

NATURE AND COMMUNITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1203361

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-06-01

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PRUDENT USE OF RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN CHAD, NIGER, TUNISIA AND KENYA BY; (A) THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT OR MATERIALS TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WHICH HELP TO RESTORE DEGRADED ECOSYSTEMS, RECOVER BIODIVERSITY, OR PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES; (B) THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE MEANS OF ACHIEVING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REGENERATION; (C) MAKING GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS FURTHERING SIMILAR PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION PURPOSES. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN SUBJECTS RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROTECTION, ENHANCEMENT, AND REHABILITATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO PROMOTE STUDY AND RESEARCH IN SUCH SUBJECTS, PROVIDING THE PUBLIC WITH SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO PARTAKE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEANS "DEVELOPMENT WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS.

Activities: The charity supports, enables or undertakes community-based restoration of degraded ecosystems, recovery of biodiversity, sustainable use of natural resources, ecological and environmental monitoring to inform decision-making, and related training, research and awareness raising.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Chad
- Kenya
- Niger
- Tunisia
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,610	£2,872	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,520	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Tim Woodfine		2022-11-25
Emma Hutchins		2022-11-25
Toby Ford		2022-11-26

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month April	Year 2024		Day 31	Month March	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Nature and Community

Other names charity is known by none

Registered charity number (if any) 1203361

Charity's principal address

Acacia Cottage, Midway
 Chalford Hill
 Stroud
Postcode GL6 8EN

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	Toby Ford	Chair		
2	Emma Hutchins			
3	Tim Woodfine	Treasurer		
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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)	Appointed by Trustees

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

1. The preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources for the public benefit, by;
 - a) The provision of equipment or materials to support activities which help to restore degraded ecosystems, recover biodiversity, or promote sustainable use of natural resources;
 - b) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;

c) making grants to organisations furthering similar preservation and conservation purposes.

2. To advance the education of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement, and rehabilitation of the environment and,

3. To promote study and research in such subjects, providing the public with skills and knowledge to partake in sustainable development. Sustainable development means “development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

For context, Nature and Community is a new, small charity registered on 1st June 2023 and therefore the year ending 31st March 2025 represented only the first full financial year of operation. Trustees read and took into account Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when forming the charity and when considering its work and activities.

During this period, the charity undertook small-scale habitat creation and restoration work, including removal of overgrown vegetation, opening areas of bare ground and sowing British native wildflower seeds for a school nature area in Gloucestershire. Further work was undertaken by Trustees to monitor the establishment of previously planted British native trees, help maintain a woodland outdoor learning area used by local school children, and to collate local biodiversity data to inform conservation planning and decision-making across the Parish.

