

Annual Reports to Members

For the Period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Transition Chipping Norton

Charity Number: 1202363

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CHARITY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES:	Geoff Coleman (Chair) Karl Kwiatkowski (joined 19 th November 2024) Kim Fazackerley-Sale Linda Aspey Duncan Brown
REGISTERED ADDRESS:	17 Quarhill Close Over Norton Oxfordshire OX7 5PS
REGISTERED NUMBER:	1202363
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT	Dovey Accountancy Services Limited
BANKERS	The Co-Op Bank

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Board of Trustees has pleasure in submitting its report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. This report covers the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

ACTIVITIES

Transition Chipping Norton supports, promotes and runs community initiatives to help people live more sustainably and to protect and improve the environment. We do this by creating a network of supportive people and organisations around Chipping Norton. We encourage communication between people with similar goals and help amplify the voices of marginalised groups, enabling them to be better heard by policy makers.

THE CURRENT SITUATION

OVERVIEW

In our financial year 2024-25, Transition Chipping Norton continued to build on a range of projects responding to community needs and interests. We forged stronger connections within our community building bonds and understanding between people from different backgrounds and generations and supported people with mental health and inner transition. We made further preparations for our rebrand to Sustainable Chipping Norton to be completed in 2025. We expanded into new areas of climate awareness whilst continuing to support many local community groups to share skills and expertise.

COMMUNITY

TCN runs several community groups that meet regularly including

- Fireside Group (12)
- Cotswold Foragers (several times a month)
- Swap Shop and Repair Café (7)

And has a strong emphasis on youth engagement through our youth activities

We collaborate with many other partners to help provide further regular sessions of

- Wellbeing walks
- Rusty Riders guided rides and cycle clinic
- Mental Health Support for parents and carers
- Themed social opportunities based on community members interests

We have run a variety of community events including:

- Magical Maasai Multigenerational Community Day
- Family Summer Play Day
- Christmas Community Crafts Session organised by young people
- Discussion workshops on Doughnut Economics and Deliberative Democracy
- A Presentation on Climate by Cllr Dr Pete Sudbury

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENT

We have provided:

- 15 Evening Youth Sessions at The Town Hall
- 20 Youth sessions at Cotswold Crescent Play Area
- 12 weekend Youth sessions at Cotswold Crescent Play Area
- 4 Community Days with Youth Volunteers

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- 5 Residential Camps
- 3 Collaborative Summer Youth sessions at Glyme Hall

Engaging with over 180 young people throughout the year

TCN members collaborate with other groups and organisations to create a strong network of opportunities including:

- Chipping Norton Town Council
- The Theatre Chipping Norton
- Let's Ride
- Breeze
- Evenlode Catchment Partnership
- Oxfordshire Play Association
- Ribberty Rabbit Crafting CIC
- Seedbed Theatre
- St Mary's Church
- Home Ed Community
- The Theatre
- Cherwell Collective
- The Branch
- Kev's Bushcraft
- Woodland Ways
- The Bushcraft Show
- Chipping Norton Community Orchard
- Chipping Norton Green Gym
- Southill Solar
- Chipping Norton Larder
- Rollright Stones Trust
- Farm ED
- Oxfordshire Discovery College
- Oxford Doughnut Economics Collective
- Other nearby sustainability groups including Trees Collaborate group, Replenish; Sustainable Kirtlington; Sustainable Wychwoods Action Group; Deddington Environment Network; Barford Environment Network; Biodiversity Bloxham, Burford Environmental Action Group,

We continue to engage with the community, in line with our aims for community building and support for this year where we have engaged with:

AFFILIATIONS

Sustainable Chipping Norton is an active member of the following wider organisations

- Community Action Groups Oxfordshire
- Transition Network, as a Transition Town
- Friends of the Earth, as a Local Action group
- Oxfordshire Youth, as a Changemaker Partner

SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

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We continue to support connections between members through themed groups, and have grown our Whatsapp membership to over 200 people. This amplifies our impact far wider as we connect extensively and share information and events with a wide range of other networks.

