

Charity Registration Number 1203176 (England and Wales)

BLACKBURN FARM NURSERIES AND WILDLIFE CENTRE

Annual Report and Accounts

**For The Period Ended
31 March 2024**

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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees

Trustees	Bernard Pendleton Sam Pywell George Reed
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Charity Registration Number 1170068

Principal address	Blackburns Farm Nurseries Ribby Road Wrea Green Preston PR4 2PA
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Accountants	MHA Richard House 9 Winckley Square Preston PR1 3HP
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BLACKBURN FARM NURSERIES AND WILDLIFE CENTRE

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts for the period ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) (effective October 2019) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity. Blackburn Farm Nurseries and Wildlife Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered on 22 May 2023, governed by its Constitution of Charitable Organisation.

Purpose

Promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment. Educating children and adults on how we can improve our own physical and mental wellbeing by being in the outside world. Blackburns Farm educates people of all ages on how they can improved BNG, whilst also improving their own mental health and wellbeing

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees as listed on page 1 served during the year.

Trustees must be appointed via a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity's trustees. When selecting new appointments for the role of charity trustee, the charity must assess and ensure that the individuals involved have the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Public Benefit

That Charity's Trustees have all complied with the duties outlined in the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to Public Benefit guidance by the Charity Commission. All Trustees contribute their time voluntarily and have received no benefits from the Charity.

Achievements and performance

This year has been a remarkable one for our charity, marked by several key achievements that have significantly contributed to both our community and the environment.

We have been privileged to collaborate with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) on their green social prescribing programme. This partnership has allowed us to contribute to pioneering research into sustainable models of nature-based social prescribing, creating a foundation for improved mental and physical wellbeing through connection with nature.

Our polytunnel volunteer programme, has been another shining success. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, we have supplied fresh food to Fylde Foodbank for 26 weeks, providing consistent support to those in need.

Biodiversity improvement has also been a significant focus. Together with our team of volunteers, we have planted over 1,500 metres of hedgerow along the farm lane. This effort has enhanced the farm's biodiversity net gain, supporting local wildlife and strengthening the ecosystem.

In partnership with the Ribble Rivers Trust, we have also embarked on an ambitious flood alleviation project. As part of this initiative, we are transforming 5 acres of farmland into wetland attenuation areas. This change will play a vital role in mitigating flooding risks for the local village, providing long-term benefits for the community.

Finally, we have expanded our support for mental health by running free wellbeing classes for local residents. These outdoor activities have offered a space for relaxation, connection, and healing, promoting better mental health across our community.

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These achievements reflect our ongoing commitment to sustainability, community wellbeing, and biodiversity, and we are excited to build on this momentum in the coming year.

Financial Performance

The Charity's total income for the period was £7,027 with a surplus of £7,017 for the period.

Reserves Policy

The reserves as at 31 March 2024 were £7,017. The Trustees are in the process of establishing their reserves policy.

Going Concern

With the financial foundations of the charity increasing in strength this year, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will continue to maintain the necessary resources to ensure the continuance of its charitable operations for the foreseeable future..

The charity remains well-positioned, with a robust pipeline of impactful projects and strong community engagement. Our ongoing initiatives, including the development of the Remembrance Woods, wetland creation in partnership with the Ribble Rivers Trust, and the continued success of our volunteer-led programmes, reflect a sustainable approach to achieving our objectives. The expansion of our Education Building activities and the launch of the Commando Mentoring Programme further demonstrate our commitment to fostering wellbeing and environmental stewardship. Additionally, our collaboration with UCLan on the green social prescribing programme highlights our dedication to innovation and long-term impact. With a strong foundation of volunteer support and growing partnerships, the charity is well-equipped to continue delivering significant benefits to the community and environment.

Future Plans

As we look ahead, our charity is set to embark on another year of meaningful projects and initiatives that will benefit both the community and the environment.

Our Remembrance Woods will continue to flourish as a sanctuary for reflection and remembrance. With over 1,000 trees already planted, this peaceful haven is becoming an essential part of the local landscape. It stands as a symbol of life, renewal, and connection, and we look forward to its continued growth.

Our partnership with the Ribble Rivers Trust will see further development of wetlands on the farm. These areas are transforming into thriving ecosystems, improving biodiversity, creating vital habitats for wildlife, and contributing to flood mitigation efforts. By enhancing water quality and reducing flood risks, the wetlands are bringing lasting environmental and community benefits. The flood alleviation project will also commence which will be of huge benefit to the local community.

Volunteers remain central to everything we do, and their contributions will continue to make a significant impact. Together, we will plant more hedgerows and wildflowers, including yellow rattle, to support pollinators and improve soil health. The involvement of volunteers not only strengthens our work but also fosters a sense of connection, provides opportunities for skill-building, and promotes mental wellbeing through time spent in nature.

