

Charity Registration No. 1203720

NATURAL HABITAT
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Jonathan Vaughan MBE (Chair) Susan Innes Caroline Shepherdson Vivien Burton Genevieve Rudd
Charity number	1203720
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Independent examiner	Jasmin Aktar Small Works Vauxhall Bridge Road Victoria London SW1V 1TA

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Articles, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are:

1. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting sustainable land use and biodiversity
2. To advance education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and sustainable land use.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The main focus in this first year of activity has been the delivery of the first part of a project funded by Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths branch of Farming in Protected Landscapes; Weaving Farms, Land, People & Planet.

This project connects farms, schools, and refugee organisations to foster environmental learning, and celebrate environmental resilience through diversity in nature, food and communities.

Project outcomes include enabling:

- Schools, refugees and the general public to increase engagement with the local landscape, diverse experts, farmers and farming industry; increased skills; and improve awareness of environmental issues including carbon storage

Significant effort has also gone into establishing connections with key local stakeholders and networks, such as the Blyth Community Conservation Network, Halesworth Area Sustainability Hub and Blyth Valley Cluster Farms.

Financial review

The charity has been in existence for a short period of time and does not as yet have a policy regarding financial reserves. It is intended that this will be added to the charity's Financial Manual before the end of the financial year 2024/25.

The charity does have a policy regarding budget variance, which states that the budget for the financial year must be presented by senior management to the Board of Trustees at the Annual General Meeting, and that once approved any variance greater than 10% must be reported, explained and formally approved.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to them.

Structure, governance and management

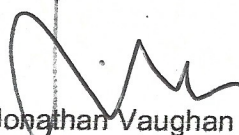
Natural Habitat is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with The Charity Commission on 23rd June 2023.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Jonathan Vaughan MBE
Susan Innes
Caroline Shepherdson
Vivien Burton
Genevieve Rudd

The recruitment and appointment of new trustees is agreed by existing trustees at a trustee meeting. Trustees may serve for a maximum of three consecutive terms, and may not be re-appointed for a further twelve months after this.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Jonathan Vaughan
Chair of Trustees

Date: 27/01/2025

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In preparing these financial statements, 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; and
- prepare the financial statements 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Natural Habitat for the Year ending 31 March 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ending 31 March 2024.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this Period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

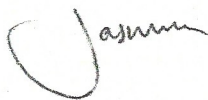
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date:

28/1/2015

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming Resources				
Donations	2	6,877	-	6,877
Grants	2	-	14,703	14,704
Investments	3	9	-	9
Total incoming resources		6,886	14,703	21,589
Expenditure				
Charitable Expenditure	4	1,789	14,703	16,492
Total expenditure		1,789	14,703	16,492
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		5,097	-	5,097
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds at 1 April 2023		-	-	-
Total funds at 31 March 2024		5,097	-	5,097

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognized in the year.

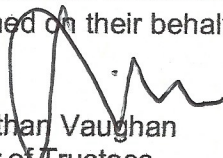
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under Companies Act 2006.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH

	Notes	2024	
		£	£
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		<u>20,097</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(15,000)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>5,097</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u><u>5,097</u></u>
Represented by			
Accumulated Reserves			<u>5,097</u>
Total Funds			<u><u>5,097</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on _____ and
are signed on their behalf by:


Jonathan Vaughan
Chair of Trustees

Date:

27/01/2025

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies

Charity Information

Natural Habitat is a charitable incorporated organisation. The registered office is 3 Cherry Tree Cottage, Holton, Suffolk, IP19 8PW

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value.

The accounts 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) issued on 16 July 2014, and applicable UK accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011

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

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence. Therefore they have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty

Grants from the government and other agencies have been included as income from activities in furtherance of the charity's objects where these amount to a contract for services.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis and on the basis that consideration has been received for the expenditure.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include those related to statutory examination of the accounts. See note 6.

Funds Accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

- Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax under Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1998. The Charity is not registered for VAT and therefore any irrecoverable VAT has been included with the relevant expenditure.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

2. Donations and Grants

	Total 2024 £
Donations and Gifts	6,877
Grants Received	14,703
	<u>21,580</u>

3. Investment Income

	Total 2024 £
Interest Receivable	9
	<u>9</u>

4. Charitable Expenditure

	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities	16,492
	<u>16,492</u>

5. Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

6. Creditors: Amount falling due within one year

	2024 £
Loan	15,000
	<u>15,000</u>

7. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.