

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day09	Month11	Year2022		28	Month02	Year2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Forest of Selwood
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1200944
Charity's principal address	4 Fair View
	North Brewham
	Bruton, somerset
	Postcode BA10 0JT

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	Jill Butler	Chair		
2	James Coward	Treasurer		
3	Patricia Stainton			
4	Simon Nash			
5	Ewan Jones			
6	Lulu Urquhart			
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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

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)	Charitable incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at AGM

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.

Suitable policies have been adopted and are reviewed annually.

The Charity holds the membership details of the Forest of Selwood Facilitation Group, according to its Data Protection and Information Management policies. It also provides banking and insurance for the Group.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

Forest of Selwood is set up to achieve the following charitable objects:

- To promote the conservation of the natural and physical environment of the Forest of Selwood and its surroundings and to educate the public in its heritage.
- To advance the education and awareness of the Forest of Selwood community and the public in the principles of biodiversity conservation and sustainability.

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 charity has offered a range of educational events, including a talk of hazel dormice, a farm walk led by species re-introduction expert Derek Gow, and an introduction to biodiversity net gain meeting for landowners.

The charity also submitted an unsuccessful bid for the DEFRA Landscape Recovery Scheme, working with local landowners.

The land owned by the charity (Long Ham Meadow) has continued to be managed for biodiversity and conservation with help from local volunteers and a grant from Natural England. Surveys have continued to be undertaken. A bid has been made for a floodplain connection grant from Bristol Avon Rivers Trust.

The charity has been involved in a dormouse project funded by Natural England, which has involved working with land owners.

The Charity brings together a wide range of partner organisations involved in conservation work in the area, three times a year. This is to promote cooperation towards achieving the aims and objectives of FoS.

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.

A local volunteer Warden is building a team volunteer to undertake conservation and educational activities at Long Ham Meadow.

To date these have included ecological surveys, camera monitoring of wildlife, and removal of invasive Himalayan Balsam.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity has strengthened relationships and built credibility with local landowners, and with aligned organisations such as The National Trust, Natural England, and the Environment Agency's Heart of Wessex programme.

The charity is developing a strategic plan to develop the aims and objectives of the organisation.

The charity has started an ongoing process to strengthen governance to ensure the charity can continue to thrive in the future.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Sufficient reserves are held in a general fund to ensure the running costs can be met as they fall due.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

The charity has received two grants from Natural England for specific projects. Firstly for work at our Longham site and secondly for a dormouse project.

A loan has been made from a trustee, this was necessary to repay the original loan used to finance the purchase of the land.

Further bids for grant funding are in progress.

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)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

**FOREST OF SELWOOD
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 9 NOVEMBER 2022 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2024**

Forest of Selwood
Unaudited Financial Statements
For the Period 9 November 2022 to 28 February 2024

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**Forest of Selwood
Charity Information
For the Period 9 November 2022 to 28 February 2024**

Trustees

Mr James Coward
Mrs Jill Butler
Dr Ewan Jones
Mrs Patricia Stainton
Mrs Lulu Urquhart
Mr Simon Nash

Charity Number

1200944

Registered Office

4 Fair View
North Brewham
Bruton
Somerset
BA10 0JT

Accountants

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**Forest of Selwood
Accountant's Report
For the Period 9 November 2022 to 28 February 2024**

In accordance with the engagement letter dated , and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the financial statements of the company from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the directors in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken to prepare for approval by the directors the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, to report to the directors that we have done so, and to state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's directors for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at period ended 28 February 2024 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Signed



Date 29 April 2024
James Coward FCA
4 Fair View
North Brewham
Bruton
Somerset
BA10 0JT

Forest of Selwood
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Period 9 November 2022 to 28 February 2024

	28 February 2024	8 November 2022
	£	£
TURNOVER	89,677	33,607
Other income	12,750	-
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(312)	-
Other charges	(41,458)	(1,091)
NET SURPLUS	60,657	32,516

**Forest of Selwood
Balance Sheet
As At 28 February 2024**

	28 February 2024	8 November 2022
	£	£
Fixed assets	159,004	157,757
Current assets	14,426	4,016
NET CURRENT ASSETS	14,426	4,016
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	173,430	161,773
Creditors: Amounts Falling After More Than One Year	(80,000)	(129,000)
NET ASSETS	93,430	32,773
RESERVES	93,430	32,773

Notes

1. General Information

Forest of Selwood is a private company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 12442255 . The registered office is Kingsdown House, Shepton Montague, Somerset, BA9 8JL.

2. Additional Note to the accounts

The donations received includes £40,607 that is ring-fenced for the Longham Meadows project.

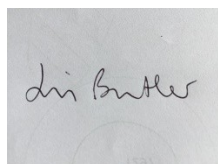
For the period ending 28 February 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

On behalf of the board



Mrs Jill Butler

Date: 29 April 2024

Forest of Selwood
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account
For the Period 9 November 2022 to 28 February 2024

	28 February 2024		8 November 2022	
	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER				
Grants and subsidies received	28,907		-	
Donations received (general)	10,847		-	
Donations received (earmarked)	49,923		33,607	
		89,677		33,607
OTHER INCOME				
Other operating income		12,750		-
		102,427		33,607
DEPRECIATION AND OTHER AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF ASSETS				
Depreciation	312		-	
		(312)		-
OTHER CHARGES				
Premises expenses:				
Longham maintainance	19,908		-	
General administration costs:				
Computer software, consumables and maintenance	838		-	
Insurance	650		429	
Advertising and marketing costs	197		-	
Professional fees	124		6	
Longham surveys	1,070		631	
Landscape recovery scheme bid costs	13,210		-	
Dormouse project expenses	5,461		-	
Bank charges	-		25	
	21,550		1,091	
		(41,458)		(1,091)
NET SURPLUS		60,657		32,516



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Forest of Selwood

On accounts for the
period ended

28 February 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1200944

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 28 February 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

23 September 2024

Name:

Clare Chapman

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Accountants Ireland

Address:

6 High Street, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0AA

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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