



## **Pitton Nature Trust**

Charity Registration No. 1203375

**Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts**

**For the year ending 31st March 2025**

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## Trust Information

<b>Registration No.</b>	1203375		
<b>Trustees</b>	Paul Fredericks	(Appointed 16/2/23)	
	Gary Pitt	(Resigned 7/8/24)	
	Lyn Fredericks	(Appointed 26/10/23)	
	Rosie Lane	(Appointed 26/10/23)	
	Lindsay Thompson	(Appointed 28/11/23)	
	Suzie Gutteridge	(Appointed 7/8/24)	
	Matthew Judd	(Appointed 7/8/24)	
	Caroline Loader	(Appointed 16/9/24)	
<b>Officers</b>	<b>Chair</b>	Paul Fredericks	(From 28/11/23)
	<b>Secretary</b>	Lindsay Thompson	(From 28/11/23)
	<b>Treasurer</b>	Lyn Fredericks	(From 26/10/23)
<b>Registered Address</b>	Penny Royal The Green Pitton SP5 1DZ		
<b>Bankers</b>	Co-operative Bank		



# **Pitton Nature Trust**

## **Report of Trustees for the year ending 31 March 2025**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025. The Trust is a charitable incorporated organisation with income and expenditure below £25,000, the Trustees have opted to prepare the accounts using receipts and payments accounting principles consistent with the Charity Commission guidance.

### **Objectives and Activities**

Pitton Nature Trust was established in March 2023 and was registered by the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 2nd June 2023. Registered charity number 1203375.

The objects of the Trust are “(a) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biodiversity; and (b) To advance the education of the public in the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment”.

This is the second year the charity has now secured a long-term management agreement with Pitton & Farley Parish Council to manage an 0.2 acres of The Close to create a biodiverse habitat. Fruit trees, wildflower bulbs and seeds have all been planted during the year.

The trustees have engaged with Wiltshire Council and Pitton & Farley Parish Council to create a new community orchard and nature reserve on land currently owned by Wiltshire Council that will be transferred to the Parish Council on a 125 year lease. The aim is for the charity to have a long term management agreement with the Parish Council to manage this area of land. Towards the end of the reporting period work commenced with fences erected, hedge trees and fruit trees planted.

A key activity for the charity is to provide information to the public to enhance their knowledge of conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment. This is achieved through regular posts on our website and events.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have considered the guidance from the Charity Commission regarding public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. They are satisfied that the activities undertaken during the reporting period fully meet these requirements.



## **Achievements, performance and financial review**

This is the charity's second year of operation and there has been a significant growth in income, in the main from grant funders, and the activities in which the charity is engaged.

### *Review of activities and achievements*

#### Key Achievements:

- Successful funding application to Coronation Living Heritage Orchard Fund to create two orchards, one in The Close consisting of five fruit trees and one in the Community Orchard and Nature Reserve consisting of twelve fruit trees.
- Donation of 420 hedge trees from the Woodland Trust to create 100 metres of new hedgerow in the Community Orchard and Nature Reserve.
- Erection of fencing and gates to enclose the Community Orchard and Nature Reserve.
- Hosting a joint event with the RSPB to educate the community on the work of Pitton Nature Trust and the RSPB's plans for a new nature reserve at Roundbarrow Farm.
- Engagement with Wiltshire Council and Pitton & Farley Parish Council to secure a long-term management agreement on the Community Orchard and Nature Reserve.
- Publication of nature surveys on our website.

#### Creation of Biodiverse Habitats:

The Trustees have two main projects they are currently working on to deliver the Trust's objects to enhance biodiversity.

#### The Close

The charity has a long-term management agreement with the Parish Council to create a biodiverse environment on this area of land.

In March 2024 the Trust received £1,900 in grant funding from the Wessex Water Environment Fund which provided funding to purchase equipment to manage The Close and enable the charity to purchase wildflower plugs and seed.

During 2024/25 snowdrops and wildflower seed were sown as part of the management plan to attract an increased number of pollinators.

Following a successful grant application to the Coronation Living Heritage Orchard fund five fruit trees were planted as part of a community event. One tree was planted by the preschool children, one by a lifelong resident of the village who is in his nineties, others were planted by a volunteer, the chair of the Parish Council and Trustees.

With the assistance of the local Girl Guides a bughouse has been constructed.

During the year volunteers have conducted surveys, of grasses, wildflowers and insects found in The Close. The results of these surveys are published on our website.



### Community Orchard and Nature Reserve

In July 2023 the Charity launched a survey within the local community to establish if there was support for the creation of a Community Orchard and Nature Reserve on land that Wiltshire Council owned at Roundbarrow Farm. The response demonstrated there was strong support for the proposal with over thirty people offering to volunteer to establish and maintain the orchard.

In September the Trust submitted a proposal to Pitton & Farley Parish Council and Wiltshire Council for the creation of a Community Orchard and nature reserve on Wiltshire Council owned land at Roundbarrow Farm.

During 2024/25 the trustees continued to engage with Wiltshire Council and the Parish Council over the transfer of an acre of land from Wiltshire Council to the Parish Council. The intention being the charity will have a long-term management with the Parish Council to create a biodiverse community orchard and nature reserve on the site.

The trustees secured £4847 in funding from the Coronation Living Heritage Orchard fund to establish the orchard and nature reserve. This has enabled twelve fruit trees to be planted and fencing to be erected along two side of the site, the others sides being already fenced.

