



Sustainable Crediton

Sustainable Crediton Annual Report 2024-25

Report to The Charity Commission of England & Wales

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The Big Green Fair

Trustees Report

Structure, governance, management

Sustainable Crediton Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered with the Charity Commission on 10th July 2024.

The Trustees' primary responsibility is to ensure that we operate as a CIO in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission and especially in accordance with our charitable objects.

The Trustees will also:

- Offer practical support to the work of Sustainable Crediton and especially to members of Core Group;
- Sign off the annual programme and budget prepared by Core Group (see Financial Processes and Controls (FPC) document);
- Deal with any financial matters which are in its remit as per the FPC
- Be responsible for developing policies and working practices as required by the Charity Commission (CC);
- Prepare and submit annual returns to the CC;
- Liaise with the CC over any regulatory issues which arise.

The operational management of Sustainable Crediton is carried out by Core Group.

As a minimum, Core Group will consist of a Convenor who will generally chair meetings, a Treasurer and Secretary. These posts will be elected annually at our Annual General Meeting.

The role of Core Group is to:

- Co-ordinate and oversee all our activities, be they ongoing projects, events or campaigns.
- Produce an overarching plan and indicative budget
- Monitor expenditure against budget;
- Maintain necessary insurance cover;
- Manage health and safety risks and procedures
- Consider for approval ad-hoc proposals for new activities, as they arise.

Objectives and Activities

Our charitable objects as given in our constitution:

To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public in Crediton and the surrounding area by: (a) The preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources

(b) The promotion of sustainable living, economies and societal structures locally and in the context of global developments. By 'sustainable living', we mean lifestyles which support sustainable development as defined at (c) below.

(c) Advancing the education of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the protection of, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large. Sustainable development means "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

A wide range of projects and activities are supported by Sustainable Crediton, all led and delivered by volunteers.

Key Achievements

Sustainable Crediton has existed as an unincorporated organisation for over 15 years developing a significant range of activities and events. In 2023 the decision was taken to apply for charitable status in order to provide a structure with the potential to grow the organisation and increase its impact. The transition to becoming a charity has been achieved; the Board of Trustees has appointed officers and agreed initial priorities, including beginning the process of reviewing the strategy for the organisation. A working relationship and methodology have been agreed between the Trustees and the Core Group who manage the operations of Sustainable Crediton.

This report covers the 18 months from when the charity was first established in July 2024 to the end of our first full financial year in December 2025; it was a very active and successful period. The programme of events has grown and reached more people than ever; highlights included two Big Green Fairs, two Seed Shares, a Clothes Swap and The EcoCrafternoon. Regular activities have flourished including the Food Larder, Pollinator Plots, The Repair Cafe and Woodland Management amongst many others.

Engagement: We now have 835 newsletter subscribers, 1,100 Facebook followers, and over 80 volunteers.



Tree planters taking a well-earned break

Project & group reports

Sustainable Crediton has led and supported a wide range of projects for many years. Each is reviewed periodically to assess its value and viability. It is exciting to evaluate new ideas and look for new opportunities to increase our impact.

Details of these events and activities can be found under Projects at:
<https://sustainablecrediton.org.uk/>

New Developments: The Ecocrafternoon, a collaboration with Significant Seams, a local social enterprise, was a new initiative designed to encourage creativity and re-use of materials; it was a great success attended by 150 people.

The Clothes Swaps, organised by Gail Hines and Esther Mann. Its aim was to underline the environmental cost of fast fashion and encourage re-use easily and locally. It was a fun event with hundreds of items of clothing offered for exchange, and surplus clothing collected for Ukraine.

The Repair Café has become established as a regular monthly event. Volunteer menders fix household items, including sewing, electronics, and mechanical, to reduce waste and share knowledge and skills. Will de Gros from local business, Technology Shop is the co-ordinator.

The Cop26 Group have campaigned for many years to establish the Boniface trail cycle route to Exeter. Following a public consultation in 2025, Devon County Council have committed to building a new route, mostly traffic-free – a huge victory to all who have worked for this.

The Tree Warden Scheme began August 2024. Ed Dolphin, chair of Sidmouth Arboretum, mapped all trees in the town and walks are organised to encourage interest.

Sustainable Crediton supported **Haywards Heroes Day** at Haywards School on the theme of sustainability. Sus Cred Volunteers spent the day at school making bird feeders and doing a quiz for 400 children.

A number of documentary **film events** have been organised including Six Inches of Soil and System Update. A panel of experts led a discussion on issues raised at each event.

The Climate Action Team working with Crediton Town Council have held a series of annual **Community Conversations** to inform statutory planning consultations, including development of the Old Deer Park area, and Town Council policy. The events have been well attended and the output used to update the Neighbourhood Plan and inform CTC responses to Mid-Devon and Devon County Councils. Support for the creation of a Community Land Trust has been established and is in the process of being set up.

To raise the profile of Sustainable Crediton's activities, space in an empty retail unit was given by Crediton Town Council for use on market days. Named the **Sustainabubble**, it acts as a contact point for supporters, volunteers and the public on two Saturdays each month and has promoted various activities including Graham's Bikes, bug hotels, swift boxes, swift walk, craft sessions.

