

# THE WOLDS AND RIVERBANK COUNTRYSIDE SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1200339

## Details

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**Other names** WARCS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-09-12

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO:(1) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN 'THE AREA OF BENEFIT' INCLUDING BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.(2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.THE AREA OF BENEFIT IS FOUR TEN-KILOMETRE SQUARES FROM OS GRID REFERENCE SE800400 TO 800200. SOUTH OF A LINE DRAWN FROM HOLME ON SPALDING MOOR TO BISHOP BURTON. THIS WILL NOT EXCLUDE CIO EVENTS TAKING PLACE OUTSIDE THAT AREA. THERE IS NO GEOGRAPHICAL LIMIT UPON MEMBERSHIP OF THE CIO.

**Activities:** Promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in our area including by promoting biological diversity and advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.This is done by maintaining the woodland and meadow owned and holding talks and other events

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Recreation

## Geography

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- East Riding Of Yorkshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£2,396	£2,338	-	-
2024-04-30	£2,661	£1,528	-	-
2023-04-30	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID RUSSELL	Chair	2022-09-06
COLEEN GILL		2022-09-06
Cathryn Jane Thompson		2022-09-06
John Goodman		2022-09-06
Lesley Farrar		2022-09-06
Michael Hewson		2022-09-06
Neil Smailes		2022-09-06
Nicola Kirk		2022-09-06
Paul William Tatton		2022-09-06

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**Trustees Annual Report**  
**Year ended 30 April 2025**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Working name:** WARCS

**Principal address:** Correspondance should be addressed to WARCS care of:  
25 Park Road, Welton, Brough HU15 1NW

**Trustees:** The Trustees throughout the period [unless otherwise stated] are as follows: Appointed to

<b>Chair</b>	Dave Russell	31.05.25
<b>Vice-chair</b>	Tony Clarke	31.05.26
<b>Secretary</b>	Rosemary Roach [resigned 03.10.23]	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Tatton	31.05.27
	Coleen Gill	31.05.27
	Lesley Farrar	31.05.27
	John Goodman	31.05.25
	Mike Hewson	31.05.25
	Nicola Kirk [Secretary from 07.11.23 to 04.06.24]	31.05.25
	Neil Smales	31.05.27
	Jane Thompson	31.05.25

The above were all first Trustees of WARCS upon its creation as a CIO.  
Tony Clarke has indicated that he will resign as a Trustee with effect from the 16 May 2025. A resolution to reappoint Dave Russell, Nicola Kirk, John Goodman, Mike Hewson and Jane Thompson was passed at the AGM on 16 May 2025. Other applications will still be welcomed and there are several vacancies for Trustees or any other persons wishing to volunteer and support our work.

Sam Hartwell joined as Secretary, but not as a Trustee, on 02.07.24 but resigned on 01.10.24. The position of Secretary remains vacant

**Bankers** HSBC Bank  
3-4 Jameson Street, Hull HU1 3JX

**Independent examiner** Judith Westerby

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing Document and Governing Body**  
WARCS is a charity governed by its Constitution which was adopted on 6 September 2022 and is registered with the Charity Commission  
WARCS is governed by Trustees who act together as a management committee. It is their responsibility to ensure appropriate governance and manage the charity in line with its objects.

**Appointment of Trustees**  
Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution. There must be no more than thirteen Trustees and no less than three. Trustees are appointed for three years and may stand for reelection at the AGM immediately before their office ends. When a vacancy exists the Trustees may co-opt additional Trustees.  
The Trustees are always pleased to welcome anyone to the team who can use their skills and experience whether they become a Trustee or not. Please contact any of the Trustees if you feel you could contribute in some way. Volunteers and Trustees only need to contribute a few hours a month on average.