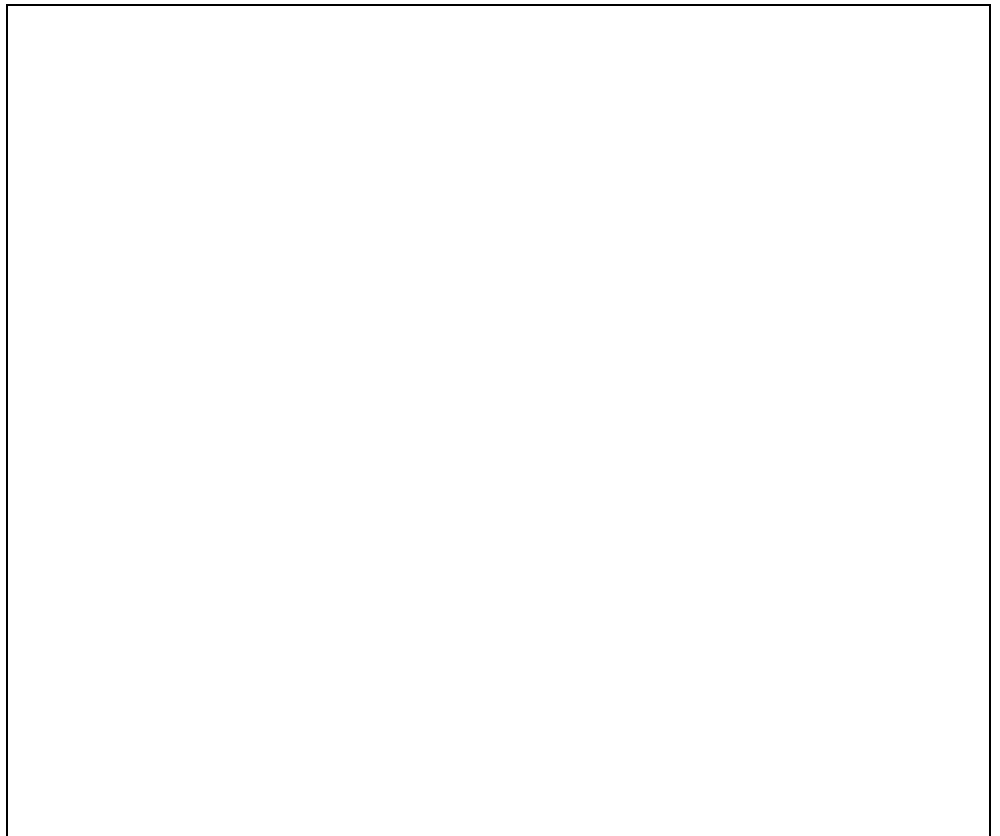
The charity provided a small grant to a community enterprise, in the rural village of Kelle in the Zinder region of Niger, to buy a press for the sustainable extraction of oil from the seeds of the *Balanites aegyptiaca* tree. The community seeks to conserve these important trees that provide habitat for wildlife as well as shade and forage for livestock, while generating additional income for people.

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)

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.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2024-25 we:

- Raised £1,610 meeting the modest expectations of Trustees during the first full year of the Charity's existence.
- Undertook habitat creation and restoration work across a hectare of previously species poor amenity grassland in Gloucestershire.
- Sowed seeds of over 50 species of British native wildflowers.
- Monitored establishment of over 400 previously planted British native trees.
- Collated data on the biodiversity of Chalford Parish in Gloucestershire, UK.
- Helped with the maintenance of a woodland outdoor learning facility used by 180 primary school children.
- Provided a grant for a community sustainability enterprise in rural Niger for the purchase of a press for the extraction of oil from the seeds of *Balanites aegyptiaca* trees.

Relying entirely on the time of Trustees and modest financial resources, these outcomes were in line with the Charity's expectations for 2024-25.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Trustees have a reserves policy as a contingency against unforeseen or unexpected needs. As a new, small charity with no fixed overheads, Trustees agreed to retain a nominal amount of £500 for this purpose, which we believe is a reasonable and proportional sum at this stage. In addition, Trustees agreed to set aside £1,250 for planned commitments that may not be met through future income alone, and with the expectation that these funds would be expended in the following financial year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

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)	Toby Ford	Tim Woodfine
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	06/01/2026	



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2024	To	Period end date 31st March 2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,610	-	-	1,610	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,610	-	-	1,610	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,610	-	-	1,610	-
A3 Payments					
Charitable activities	2,872	-	-	2,872	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,872	-	-	2,872	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,872	-	-	2,872	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,262	-	-	- 1,262	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,520	-	-	2,520	-
Cash funds this year end	1,258	-	-	1,258	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	1,758	-	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,758	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	T. Woodfine	06/01/26

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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regeneration;

- c) making grants to organisations furthering similar preservation and conservation purposes.

2. To advance the education of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement, and rehabilitation of the environment and,

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For context, Nature and Community is a new, small charity registered on 1st June 2023 and therefore the year ending 31st March 2024 represented the formative months of our activities. Trustees read and took into account Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when forming the charity and when considering its work and activities.

During this initial period, the charity undertook small-scale habitat creation and restoration work, provided school education materials on native wildlife and helped with the maintenance of a school woodland outdoor learning facility in Gloucestershire, UK.

