



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st March 2023** Period start date To **29th February**  
**2024** Period end date

**Charity name: The Barby Woodland Trust**

**Charity registration number: 1202123**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of a 23-acre woodland site adjacent to Barby village by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engaging with local stakeholders; local and national bodies; and local businesses in order to plant and maintain an area that will include woodland, wildflower meadows and wetland areas.</li><li>• Providing opportunities, through volunteering, for people of all ages to learn about the ecology of natural areas and to develop skills in planting and maintaining these areas.</li><li>• Providing a space for people to exercise and enjoy the beauty of the</li></ul>

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Barby Woodland Trust have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planted some 7000 trees on the site</li> <li>• Constructed a Forest school area</li> <li>• Dug out a wetland area that will provide important natural habitat for wildlife</li> <li>• Improved accessibility to the site by constructing small bridges over water flows and ditches</li> <li>• Renovated and installed a container to keep tools and equipment in</li> <li>• Recruited trustees and volunteers who regularly work on the site</li> <li>• Established positive relationship with our local school and pre-school who now visit the site regularly</li> <li>• Enabled access to the site for dog walking and exercising</li> <li>• Developed positive relationships with several locally based businesses who have supported our work by providing volunteers from their workforce as well as funding and equipment</li> </ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All the trustees have been provided with the guidance and made aware of their responsibilities and obligations

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Barby Woodland Trust is not a grant making charity
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not Applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Barby Woodland Trust has some 40 volunteers some of whom come to work on the site at least twice per month. Additionally we have links with three local companies who supply volunteers as part of their community engagement programmes</li> <li>• At our community planting day in February 2024, some 100 people came and planted trees</li> </ul>
Other		Not Applicable

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The planting of some 7000 trees is primarily intended to give environmental benefit to the local community and more widely</li> <li>• Work to improve the flow of water into the site and the development of the new wetland area provides sustainable habitats for wildlife, birds and insects</li> <li>• Local children have been involved in tree planting and the forest school provides opportunities for learning and exercise</li> <li>• The site is now being used by large numbers local people for exercising and dog walking</li> <li>• Volunteers from the local community and businesses have been able to learn about what is involved in developing and maintaining a sustainable woodland</li> </ul>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although we have not yet planted the wildflower meadows, firm plans are in place for this to start next year</li> <li>• To further enhance the use of the site, we have a number of picnic tables that will be put in place in early spring. We also have an active sponsorship scheme for benches and several of these will be installed soon</li> </ul>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We are active in seeking grants and donations and this year have received some £30,000 from these sources. These grants have enabled us to get the tree planting done and to purchase equipment for future projects</p> <p>We have a website which provides information about the woodland and enables people to donate</p> <p>We have received help in kind, in the form of material and a tractor provided on a loan basis</p> <p>Overall our fundraising has been successful in enabling us to carry out the projects we identified in our first three year plan</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable

Other		Not applicable
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Barby Woodland Trust is financially sound and has sufficient resources to meet its objectives (see accounts)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have a sum of £5000 invested in a savings account which is equivalent to approximately 18 months of our annual financial commitments which are basically rent and insurance
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not Applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not Applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not Applicable

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants from schemes funded by local businesses (e.g. National Grid)</li> <li>• Individual donations</li> <li>• Help in kind by the provision of equipment and materials</li> <li>• Partnerships with local businesses</li> </ul>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Apart from the bank savings accounts we do not have any investments and as such do not carry any risk
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Not applicable
Other		Not applicable

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Our governing document is the:  Constitution of The Barby Woodland Trust, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only Voting Members are its Charitable Trustees
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more	Para 1.25	Trustees are recruited from local people with particular skills required to administer the charity. Possible trustees are suggested and voted on by the existing trustees

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New trustees are given the Charity Commission's information about trustee responsibilities on appointment.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Not Applicable
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Not Applicable
Other		Not Applicable

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	

Charity's principal address	2 Cleve Cottage Barby Rugby CV23 8TF

### 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	Paul Reynolds	Chair		
2	Graham Sloper	Secretary		
3	Josephine Martin	Treasurer		
4	Pippa Reeve			
5	Gareth James			
6	Gavin Callard			
7	Natalie Kimberley			
8	Stephen Gee			
9	Nigel Parkinson		2nd July 2024	
10	Malcolm Smith		2nd July 2024	
11	Robert Wilson			
12	Neill Smith			
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
<b>None</b>		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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None		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	We do not hold any funds on behalf of others
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

There is no reason for non-disclosure of trustees

## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

G.P. Sloper	
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Full name(s)

Graham Paul Sloper
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Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary	
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Date

4th November 2024
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Unaudited financial statements for the period  
from 01 March 2023 to 01 June 2024

  
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Unaudited financial statements for the period from 01 March 2023 to 01 June 2024

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# THE BARBY WOODLAND TRUST

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## Company details

THE BARBY WOODLAND TRUST is a private company limited by shares, registered in England and Wales, registered number CE031536.

The company's registered address is: 2 Cleve Cottage, Barby, Rugby, United Kingdom, CV23 8TF

Directors and Advisers

Directors

Paul Reynolds  
Jo Martin

# THE BARBY WOODLAND TRUST

Unaudited financial statements for the period from 01 March 2023 to 01 June 2024

## Directors' report

The directors present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the period from 01 March 2023 to 01 June 2024

Serving officers

The directors who served the company during the period were as follows:

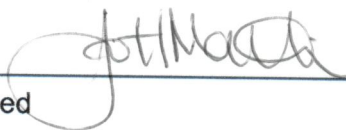
- Paul Reynolds
- Jo Martin

Provisions

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 15 October 2024, and is signed on behalf of the board by:

Signed



Date

15 Oct. 2024

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## Balance sheet

	15 months to 01 Jun 24	£
Current assets	10,287.17	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,954.34)	
Net current assets / (liabilities)	8,332.83	
Total assets less current liabilities	8,332.83	
Net assets	8,332.83	
Capital and reserves	8,332.83	

For the period from 01 March 2023 to 01 June 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Directors' responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476;

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 were approved by the board of directors on 15 October 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Signed

Date

 N. E. A. CMA  
14/10/24.



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## Notes to the accounts

Average number of employees

During the period the average number of employees was 0.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
The Barby Woodland Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

1st March 2023 to 1st June 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1202123

Set out on pages

1-7

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended **01/06/2024 (15 months)**

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Nigel Gove

Date: 8th December 2024

Name: Nigel Gove

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

ACMA

<b>Address:</b>	37 Holme Way
	Barby
	Rugby CV23 8UQ

## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**

None

