| Trustees' Annual Report for the period | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Period start date | | | | Period end date | | | |
| From | 07 | 10 | 2024 | To | 05 | 04 | 2026 | |

## Section A Reference and administration details

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| **Charity name** | **Tidcombe Fen Nature Partnership** |
| **Other names charity is known by** | N/A |
| **Registered charity number (if any)** | **1210368** |
| **Charity's principal address** | Newte House |
| | 6 Tidcombe Lane |
| | Tiverton, Devon |
| | **Postcode** **EX16 4DZ** |

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Stephen Powles | Chair | | |
| 2 | Paul Cooper | Vice Chair | | |
| 3 | Hannah Brierley | Secretary | | |
| 4 | Colin Williams | Treasurer | | |
| 5 | Alastair Blake | | | |
| 6 | Helen Cooper | | | |
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|---|---|
| N/A | |
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| | |

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|---|---|---|
| **N/A** | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

N/A

## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

| | |
|---|---|
| Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution) | Constitution (based on the CC CIO model constitution) |
| How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company) | CIO run by Trustees (six at present) |
| Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by) | Election to post by existing Trustees |

**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.

The following policies have been adopted and are in active implementation:

- Safeguarding Adults and Children
- Health and Safety including risk assessments for volunteers and visiting groups
- Whistleblowing
- Charity Code of Conduct
- Volunteer and Recruitment
- Ethical Fundraising

- The Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is leased from 3 different landowners. We have successfully negotiated 5-year leases with each of the landowners.

- Risk assessments using H&SE template and processes used to manage risks.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects are to conserve the SSSI that is Tidcombe Fen for the public benefit by appropriate management of the site and providing the public with volunteering, surveying, nature-based education and supervised tour opportunities.

**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)**

Conservation activities have taken place throughout the reporting period.

Development of a good relationship with a local grazier so that TFNP can use their cattle to graze areas where control of vegetation is necessary.

Monthly working parties of volunteers and trustees, along with contractors, maintain the ecological balance of the SSSI.

Surveys to monitor a range of plant and animal species, some of which are in danger, have been conducted by trustees, volunteers and outside specialists.

Supervised tours open to the public have run on two occasions (with 48 visitors attending). These provide education about conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment. They also give a lot of pleasure to those visiting.

A website has been created to engage and educate the public.

Two full days of volunteering (with education) have been provided for a local school (involving over 30 teenagers and 4 teachers).

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, demonstrated by:

- 340hrs of volunteering
- 108hrs of school involvement
- 48 visitors attending open days

**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;

N/A

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| • contribution made by volunteers. | • It is not our intention to give grants.<br>• It is not our intention to make investments<br><br>• See above for the contribution made by volunteers |

## Section D Achievements and performance

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

The charity has made significant achievements given its small size and recent formation. These have included:

- Widespread engagement with the public, predominantly through offering volunteering, guided tours and education opportunities.
- The creation of a website for greater engagement with the public.
- Involving a local school in our work through volunteering visits
- Volunteer engagement, significant conservation work on a site of conservation importance (a SSSI)
- Site maintenance/conservation activities including scrub clearance, fence maintenance and using cattle to graze areas where control of vegetation is necessary.

## Section E Financial review

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| **Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves** | This being our first reporting period, we have not, until now, been able to make an accurate assessment of our annual operating costs, hence we have yet to develop and adopt a reserves policy. |
| **Details of any funds materially in deficit** | N/A |

**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.

- At present, the charity is being maintained by a loan from the trustees
- We anticipate the receipt of substantial funds from DEFRA via the Rural Payments Agency, a capital sum is due now and a regularly 3 monthly income is anticipated from September 2026. Further capital payments are expected on a semi-regular basis.
- We have received several small to medium donations (up to £250)
- We have been obliged to focus much of our initial expenditure on insurance to cover the work of the volunteers and members of the public who are visiting. The SSSI is leased from 3 different landowners, and this has incurred legal costs to set up.
- We do not plan to invest.

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## 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)** | | |
| **Full name(s)** | Stephen William Powles | |
| **Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)** | Chair | |
| **Date** | 19 May 2026 | |

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

| Tidcombe Fen Nature Partnership | 1210368 |
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# Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | 10/7/2024 | To | 4/5/2026 |
|---|---|---|---|

## 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 £ |
| **A1 Receipts** | | | | | |
| Fundraising Events | 404 | - | - | 404 | - |
| Trustees Donations | 96 | - | - | 96 | - |
| Other Donations | 300 | - | - | 300 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Sub total*** *(Gross income for AR)* | 800 | - | - | 800 | - |
| **A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).** | | | | | |
| **nil** | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Sub total*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total receipts*** | 800 | - | - | 800 | - |
| **A3 Payments** | | | | | |
| Legal Fees | 467 | - | - | 467 | - |
| Insurance | 1,027 | - | - | 1,027 | - |
| Raw materials | 201 | - | - | 201 | - |
| Tools | 145 | - | - | 145 | - |
| Consultancy fee (peppercorn) | 10 | - | - | 10 | - |
| Stationery | 40 | - | - | 40 | - |
| Land Rental | 344 | - | - | 344 | - |
| First Aid courses & kits | 244 | - | - | 244 | - |
| Trustee DBS checks | 101 | - | - | 101 | - |
| ***Sub total*** | 2,579 | - | - | 2,579 | - |
| **A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)** | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| ***Sub total*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| ***Total payments*** | 2,579 | - | - | 2,579 | - |
| ***Net of receipts/(payments)*** | - 1,779 | - | - | - 1,779 | - |
| **A5 Transfers between funds** | - | - | - | - | - |
| **A6 Cash funds last year end** | 2,116 | - | - | 2,116 | - |
| ***Cash funds this year end*** | 337 | - | - | 337 | - |

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

### B1 Cash funds

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Funds held in bank | 286 | - | - |
| | Petty cash | 51 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | ***Total cash funds*** | 337 | - | - |
| | (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 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| nil | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
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| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |

### B3 Investment assets

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---|---|---|
| nil | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |

### B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tools | Unrestricted funds | 245 | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
| | | - | - |
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### B5 Liabilities

| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|---|---|---|---|
| nil | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |
| | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|---|---|
| | Colin Williams (Treasurer) | |
| | Stephen Powles (Chair) | |