TRAINING

As our volunteer base grows, we continue to support training needs in the following areas:

- First Aid at work
- Safeguarding
- Mental Health 1st Aid
- Youth Support Worker Training
- Youth Leader Training

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Over £49K in grant funding, up from £32K last year.

Positive Environmental Changes as a result of our activities:

- 48 items repaired including 22 bicycles
- 65 kg of clothing upcycled
- 155 packets of seeds swapped
- 140 Plants swapped
- 40 seed bombs created and passed to the Mayor
- 16 car boots full of clothing upcycled or swapped
- 94kg of food waste reduced

SERIOUS INCIDENTS

There were no serious incidents to report to the Charity Commission during the period.

STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE FUTURE

To continue to provide a wide range of activities and opportunities to bring local people together and support initiatives to improve the environment.

To strengthen connections between policy makers and marginalised community members to help ensure their voices are heard.

Form new relationships with other organisations to further increase the range of support and development we can offer.

NEXT STEPS FOR FY24-25

- Rebrand as Sustainable Chipping Norton
- Engage further trustees to support and govern the charity
- Increase our volunteer team
- Develop new website

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION

During the period the charity had incoming resources of £50,252. During the same period the charity had expenditure of £33,664.

These accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. Taking into account the budget and cash flow for the charity for the year to 31 March 2025, the Trustees have reasonable expectations that the charity has adequate resources and support from group resources to continue operations for the foreseeable future. The going concern basis for the accounts has therefore continued to be adopted.

The financial position of the charity continues to be monitored closely to provide longevity for the charity.

TRUSTEES' INTERESTS

The Trustees do not have any beneficial interest in the charity.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charity Commission requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or loss of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

Each of the Trustees at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

1. So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which those preparing the accounts are unaware; and
2. The Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that those preparing the accounts are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the guidelines of the Charity Commission.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**For the year ended 31 March 2025****Section A - Statement of Financial Activities: Summary**

Incoming Resources	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment Funds	Total This Year	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Incoming resources from charitable activities	50,252			50,252	32,299
Other incoming resources					10,408
Total incoming resources					
Total Incoming Resources	50,252			50,252	42,707

Resources Expended	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment Funds	Total This Year	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of Generating Funds					
Charitable Activities	32,884			32,884	29,677
Governance Costs	780			780	600
Other Resources Expended					
Total Resources Expended	33,664			33,664	30,277

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment Funds	Total This Year	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	16,588			16,588	12,430
Gross transfers between funds					
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)	16,588			16,588	12,430

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment Funds	Total This Year	Total 2024
Net movement in funds	16,588			16,588	12,430
Total funds brought forward	12,430			12,430	-
Total funds carried forward	29,018			29,018	12,430

The charity had no recognised gains or losses during the year other than those reflected in the above accounts. There is no difference in the reported surplus for the year and the surplus as reported under the historical cost convention.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with The Charities Act 2011 and for ensuring that these records are reported within the given timeframes.

Approved by the Board on
and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Cavers', written in a cursive style.

Natascha Cavers (Chair)

09-September-2025

TCN Received Grants FY 2024 – 2025

CAG Oxfordshire	£750.00	Maasai community day
WODC	£750.00	Maasai community day
CAG Oxford	£250.00	Great Big Green Week Activities for June 2024
SNG	£1500.00	10 Summer youth sessions
CN Town council	£750.00	Community Grant
CAG Oxfordshire	£1000.00	Youth Connect (Year 1 of 5 year grant)
OCF	£18,500.00	Better mental health (Year 1 of 2 year grant)
OCF	£13,200.00	Reducing Isolation
Clarion	£10,000	Intergenerational Youth Social Action Project
Cash 4 Kids	£3,000	Youth Opportunities provision
CAG Oxfordshire	£500	Great Big Green Week activities for June 2025

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies of the charity are set out below. The policies remain unchanged from the previous year.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as amended by the early adoption of Update Bulletin 1 published on 2nd February 2016 reflecting amendments to FRS102.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

INCOMING RESOURCES

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Transition Chipping Norton

On accounts for the year
ended

31.03.2025

Charity no
(if any)

1202363

Set out on pages

1-10

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheet(s))

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

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 other 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:

22.9.2025

Name:

Mr J M Dovey

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

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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.