The Education Building has quickly become a vital space for the community, hosting activities that promote health and wellbeing. In the year ahead, we plan to expand these offerings, including fitness classes for the over-50s, wellbeing workshops, and talking groups. By bringing people together in a supportive environment, this space is helping to build resilience and improve quality of life.

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We are also excited to launch our Commando Mentoring Programme, a six-week rolling programme starting with children from Fleetwood primary schools. Through a range of engaging activities, the programme will focus on personal growth, building confidence, fostering respect, and encouraging responsibility. By providing a supportive and structured environment, we aim to inspire children to recognise their potential and develop positive habits that will benefit them and their wider community.

Our collaboration with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) will continue as we make progress on the green social prescribing programme. This partnership is developing sustainable models of nature-based social prescribing, enhancing individuals' wellbeing by strengthening their connection to nature and promoting long-term mental and physical health.

These initiatives reflect our commitment to supporting the environment, improving wellbeing, and fostering a stronger, more connected community. We are excited about the opportunities ahead and look forward to making a positive difference in the year to come.

January 24, 2025

This report was approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on and signed on its behalf by



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Bernard Pendleton

Trustee

BLACKBURN FARM NURSERIES AND WILDLIFE CENTRE

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Blackburn Farm Nurseries and Wildlife Centre for the period ended 31 March 2024, set out on pages 6 to 11 from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at [icaew.com/membershandbook](https://www.icaew.com/membershandbook).

This report is made to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of the Blackburn Farm Nurseries and Wildlife Centre and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's trustee, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Blackburn Farm Nurseries and Wildlife Centre and the charity's trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that the charity has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view under the Charities Act. You consider that the charity is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts. 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 accounts.

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Chartered Accountants
9 Winckley Square
Preston
PR1 3HP

Preston

January 27, 2025
Date

BLACKBURN FARM NURSERIES AND WILDLIFE CENTRE**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

		Unrestricted funds
		2024 £
Income from:		
Charitable activities	2	7,027
Total Income		<u>7,027</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	3	10
Total Expenditure		<u>10</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		7,017
Transfers between funds		-
Net movement in funds		<u>7,017</u>
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total Funds Brought Forward		-
Total Funds Carried Forward	6	<u><u>7,017</u></u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the period and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared. There were no restricted funds held during the current or prior period.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024	
		£	£
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		7,017	
		<u>7,017</u>	
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year		-	
Net current assets			7,017
Net Assets			<u>7,017</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted income funds	6		7,017
Total Funds			<u>7,017</u>

January 24, 2025

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on and signed on behalf of the Board by:



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Bernard Pendleton

Trustee

BLACKBURN FARM NURSERIES AND WILDLIFE CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Blackburn Farm Nurseries and Wildlife Centre is a charity registered in England and Wales. The principal office is situated at Blackburns Farm Nurseries, Ribby Road, Wrea Green, Preston, PR4 2PA.

Accounting convention

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(October 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice. The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Going concern

The Trustees have considered the working capital of the charity and, at the time of approving the financial statements, have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity, and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds, which are used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. There were no restricted funds held during the period.

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.

Specifically for grant income, where receipt of a grant is conditional on performance of a specific project, income is accounted for once the Charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where no conditions are applied to incoming grants, income is accounted for on receipt.

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1 Accounting Policies (continued)**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Charitable activities includes all costs relating to activities where the primary aim is part of the objects of the Charity, along with an apportionment of support costs. Governance costs consist of the costs incurred in the management of the Charity and the costs of meeting its external reporting requirements.

Support costs consist of administration expenses incurred in the day to day management of the Charity, together with the cost of premises used for such activities. These costs are allocated across the categories of charitable expenditure, governance costs and costs of generating funds. Support costs are allocated on a labour basis, using the proportion of staff time allocated to certain activities, on the basis that this forms the fairest method of allocation of such costs.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value. The charity has no bank loans or other more complex financial instruments that require measurement at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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1 Accounting Policies (continued)

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees' are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Key assumptions, judgements and estimates

In the opinion of the Trustees' there have been no significant judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

There have been no key assumptions concerning future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

2 Incoming Resources from Other Trading Activities

	2024 Unrestricted £
UCLAN Green Social funding	6,667
Dog therapy training	360
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	7,027
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3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Total 2024 £
Bank charges	10
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	10
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4 Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration was paid or payable for the period, directly or indirectly, out of the funds of the Charity, to any Trustee or to any persons known to be connected with any of them, in their capacity as Trustee.

Trustees have received no expenses in the period except for reimbursed charity expenditure.

5 Restricted Income Funds

No restricted income was received during the current or previous period and no restricted funds were held at the year end.

6 Movement in funds

	Balance at 22 May 2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	-	7,027	10	7,017
	-	7,027	10	7,017

7 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.