

The Friends of Comeytrowe Pond, CIO
(Registered charity, number 1204303)

Financial statements

for the period ended 31 March 2025

The Friends of Comeytrowe Pond, CIO
Trustees annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2025

Full name	The Friends of Comeytrowe Pond
Organisation type	Charitable incorporated organisation
Principal address	4 Stone Close Taunton TA1 4YG

Trustees

Timothy Curtis (resigned 2 January 2025)
Sharon Murrant (Chair)
Charlotte Ellett-Murrant
Anna Osborne
Nigel Skyner
Geoffrey Bisson
Jeremy Sidaway
Tina Rabjohns (appointed 25 May 2024)
Arnica Bickerstaff (appointed 25 May 2024)

Government and management

The charity is operated under the rule of its CIO constitution registered 10 August 2023.
Trustees are voted in at a committee meeting and agree to serve and adopt all policies of the Friends of Comeytrowe Pond.

Objectives and activities

The charity objects are to protect, conserve and improve the wildlife and natural environment of Comeytrowe Pond for the public benefit.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, "Charities and Public Benefit".

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

With the assistance of the local council and the local community we have managed to attract back the wildlife including the ducks. The fish are now thriving and this together with the activities and achievements listed below in "main achievements" have benefitted the whole community.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

During the year under review we undertook fundraising by organising a Christmas Fayre. We applied for and won a grant from Taunton Town Council for the construction of a waterfall at the pond, the funds being spent and the required work undertaken in the following year to 31 March 2026. We paid for downpipes on nearby houses to be diverted straight into the pond to keep water levels up. We fitted a hedgehog escape system, constructed a bug house, bought plants for the water and planted bulbs to make the surrounds warm and welcoming. Many weeding and tidying sessions were undertaken by individual trustees.


The charity's policy on reserves

Our objective is to keep reserves of at least £250 to cover any unexpected expenditure.

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Grant	2,500	-
Quiz night income	-	1,657
Xmas Fayre income	1,703	-
Donations	175	90
Corporate donation from Wessex Water	150	150
Total receipts	4,528	1,897
Payments		
Xmas Fayre costs	395	-
Quiz night costs	-	408
Bingo night costs	7	-
Pond repairs and renewals	1,104	-
Insurance	90	-
Bulb planting tools	-	47
Total payments	1,596	455
Net income	2,932	1,442
Balance sheet:		
Net receipts (payments)	2,932	1,442
Cash at bank at start of period	1,442	-
Cash at bank at end of this period	4,374	1,442

The annual report and accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12 December 2025
and signed on their behalf by:


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Sharon Murrant
Chair

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2 Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

3 Donations in kind

The charity received donations in kind valued at £420 in respect of food and raffle prizes for the Xmas Fayre, including £150 worth of alcohol and chocolates from the local Tesco Express. These amounts do not appear in the income and expenditure account, which is solely based on receipts and payments. The Trustees would like to thank everyone for their strong support and especially Taylor Wimpey who made a donation of £510 towards costs.

4 Grant

During the year under review the charity received a grant of £2500 from Taunton Town Council towards a system to aerate the pond which will be a waterfall feature, created with proper slate rocks, with 4 solar powered pumps to function. This not only gives the required aeration but also provides an excellent feature and a good reason for locals to visit the pond. The funds were expended after the year end.