



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Goring Gap Environmental Organisation
Other names charity is known by	GGEO
Registered charity number (if any)	1197496
Charity's principal address	Rest Harrow Cleeve Road Goring on Thames, Reading Postcode RG8 9BH

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	John Dart Rogers	N/A	N/A Active whole year	N/A
2	Ellen Moran	N/A	N/A Active whole year	N/A
3	Ronald Stanley Bridle	N/A	N/A Active whole year	N/A
4	Catherine Salzedo	Treasurer	01.10.2024 onwards	N/A
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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
N/A	

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO – Charitable incorporated organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by 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.

Risk management – the trustees monitor and review the risks facing the charity regularly.

Conflicts of interest policy – conflicts are declared at each meeting

Section C Objectives and activities

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

For the public benefit in the area known as the "Goring Gap" (primarily in and around the adjacent villages of Goring-on-Thames in Oxfordshire and Streatley-on-Thames in Berkshire), to: 1. Promote the conservation of flora, fauna and the environment generally; and 2. Advance education of the public in relation to such conservation.

The trustees confirm that they have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and consider each period how it meets the public benefit objectives. They are satisfied that the charity meets the requirements in this respect.

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)

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

During 2024, trustees and a range of GGEO volunteers on different assignments and projects were active throughout the year and these are summarised below:

Water Quality Monitoring of the River Thames

A 20-week citizen science study to measure the quantity of 2 faecal bacteria pollution known to be harmful to human health, namely *E. Coli* and *Intestinal Enterococci*.

Twenty volunteers were trained in the technique of how to collect water samples using a specially designed aseptic protocol using a telescopic pole attached to a stainless-steel collecting vessel to fill sterilised bottles. Samples were taken every week between May and September from 4 different locations along the Thames in the Goring Gap and were analysed by a registered microbiology laboratory. The results were recorded and statistically analysed, along with weather and river conditions, to form conclusions as to how to identify sources of the pollution and what needs to be done to reduce the problem. A summary of this study can be viewed on GGEO's website: [ggeo.online](https://ggeo.org.uk)

Invasive Species Control

Several teams of volunteers were trained and equipped to identify and remove Britain's most invasive, non-native plant species, Himalayan balsam. Over several weeks teams pulled up over 4,500 plants before they seeded from three wooded islands in the Thames known to be a source of much of the plants downstream. It was agreed that this should be an annual activity and will be repeated and expanded in 2025 to try to keep the spread of this plant under control. A summary of this 2024 study can be viewed on GGEO's website: [ggeo.online](https://ggeo.org.uk)

Development of a Repair Cafe service

A local Goring Repair Cafe service was initiated in April 2023 by a GGEO volunteer with the view that our charity would adopt the project once it had become established, was working well and had become a worthwhile free and sustainable service for the benefit of the community and reduced carbon emissions at a meaningful level.

See the [Goring Repair Cafe website](https://ggeo.org.uk). This service has proved popular and self-funding through voluntary donations and was adopted as a GGEO project in October 2024.

Organisation of a public sustainability event (The Great Big Green Day)

GGEO set up an environmental event for a day as part of a large, 10-day community festival. This was achieved in collaboration with several other local groups on 9 June 2024 and GGEO's events within this day included providing education on the decline of swifts in the UK and the opportunity for families to assemble their own swift box to take home and put it up in a suitable place on their house. GGEO provided 24 nest box kits and a carpenter with a work bench for the family to help increase the number of local nesting sites in the community for years to come.

At the GGEO stand on the Rectory Garden in the village centre GGEO also provided 2 cycle mechanics to repair people's unused bicycles to increase the number of trips on bicycles rather than by car and reduce carbon emissions. GGEO also input into the main event of the day, an environmental conference on sustainable food production.

Increasing Awareness of GGEO and Environmental Issues

A number of environmental articles were written and published by GGEO in the Goring Gap News to increase awareness of the organisation and

local environmental issues and build up educational content about these. There were editorial articles in 7 of the 12 monthly issues of the Goring Gap news totalling 9 pages, most being full page reports.

Representing GGEO in Parish assemblies and other community meetings

GGEO trustees attended all the main meetings in Goring & Streatley with an exhibition stand where there was an opportunity to promote awareness of the charity and the work and projects it undertakes.

Activities in Environmental Training Workshops with Thames21, Wild Oxfordshire and the Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre's Spring and Autumn Conferences.

Development of the GGEO charity and its website

During the year several candidates were interviewed to increase the number and strength of GGEO trustees and work continued to improve its website.

Meetings with other environmental organisations

GGEO met with members of other environmental and sustainability groups throughout the year to discuss possible collaborations in projects of mutual interest to extend the reach of our activities.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to ensure the charity can continue to operate for a one year period plus and an additional amount to provide start up funding for new projects in the year. The trustees believe that this policy is a prudent approach to take account of the charity being relatively new with projects and funding streams being more volatile than for longer established charities. The policy is reviewed annually. Based on this approach, the target reserves are £5,000 consisting of £3,000 to cover annual expenses and £2,000 to fund new project development. The charity currently has sufficient cash to cover the target reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable. The charity has no deficits and accounts are no prepared on an accruals basis/

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.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Catherine Salzedo

Full name(s)

CATHERINE SALZEDO

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TREASURER

Date

18/09/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Goring Gap Environmental Organisation

No (if any)
1197496

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.01.2024	To	Period end date 31.12.2024
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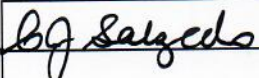
Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, legacies, grants	-	11,880	-	11,880	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	11,880	-	11,880	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	11,880	-	11,880	-
A3 Payments					
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Professional fees	-	594	-	594	56
Advertising and promotion	-	-	-	-	223
Telephone, internet and postage	-	817	-	817	-
Miscellaneous	-	109	-	109	74
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	1,520	-	1,520	353
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	1,520	-	1,520	353
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	10,360	-	10,360	353
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	1,780	-	1,780	2,133
Cash funds this year end	-	12,140	-	12,140	1,780

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 £
B1 Cash funds			12,140	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	12,140	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
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B5 Liabilities				
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	CATHERINE SALZEDO	18/09/2025