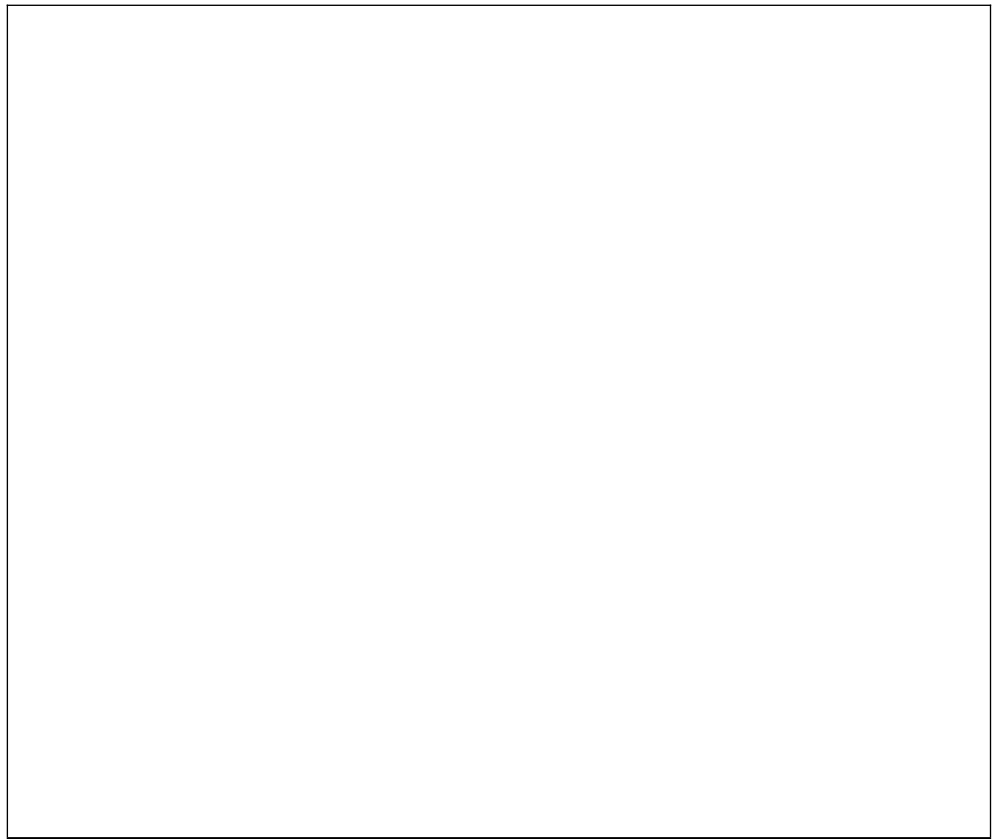
The charity engaged with colleagues in international non-governmental organisation delivery partners to understand needs of local groups in Niger and Chad interested in ecological restoration, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During our initial 9 months we:

- Fund raised £2,520. meeting the modest expectations of Trustees during this formative period.
- Planted 420 native trees (14 species) to create new scrub and woodland habitats and enhance biodiversity across a hectare of amenity grassland.
- Developed and provided education materials on British native wildlife to support a primary school nature club.
- Contributed to the maintenance of a woodland outdoor learning facility used by 180 primary school children.
- Developed policies and procedures to guide the charity's future work, with particular attention to due diligence and complexities of supporting delivery partners in Africa.

The Charity plans to build on these modest beginnings in its second financial year.

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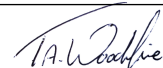
Signature(s)

Toby Ford



Full name(s)

Tim Woodfine



Date

20th January 2025



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Receipts and payments accounts

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Donations	2,520	-	-	2,520	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,520	-	-	2,520	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,520	-	-	2,520	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,520	-	-	2,520	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,520	-	-	2,520	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	2,520	-	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,520	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Tim Woodfine	20/01/25
	Toby Ford	20/01/25