**OBJECTIVES**

The **objects** of the charity are to:  
[1] promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in 'the area of benefit' including by promoting biological diversity;  
[2] advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

The **area of benefit** is four ten-kilometre squares from OS grid reference SE800400 to 800200. south of a line drawn from Holme on Spalding Moor to Bishop Burton. This will not exclude CIO events taking place outside that area. There is no geographical limit upon membership of the CIO.

The Society shall not distribute profits and shall apply all of its income to the furtherance of the objectives above. Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable.

Dave Russell, Chair

Paul Tatton, Treasurer

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Objectives continued**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty, under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to the guidance on **public benefit** issued by the Charity Commission. A public benefit is created by providing information and education for people in our area and a resource where they can enjoy a natural environment together with the physical and mental welfare benefits that brings.

**History**

WARCS began as an unincorporated group of people [the Society] interested in wildlife and caring for the countryside whose first meeting was on 3 May 1996. This evolved into regular monthly meetings, usually with talks on a variety of topics.

In April 2023 the committee of the Society determined to transfer all the activities, assets and liabilities of the society to WARCS, in accordance with the decision of the members at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 24 June 2022, with effect from 1 May 2023.

**2025 Achievements**

WARCS continued to maintain and develop the reserve on Brantingham Road, Elloughton, with several working parties to keep the woods tidy, maintain the paths and add new plants to the wild flower meadow. We also spent time improving the local area by litter picking.

WARCS held eight talks open to members and non-members on a wide variety of subjects, mostly with local connections. We were also able to arrange a bat evening in the Reserve and two walks around the Reserve with a woodland expert, John Killingbeck. We also held our traditional Christmas Quiz.

The Trustees would like in particular to thank John Goodman and Paul Tatton for their particular efforts in maintaining the Reserve and growing the wild flowers for planting.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial regulations**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with Charity Commission Guidance. The Accounting Policies applied are set out in Note 1 to the Financial statements and comply with WARCS' constitution.

**Financial Results**

The results for 2025/24 were satisfactory with a small surplus of £58 [2024/23: surplus £1,133] resulting in our monetary assets increasing to £5,171 [2024/23: £5,113]. The deficit was partly due to lower membership numbers and higher expenses for the Reserve compared to previous years. This illustrates how tight our finances are.

The Trustees recognise that they needed to build up funds to ensure that the work of WARCS, in particular the maintainance of the Reserve, can continue if income fell significantly in the future giving the Trustees time to find new funding without the condition of the Reserve deteriorating. The Trustees target is to hold £6,000, so we are still short of this.

We have been fortunate to continue to be supported through a grant from Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council. In 2023/24 we were especially indebted to Tony Clarke, one of our Trustees, who made a significant donation which accounted for most of the surplus.

All funds held are for the unrestricted use of WARCS. There are no Restricted funds.  
WARCS now has around 50 members.

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCOUNTS**

Charity law requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair picture of the transactions that have occurred in relation to the charity. The Trustees have prepared their accounts on the Receipts and Payments basis which is an acceptable format for a charity which is not a company and income below £250,000.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of WARCS and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of WARCS and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 3 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Dave Russell, Chair



Paul Tatton, Treasurer

**The Wolds And Riverbank Countryside Society [WARCS] [Registered Charity number 12003]**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of The wolds And Riverbank Countryside Society**

I report on the accounts of The Wolds And Riverbank Countryside Society for the year ended 30 April 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 [the **Charities Act**] and that an independent examination is not required but is desirable.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act; and;
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a 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 I do not express an opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

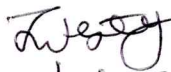
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with sections 130 and 131 of the Charities Act;
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;have not been met.

