

The Charity Registration Number is :- 1155752

Treebourne
Report and Accounts
31 March 2025



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

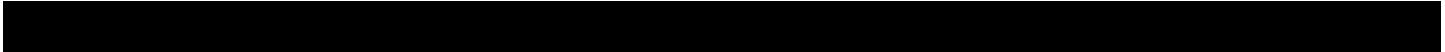
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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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.

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.

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.

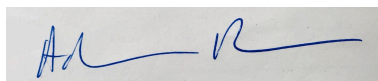
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Other optional information

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

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
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23rd January 2026

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

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

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

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