



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (2022-23)

Charity name: Conservation Optimism

Registration number: 1198033

Address:

The Garden Cottage, Park Corner, Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames, RG96DR

Trustees:

- Professor Eleanor Jane Milner-Gulland, MA PhD (Chair)
- Dr Caleb Ofori-Boateng (Trustee)
- Dr Michael Burgass (Trustee)
- Savita Willmott (Trustee)

Activities and objectives:

Conservation Optimism shares positive stories about conservation to inspire hope, highlight effective action, and support people to act for nature. Its charitable objectives are to enhance the awareness of the public of the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, primarily through increasing individual and collective knowledge and understanding of the environmental challenges the planet is currently facing through outreach, highlighting the ways that everyone can make a difference, and supporting conservationists and the public to feel hope and empowerment to conserve the physical and natural environment.

Conservation Optimism's main activities include the production and distribution of educational resources and training programmes relating to conservation and positive communication, online outreach about progress in conservation conducted via social media, blogs and podcasts, and the organisation of in-person events for conservationists and the general public including film festivals and summits. You can find more information about our activities at www.conservationoptimism.org



Structure and management:

Conservation Optimism began as an outreach programme at the University of Oxford in 2016, founded by Professor EJ Milner-Gulland. The first Conservation Optimism summit took place in 2017, and following a groundswell of support on social media and in the conservation community, another summit took place in 2019. Conservation Optimism became a Registered Charity in England (1198033) in 2022.

Conservation Optimism has four Trustees, as well as a strategic advisory group. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. 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 CIO.

Day-to-day activities are undertaken by the Director and a part-time project assistant based at the University of Oxford, who coordinate and collaborate with over 30 volunteers worldwide. While the charity's main activities are based in the UK, three Conservation Optimism "hubs" have been established by volunteers in Ghana, Pakistan and India to carry out conservation-related outreach activities in those countries.

Conservation Optimism has received funding from the Whitley Fund for Nature and Synchronicity Earth, and is currently still largely supported by the University of Oxford. This support includes hosting the contracts for a director and part-time project assistant.

Activities, achievements and performance:

For more information about Conservation Optimism's activity, achievements and performance in 2022 and previous years, you can consult our annual reports on our website at the following link: <https://conservationoptimism.org/annual-reports/>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Conservation Optimism CIO

Charity Number

1198033

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

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 and Legacies	60	10,000	-	10,060	-
Other Income	3	-	-	3	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	63	10,000	-	10,063	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63	10,000	-	10,063	-
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	20	-	-	20	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20	-	-	20	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20	-	-	20	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	43	10,000	-	10,043	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	43	10,000	-	10,043	-

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	Cash at bank and in hand	43	10,000	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	43	10,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	