- (2) No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Judith Westerby

Date:

  
9/6/25

**The Wolds And Riverbank Countryside Society [WARCS] [Registered Charity number 1200339]**

**Income & Expenditure report  
Year ended 30 April 2025**

	2025	2024
Notes	Unrestricted Funds & Total £	Unrestricted Funds & Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Membership Fees	690	734
Monthly meetings	437	470
Grants	500	500
Donations	769	862
Other	95	95
	<u>2,396</u>	<u>2,661</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Room Hire	443	443
Speakers fees	230	80
Insurance	438	424
Reserve expenses	970	341
Professional Fees		
Other	257	240
	<u>2,338</u>	<u>1,528</u>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,133</b>
Cash & Bank balances brought forward	5,113	3,980
<b>Cash &amp; Bank balances carried forward</b>	<b><u>5,171</u></b>	<b><u>5,113</u></b>



**The Wolds And Riverbank Countryside Society [WARCS] [Registered Charity number 1200339]**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, in line with the Charity Commission guidance for a charity of this size.

**Land**

WARCS owns a piece of land at the edge of Elloughton along the Brantingham Road, referred to as the Reserve and is made up of the Woods and the Meadow. No value is placed on it as it cannot be disposed of by the WARCS except in exceptional conditions and then only in order to meet its charitable objectives. Consequently no value is played on it.

**Equipment**

Equipment acquired by WARCS is only shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities where it is in regular use, has a life-span over one year and costs more than £100.

**2 GRANTS RECEIVED**

All grants received were unrestricted

	2025	2024
	£	£
Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council	500	500
	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

**3 STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES REMUNERATION**

No staff were employed during the year

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year.

Trustees were reimbursed for directly incurred expenses on behalf of WARCS. No Trustees were reimbursed for any travel expenses during the year.

**4 FUNDS**

	At 1 May 2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	At 30 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	5,113	2,396	(2,338)	-	5,171
Discretionary Funds:	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>5,113</u>	<u>2,396</u>	<u>(2,338)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,171</u>
Restricted Funds:	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>5,113</u>	<u>2,396</u>	<u>(2,338)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,171</u>

**5 TAXATION**

In accordance with Paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010, WARCS is a charity for tax purposes and is generally exempt from Income tax and Capital Gains Tax, but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

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**Independent examiner** Judith Westerby

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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**History**

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The Trustees would like in particular to thank John Goodman and Paul Tatton for their particular efforts in maintaining the Reserve and growing the wild flowers for planting. They would also like to give very special thanks to **Rosemary Roach** who reluctantly decided to retire during the year as a Trustee after many years as a committee member and Secretary of WARCS.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial regulations**

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The results for 2023/24 were satisfactory with a net surplus of £1,133 [2022/23: deficit £4,172] resulting in our monetary assets increasing to £5,113 [2022/23: £3,980]. The Trustees recognise that they needed to build up funds to ensure that the work of WARCS, in particular the maintainance of the Reserve, can continue if income fell significantly in the future giving the Trustees time to find new funding without the condition of the Reserve deteriorating. The Trustees target is to hold £6,000, so we are still short of this.

In 2023/24 we were especially indebted to Tony Clarke, one of our Trustees, who made a significant donation which accounted for most of the surplus. We were also fortunate to continue to be supported through a grant from Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council. Our result was also better than the previous financial year as we did not have to spend over £2,000 on the Reserve. 2022/23 was also adversely affected by the professional fees incurred but those were one-off cost to secure the future of WARCS and will not need to be repeated.

All funds held are for the unrestricted use of WARCS. There are no Restricted funds. WARCS has around 75 members.

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCOUNTS**

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Approved by the Trustees on 4 June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Dave Russell, Chair



Paul Tatton, Treasurer

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of The wolds And Riverbank Countryside Society**

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It is my responsibility to:

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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

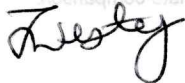
**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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**Independent examiner's statement**