Following a successful application to the Woodland Trust's "Trees for Communities" schemes the charity secured 420 hedge trees and these were planted in March 2025 creating 100 metres of new hedgerow which in time will provide food and habitat for a range of birds, insects and mammals.

### **Collaboration and Engagement Report**

The Charity has formed a strong collaboration with Pitton & Farley Parish Council with whom it has a seven year management agreement for The Close. It has worked closely with the Council over the land transfer from Wiltshire Council for the creation of the community orchard and nature reserve.

When planting the fruit trees in The Close we were assisted by children from the Preschool. Trustees also helped at a session to plant trees at the village primary school.

The local Girl Guides group were involved in the construction of a bughouse in The Close.

During the year we have forged close links with the local RSPB team who will be creating a new reserve on land at Roundbarrow Farm.

In October 2024 we held an event to update the community on the work of the charity and invited Patrick Cashman, the RSPB Chalk County Reserves Site Manager to present on their plans for Roundbarrow Farm.

Trustees attended the village fete and ran a stall to educate the community on the work of the charity.



## **Volunteers**

The trustees are grateful to all the volunteers who have played a key role in delivering the charities activities, they have assisted in;

- Undertaking nature surveys and producing reports which can be shared on the website.
- Planting hedgerow trees and erecting fencing.
- Planting wildflower seeds.
- Planting and watering fruit trees.
- Engaging in working parties in The Close and the Community Orchard & Nature Reserve.

The Trustees are particularly grateful to Ged Mirski-Fitton who has provided pro-bono IT support and has designed and hosts the charity's website.

## **IT Report**

The website was launched in April 2023 and has been regularly updated to provide news updates. The site is a key tool in informing and educating the public on aspects of biodiversity and conservation a key feature has been the publication of the surveys undertaken by volunteers identifying flora and fauna.

The charity has a social media presence on Instagram which is used to share images and updates.

## **Financial Review**

The total income for the year was £6,227 including a grant of £4,847 from the Coronation Living Heritage Orchard Fund.

The event in October 2024 raised funds and there have been a number of public donations which have helped the charity establish a secure financial position.

## **Reserves Policy**

As a new charity the focus for the Trustees has been to ensure there are sufficient funds to deliver projects. The policy has therefore been to establish sufficient funds to operate the charity. As the charity becomes more established this policy will be reviewed.

## **Plans for the future**

The Trustees plan for 2025/26 is to continue to improve the nature biodiversity in The Close and to create a Community Orchard and Nature Reserve on the land due to be transferred from Wiltshire Council to Pitton & Farley Parish Council.

The trustees will continue to engage with the Parish Council over a long-term management agreement to create a biodiverse habitat in the new community orchard & nature reserve.



The trustees will continue to explore the availability of other areas of land in close proximity to Pitton.

As the charity's activities expand so will the need for additional funds. The trustees will continue to explore suitable grant funding and seek public donations.

## **Structure Governance and Management**

### *Governance*

The trustees are closely involved in all aspects the Trust's work. The trustees meet regularly throughout the year.

### *Trustees*

The trustees who served during the reporting period are listed on page 1 of this report. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and recruited for the skills and expertise they bring to the charity.

### *Structures*

The charity has no staff and the trustees provide day-to-day management of projects.

### *Risk Factors*

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to the charity and are satisfied that sufficient controls are in place.

## **Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable regulations). Under that law the Trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- 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 accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts



comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed.

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.

Approved by the Trustees on 24th November 2025

*Paul Fredericks*

*L. A. Fredericks*

Chair of Trustees: Paul Fredericks

Treasurer: Lyn Fredericks

# Pitton Nature Trust Financial Accounts 2024/25

## Receipts and Payments 2024/25

Income	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Donations		£875	£0	£875	£200
Grants	1	£0	£4,847	£4,847	£1,900
Fundraising		£0	£0	£0	£0
Charitable Activities	2	£505	£0	£505	£0
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£1,380</b>	<b>£4,847</b>	<b>£6,227</b>	<b>£2,100</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities		£2,194	£4,730	£6,924	£0
Cost of Fundraising		£0	£0	£0	£0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£2,194</b>	<b>£4,730</b>	<b>£6,924</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>		<b>-£814</b>	<b>£117</b>	<b>-£697</b>	<b>£2,100</b>
Transfer between funds		£0	£0	£0	£0
Cash Funds Brought Forward 2022/23		£2,100	£0	£0	£0
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward 2024/25</b>		<b>£1,286</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>£1,403</b>	<b>£2,100</b>



## Pitton Nature Trust Financial Accounts 2024/25

### Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the 2024/25 period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment
<b>Cash Funds</b>	Cash at Bank	£1286	£117	0
	Total Cash Funds	£1286	£117	0
	Details	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment
<b>Other monetary assets</b>	N/A	0	0	0
	Details	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Value (Optional)
<b>Investment assets</b>	N/A	0	0	0
	Details	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Value (Optional)
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	N/A	0	0	0
	Details	Funds to which liability relates	Amount Due (optional)	When Due (Optional)
<b>Liabilities</b>	N/A	0	£0	0

#### Notes:

1. The Coronation Living Orchard Heritage Fund.
2. Events = £405; Management Fee for The Close 2 x £50

Signed:

*Paul Fredericks*

*Lyn Fredericks*

Chair of Trustees: Paul Fredericks

Treasurer: Lyn Fredericks

Date: 24th November 2025

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