Plans for the Future

Next steps: The strategy review will lead to agreement on the priorities for future working. It is hoped that by taking a more strategic approach Sustainable Crediton can raise its profile, undertake larger, more significant projects and increase its impact.

In development: a Library of Things, a Community Land Trust, and events such as the Big Green Fair, a Craft Swap and a series of visits to local farms.



A busy day at the Clothes Swap

Financial Statement

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2025	To	Period end date 12/31/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
Receipts					
Grants/Funding bids	-	2,050	-	2,050	2,800
Fundraising	4,193	-	-	4,193	3,742
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4,193	2,050	-	6,243	6,542
Payments					
Running costs including materials and venue hire	3,924	2,115	-	6,039	4,343
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3,924	2,115	-	6,039	4,343
Net of receipts/(payments)	269	65		204	2,199
Cash funds this year end	269	65		204	2,199

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 £
Cash funds	Total cash funds	269	65	-
	Total cash funds	269	65	
Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Bank/Building Society accounts	12,540	-	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	PAT tester	restricted	-	-
	2 x Gazebo	restricted	-	-
	Folding table	restricted	-	-
Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Invoices for running costs (website, materials)	unrestricted	1,248	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Sustainable Creditor

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1209069

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 07/04/2026

Name:

Dave Harris (Greener Accounting)

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACCA

Address:

6 The Village, Newton St Cyres, Exeter. EX5 5BU



Beautiful materials at the EcoCrafternoon event

Legal and administrative information

Status: Sustainable Crediton CIO is a charity registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales

Trustees:

Gerald Conyngham

John Craythorne

Andrew Davey

Nicola Frost

Claire Johnstone

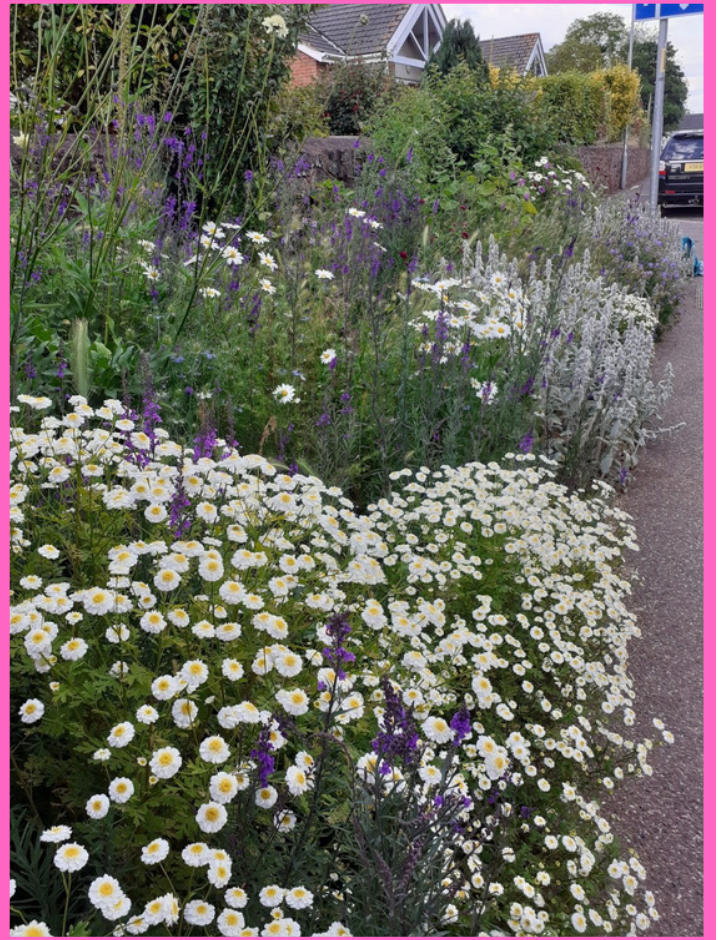
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Charity number 1209069

Registered office 8a North Street, Crediton EX17 2BT

Website address <https://sustainablecrediton.org.uk>

Bankers The co-operative Bank





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Sustainable Crediton

No (if any)
1209069

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1/1/2025

To

Period end date
12/31/2025

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					
Grants/Funding bids	-	2,050	-	2,050	2,800
Fundraising	4,193	-	-	4,193	3,742
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,193	2,050	-	6,243	6,542
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,193	2,050	-	6,243	6,542
A3 Payments					
Running costs including materials and venue hire	3,924	2,115	-	6,039	4,343
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,924	2,115	-	6,039	4,343
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,924	2,115	-	6,039	4,343
Net of receipts/(payments)	269	65	-	204	2,199
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	269	65	-	204	2,199

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	Total cash funds	269	- 65	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	269	- 65	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Bank/Building Society accounts	12,540	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	PAT tester	restricted	-	-
	2 x Gazebo	restricted	-	-
	Folding table	restricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Invoices for running costs (website, materials)	unrestricted	1,248	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	