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Judith Westerby

Date: 2/5/24

**The Wolds And Riverbank Countryside Society [WARCS] [Registered Charity number 1200339]**

**Income & Expenditure report  
Year ended 30 April 2024**

	2024	2023
Notes	Unrestricted Funds & Total £	Unrestricted Funds & Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Membership Fees	734	324
Monthly meetings	470	447
Grants	2 500	1,000
Donations	862	-
Other	95	20
	<u>2,661</u>	<u>1,791</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Room Hire	443	377
Speakers fees	80	170
Insurance	424	421
Reserve expenses	341	2,660
Professional Fees		2,171
Other	240	164
	<u>1,528</u>	<u>5,963</u>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>( 4,172)</b>
Cash & Bank balances brought forward	3,980	8,152
<b>Cash &amp; Bank balances carried forward</b>	<u><b>5,113</b></u>	<u><b>3,980</b></u>

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**The Wolds And Riverbank Countryside Society [WARCS] [Registered Charity number 1200339]**



**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**Year ended 30 April 2024**

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	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>			
Current account		5,067	3,905
Cash		46	75
<b>Total &amp; Unrestricted Funds</b>		<b>5,113</b>	<b>3,980</b>
<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Land		-	-
Equipment		-	-
<b>Debtors</b>			
Other amounts receivable		-	-
<b>Creditors</b>			
Prepaid Membership Fees		-	-
Other amounts payable		-	-

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These Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 4 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by

	Dave Russell, Chair
	Paul Tatton, Treasurer

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**Year ended 30 April 2024**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of accounting**

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**Equipment**

Equipment acquired by WARCS is only shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities where it is in regular use, has a life-span over one year and costs more than £100.

**2 GRANTS RECEIVED**

All grants received were unrestricted

Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council

	2024	2023
	£	£
	500	1,000
	<u>500</u>	<u>1,000</u>

**3 STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES REMUNERATION**

No staff were employed during the year

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year.

Trustees were reimbursed for directly incurred expenses on behalf of WARCS. No Trustees were reimbursed for any travel expenses during the year.

**4 FUNDS**

	At 1 May 2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	3,980	2,661	( 1,528)	-	5,113
Discretionary Funds:	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>3,980</b>	<b>2,661</b>	<b>( 1,528)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,113</b>
Restricted Funds:	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>3,980</b>	<b>2,661</b>	<b>( 1,528)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,113</b>

**5 TAXATION**

In accordance with Paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010, WARCS is a charity for tax purposes and is generally exempt from Income tax and Capital Gains Tax, but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1200339

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# Accounts

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## **THE WOLDS AND RIVERBANK COUNTRYSIDE SOCIETY**

### **Annual Report 2023**

The Wolds And Riverbank Countryside Society [**WARCS**] is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation [**CIO**], a form of charity which is overseen by the Charity Commission for England & Wales. Our Charity number is 1200339 and we are run by the Trustees who are all unpaid volunteers.

The objects of the CIO are to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in 'the area of benefit' including by promoting biological diversity and to advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.

Our area of benefit is four ten-kilometre squares from OS grid reference SE800400 to 800200, south of a line drawn from Holme on Spalding Moor to Bishop Burton. This does not exclude CIO events taking place outside the area and there is no geographical limit upon membership of the CIO.

The Society cannot distribute profits and must use all of its income to the furtherance of the objectives above.

We fulfil a public benefit by providing information and education for people in our area and a resource where they can enjoy a natural environment together with the physical and mental welfare benefits that brings.

WARCS began as an unincorporated group of people [the **Society**] interested in wildlife and caring for the countryside whose first meeting was on 3 May 1996. This evolved into regular monthly meetings, usually with talks on a variety of topics.

In 2005 the opportunity arose to acquire, with support from Enventure Northern Limited and Elloughton-cum-Brough Town Council, a piece of woodland on the edge of Brough situated next to the Hull Ionian's ground. In 2014 a further piece of land adjacent to the woodland was acquired and then managed as a wildflower meadow. These two areas constitute our Reserve.

### **2023 Achievements**

In April 2023 the committee of the Society determined to transfer all the activities, assets and liabilities of the society to WARCS, in accordance with the decision of the members at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 24 June 2022, with effect from 1 May 2023.

During the year we held 8 talks for members and non-members on a wide variety of topics as well as maintaining the Reserve, planting around 1,000 wild flowers grown from seed, and helping keep the general area tidy.

