in which they grow, in particular but not exclusively within Eastbourne and its surrounding areas. Facilitating, encouraging and supporting the cultivation and planting of trees and other plants, and the conservation and regeneration of the natural environment, by individual, corporate and institutional landowners, on their own land

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The objects of the charity are as detailed in the previous section.

The headline figure of planting close to 20,000 trees throughout Eastbourne since its inception in November 2021 is a fantastic achievement for Treebourne. The charity is fortunate to have developed a wealth of enthusiastic volunteer support within the community and will continue to work to increase the volunteer base across existing sites and new projects.

Key projects have included:

The Greening Eastbourne Streets project involved planting 1,000 street trees, primarily in areas of low tree cover and high deprivation, but also in locations where trees have been lost due to Dutch elm disease and ash dieback. The natural environment of the town has been improved, and Treebourne has at the same time been able to spread the message of the long-term benefits of planting trees to the community. This project has also strengthened the existing excellent relationship with Eastbourne Borough Council, and Treebourne's support in their quest to become carbon neutral by 2030. The development of a Treebourne web app has actively encouraged the community to become involved and take ownership of the ongoing tree care of the newly planted trees. The summer droughts have caused challenges where some trees perished and have required replanting.

Regeneration projects in Sevenoaks Recreation Ground and Tugwell Park saw the planting of over 14,000 saplings. Both sites are now positively changed beyond recognition as the trees become more established, massively improving these green spaces not only for the enjoyment of local residents, but equally encouraging wildlife biodiversity at the sites.

Treebourne continues to develop close working relationships with local schools, not only to plant trees within their own grounds but also to educate and nurture all the benefits of trees. An additional educational programme, 'Seeds4Kids', is aimed at younger school children introducing them to the wonder of being outdoors, educating them about the lifecycle and importance of trees, and how to cultivate them from seed, and nurture them.

Three small community tree nurseries are now established where approximately 2,000 trees a year are at various stages of growth to supply both existing and future projects.

As a small team, the trustees are in regular communication making joint decisions on the day-to-day running of the charity. They meet formally a minimum of three times a year to discuss forward planning and strategies, ensure all charity governance is in place, plan future fundraising and grant applications, and ensure existing project reporting is on track. The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

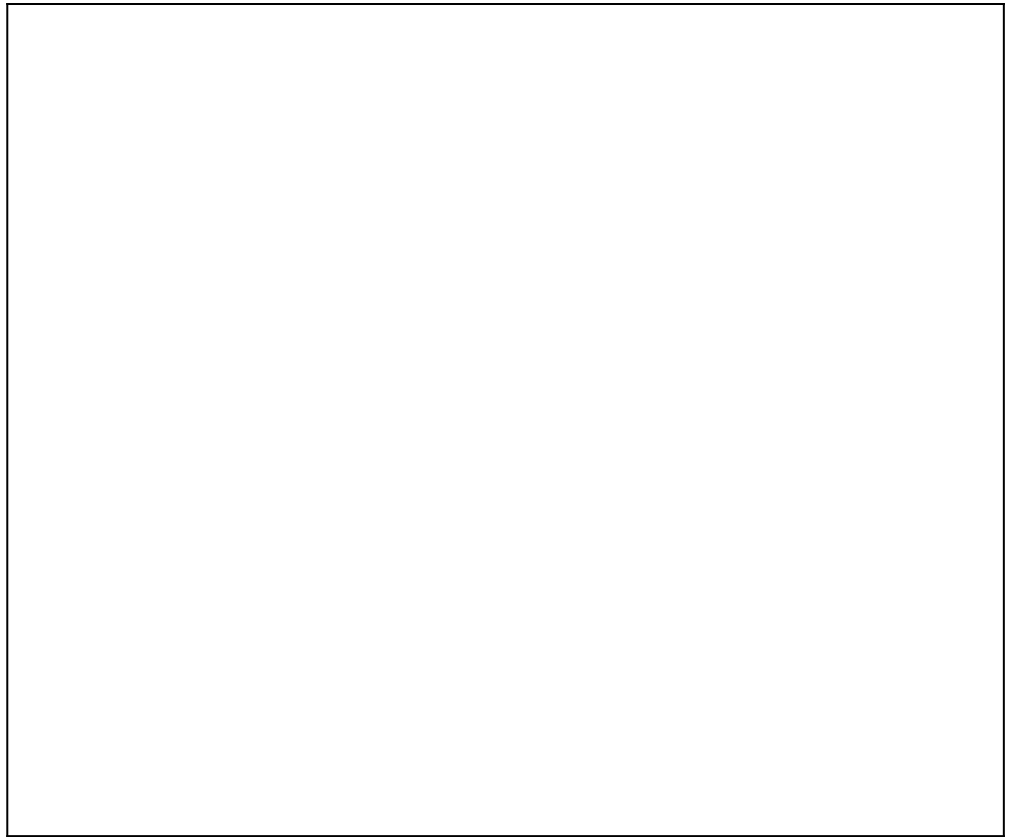
The trustees all give their time freely and no remuneration to the trustees has been paid. They remain committed and focussed in working towards Treebourne's aims and objectives.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

During its inaugural period, Treebourne remains a volunteer-led charity focussed on finding sites of all sizes where trees and wildflower meadows can be planted. Successful funding bids have enabled Treebourne to plant over 18,000 trees across 9 park and off-street sites, as well as 1,000 street trees and 3 wildflower meadows.

Three small community tree nurseries are now established where approximately 2,000 trees a year are at various stages of growth to supply both existing and future projects.

Excellent relationships are being forged with communities within the borough including the enrolment of volunteers to regularly maintain all the project sites. This has included establishing Street Tree Champions to specifically care for 1,000 Street Trees planted throughout Eastbourne. The effective introduction of a web app has actively encouraged the community to become involved and take ownership of the ongoing tree care of these newly planted trees.

Other successful projects include the Seeds4Kids programme, which targets the education and encouragement of children, through schools and local groups, towards understanding the lifecycle and benefits of trees, and how to cultivate and care for them.

Since its foundation, Treebourne has worked hard to develop and foster a close collaborative partnership with Eastbourne Borough Council. This has been instrumental in helping the charity find appropriate locations and funding for new tree-planting projects that maximise the capture of CO2 emissions, enhance biodiversity, improve the natural environment and ultimately turn Eastbourne green.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Treebourne has no explicit policy on reserves. Some reserves have been built up, and these are used to pay the administrator, cover ad-hoc running costs, but are generally set aside for projects in the next planting season. The aim is to be able to use reserves to cover up-front costs of projects where grant funding is only paid to the charity after project completion, allowing the reserves to refill for the next season.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/A

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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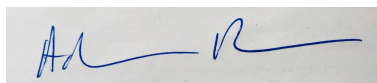
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F Other optional information**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Adam Rose

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

1 November 2023

Treebourne		1196395		
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	Period start date 03/11/2021	To	Period end date 31/03/2023	<b>CC16a</b>

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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Cheque deposits	535			535	-
Sanna Mac Donation	100			100	-
UTCF Funding		71,616		71,616	-
Charities Trust Donations	160			160	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>9,836</b>	<b>76,270</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86,106</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
					-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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Refreshments		316			-
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Marketing		1,009			-
Contractor Fees		55,398			-
Tools		2,433			-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61,583</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61,583</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	0	0	-		-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>





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