

	Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
		01	04	2023		31	03	2024

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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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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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. 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.

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 3rd 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)

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

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

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

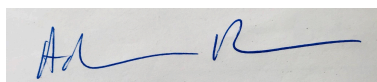
Other optional information

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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

20/06/2024

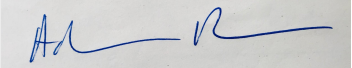
	Treebourne		1196395			
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	Period start date		Period end date			
	For the period from	4/1/2023	To	3/31/2024	CC16a	
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Receipts						
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	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	501	139,975	0	140,476	86,106	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	501	139,975	0	140,476	86,106	
A3 Payments						
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	
Sub total	0	122,666	0	122,666	61,584	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	0	0	-			

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

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

Categories		Details		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
				to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Main bank account			501		40,601		-	
	Second bank account					1,231		-	
	Petty cash			0		0		-	
	Total cash funds		501		41,832		-		
		(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK		OK		OK	
				Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Endowment funds	
		Details		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets				-		-		-	
				-		-		-	
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		Details		Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)	
B3 Investment assets						-		-	
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		Details		Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use								-	
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B5 Liabilities	Details	to which liability re	nount due (optiona	/hen due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trust	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Adam Rose	20/06/2024	

Treebourne
Independent Examiner's Report 31 March 2024

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31st March 2024, 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.



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27 September 2024