

# THE HIGH LEASOWES TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1207101

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2024-02-20

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE STRETTONS AND THEIR SURROUNDING AREA BY PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: ACQUIRING, LEASING AND MANAGING LAND CONTAINING DIVERSE CONNECTED HABITATS RICH IN PLANTS, TREES AND WILDLIFE; MAINTAINING AND MONITORING THE SITE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY; AND, FACILITATING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SITE.

**Activities:** We will actively involve the local community in caring for, improving and monitoring the habitat and the wildlife on the land that we manage. Most of this involvement will be through voluntary work at High Leasowes, for example seed sowing, weeding, brash clearance, tree and hedge planting.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Shropshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£20,145	£8,094	-	-

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Sandra Whitlock</b>	Chair	2024-02-26
Alison Maureen Jones		2024-12-10
Dr Gareth John Rowlands		2024-02-26
Graham Porter		2025-03-18
Paul Douglas Osborne		2025-09-11
Peter Whitlock		2024-02-26
Ruth Agnes Rachael Lawrence		2024-04-02

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	20	Feb	2024	To	31	Mar	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address   
  
  
**Postcode**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for	Name of person (or body) entitled
1	Sandra Whitlock	Chair		
2	William Dunne	Vice-chair		
3	John Rowlands	Treasurer		
4	Peter Whitlock	Administrator		
5	Cherril Wilson-	Secretary	10.12.24 onwards	
6	Alison Jones		10.12.24 onwards	
7	Chris Naylor		18.03.25 onwards	
8	Graham Porter		18.03.25 onwards	
9	Peter Carty		Up to 27.11.24	
10	Steve Rooney		Up to 02.09.24	
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20				

### 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 <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution - dated 08.02.2024
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Elected from membership

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

For the public benefit, to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Strettons and their surrounding area by promoting biodiversity, in particular, but not exclusively by:

- acquiring, leasing and managing land containing diverse connected habitats rich in plants, trees and wildlife;
- maintaining and monitoring the site for the purpose of promoting biodiversity;
- and, facilitating public access to the site.

**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)**

With the help of volunteers we have:

- Improved public access at our Watling Street kissing gate; where there was a slippery slope there are now steps.
- Improved public access at kissing gates by adding hardcore to improve traction underfoot.
- Installed interpretation boards at the main entrance and by the pond to aid visitors' understanding of High Leasowes.
- Installed 4 benches so that people can enjoy the meadows, views and birdsong.
- Conducted guided walks to encourage people to understand our management and the need to protect nature.

Together with our volunteers we have worked to encourage biodiversity through our management of High Leasowes, including:

- Adding a pond to create new habitat for water-dwelling creatures.
- Hedgerow restoration including hedge laying and replanting gaps and adding hedgerow trees.
- Creating dead-hedges, which tidies away the brash whilst providing cover and habitat for a wide range of species.
- Tree planting.
- Cutting the meadows late, thereby enabling more flowers to set seed, which will help floral diversity.
- Sowing locally-gathered native seed such as yellow rattle, which reduces the vigour of the coarser grasses thereby allowing more flowers to thrive.
- Installing 34 bird boxes, and surveying their use.

The Trustees of The High Leasowes Trust have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charity Act 2006 to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duty.

**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.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Almost 500 volunteer hours have been worked by our local community, including staff from Agilent of Church Stretton and iDEA of Longnor, and participants in Shropshire Wild Teams.

We have worked effectively in partnership with local organisations such as the Parish Paths Partnership, Shropshire Wild Teams, Shropshire Wildlife Trust and the National Trust.

We have renovated 50m of existing hedgerow and laid a further 30m of hedge.

We have planted 250 trees; this will help to combat the increasing carbon in our atmosphere, while providing shade, improving air quality and creating an attractive woodland edge.

All of our work has created opportunities for community engagement, through volunteering.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

No reserves policy.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**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.

Prior to the establishment of The High Leasowes Trust (THLT) and our bank account becoming active, tools and equipment were purchased using money held in a ring-fenced account for THLT by Middle Marches Community Land Trust (MMCLT). This is not included in the expenditure shown in form CC16a.

When THLT had an active bank account MMCLT transferred half of the ring-fenced funds to THLT in January 2025; all subsequent expenses were paid from THLT's account and are shown in the financial report.

## 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)**

Sandra Whitlock

Peter Whitlock

**Full name(s)**

Sandra Whitlock

Peter Whitlock

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair

Administrator

**Date**

31.08.2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name The High Leasowes Trust		No (if any) 1207101	
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	20/02/2024	To	31/03/2025

CC16a

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	2,048	-	-	2,048	-
Grants	- 0	3,064	-	3,064	-
Gift Aid from High Leasowes purchase	15,034	-	-	15,034	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>17,082</b>	<b>3,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,146</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>17,082</b>	<b>3,064</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>20,146</b>	<b>- 0</b>
Insurance	15			15	
Room hire	28	-	-	28	-
Consumables	47	-	-	47	-
Sundries	82			82	
	- 0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Tools and equipment	48	565	- 0	613	
Repairs and maintenance	4,821	2,489	- 0	7,310	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,869</b>	<b>3,054</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>7,923</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,041</b>	<b>3,054</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>8,095</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>12,041</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,051</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 0	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>12,041</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,051</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank account	12,051		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>12,051</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Tools and equipment	Unrestricted	864	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	G. J. Rowlands	Gareth John Rowlands		28/08/2025