### **Financial Results**

As the activities, assets and liabilities were not transferred until 1 May 2023 WARCS [as a CIO] did not have any income or expenditure. However the Society did with income of £1,791, routine expenditure of £3,792 and professional fees in connection with the transfer of land of £2,171. This resulted in a net deficit of £4,172 and left net funds of £3,980. Subsequently membership subscriptions have been increased.

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**Trustees**

The Trustees are all unpaid and are elected by rotation, usually for a three year period. Trustees meet regularly, usually monthly.

Below is a list of Trustees and Officers throughout the year up till February 2024:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>How appointed</b>
Dave Russell	Chair	Full period	First Trustee to 31.05.25
Tony Clarke	Vice-Chair	Full period. Tony's appointment was until 30 May 2023 and he was reappointed at the AGM in May 2023.	First Trustee to 31.05.23
Rosemary Roach	Secretary	Full period. Rosemary's appointment was until 30 May 2023 and she was reappointed at the AGM in May 2023 but subsequently decided to resign for personal reasons on 3 October 2023.	First Trustee to 31.05.23
Paul Tatton	Treasurer	Full period	First Trustee to 31.05.24
John Goodman	Trustee	Full period	First Trustee to 31.05.25
Jane Thompson	Trustee	Full period	First Trustee to 31.05.25
Mike Hewson	Trustee	Full period	First Trustee to 31.05.25
Nicola Bryant	Trustee Secretary from November 2023	Full period	First Trustee to 31.05.25
Lesley Farrar	Trustee	Full period	First Trustee to 31.05.24
Neil Smailes	Trustee	Full period	First Trustee to 31.05.24
Coleen Gill	Trustee	Full period	First Trustee to 31.05.24

First Trustees are those appointed when the CIO was initially created.

The Trustees are always keen to add to the team who try to make sure that the Hall is operating smoothly through using their skills and experience whether they become a Trustee

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or not. Especially useful would be anyone with social media, IT or people skills. Please contact any of the Trustees if you feel you could contribute in some way.

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**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**Accounts for Year ended 30 April 2023**

£	Unincorporated	CIO
	Group	
	2022/23	2022/23
<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership	324	-
Grants Received	1,000	-
Other income	467	-
Total Income	1,791	-
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Reserve expenses	( 2,660)	-
Insurances	( 421)	-
Room Hire	( 377)	-
Other Routine	( 334)	-
Routine expenditure	( 3,792)	-
Professional Fees	( 2,171)	-
Other		-
Total Expenditure	( 5,963)	-
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>( 4,172)</b>	-
<b>CASH &amp; BANK</b>		
Land	-	-
Equipment	-	-
Cash & Bank	3,980	-
<b>Net Cash &amp; Bank</b>	<b>3,980</b>	-
Funds Brought Forward	8,152	-
Net Income/(Expenditure)	( 4,172)	-
Funds Carried Forward	<b>3,980</b>	-

**Notes**

On 12 September 2022 a Charitable Incorporated Organisation [the CIO] called The Wolds And Riverbank Countryside Society was registered with the Charity Commission. Subsequently the unincorporated society known as The Wolds And Riverbank Countryside Society [the Society] transferred all its activities, assets and liabilities to the CIO with effect from 1 May 2023. The assets comprised land, equipment , cash and bank accounts.

The results for the Society have been shown solely for information and transparency.

As the activities, assets and liabilities were not transferred until 1 May 2023, there was no income or expenditure in the CIO for the period ended 30 April 2023

**Assets & Liabilities**

The land owned by the Society is held for the purpose of meeting the Society's objectives and its use cannot be changed without the agreement of its members and the Charity Commission. Therefore it has no financial value.

The Society equipment is estimated to have no financial value

There were no outstanding liabilities of the Society as at the 30 April 2023

Prepared by Paul Tatton [Treasurer] 1 May 2023