



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/2022 To 31/12/2022

Charity name: Northamptonshire Natural History Society & Field Club

Charity registration number: 204250

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The society (founded 1876) continues to provide meeting facilities for like minded individuals to meet and discuss all matters relating to Natural History in Northamptonshire
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main activities consist of meetings discussing astronomy, photography, microscopy and meteorology across Northamptonshire
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have followed all guidance regarding public benefit

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity held over 100 meetings during the year allowing members to get together to discuss natural history. This has allowed our mainly elderly membership to start socialising in person after the pandemic, providing outreach to local schools and clubs (eg helping scouts earn their astronomy badges)

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity income has exceed expenditure for the year (see financial statements) and remains solvent
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves of £10,000 are held to allow the society to pay for approx. 1 year of running costs
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Laws of the Society
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed at the annual general meeting where every member can attend and vote

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Northamptonshire Natural History Society & Field Club
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	204250
Charity's principal address	The Humfrey Rooms 10 Castilian Terrace Northampton NN1 1LD

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	Dusko Novakovic	Treasurer		AGM
2	Nicholas Hewitt			AGM
3	Cyril Sampson			AGM
4	Michael Longman	President		AGM
5	Paul Hayes	Membership Secretary		AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Dusko Novakovic	25/5/23	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
All titles are held in the name of the Society		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Other optional information

n/a

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Dusko Novakovic

Full name(s)

Dusko Novakovic

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

Treasurer

Date

25/10/23

**Balance Sheet for the Northamptonshire Natural History
Society & Field Club as at 31st December, 2022**

	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Land & Buildings	170,000.00	
Fixtures & Fittings	10,000.00	
Equipment	<u>35,000.00</u>	215,000.00
Current Assets		
Business Base Rate Tracker Account	536.84	
Community bank a/c	35,175.48	
Fixed Rate Bond	62,115.28	
Shares / Investment Trusts	<u>131,093.81</u>	228,921.41
Total Current Assets		443,921.41
Less Current Liabilities		
Cheques Outstanding		0.00
Total Assets		<u><u>443,921.41</u></u>
Represented By:		
Income Exceeding Expenditure for 2022		19,961.34
Change in Value of Shares		(22,089.52)
Contingency Reserves		10,000.00
Revaluation Reserve		200,000.00
Section Funds		236,049.59
		<u><u>443,921.41</u></u>

**Income Statement for the Northamptonshire Natural History Society & Field
Club for the Year Ending 31st December, 2022**

	£	£
Income		
Covid Grants	17,667.00	
2022 Subscriptions	4,115.00	
Share Dividends	1,152.90	
Donations / Tea Money	881.00	
Interest	680.20	
Room Hire	670.00	
Fund Raising	252.00	
Microscope Sales	168.00	
Astronomy	90.00	
Council Tax Refund	87.00	25,763.10
Less Expenditure		
Utilities	1,240.29	
Journal	1,005.00	
Insurance	960.92	
Speakers	899.65	
Repairs & Maintenance	637.27	
Telephone	339.48	
Programme	276.00	
Subscriptions Paid	219.46	
Water	84.00	
Internet / Web	83.48	
Stamps	39.60	
Equipment	15.00	
Card Fees	1.61	5,801.76
Income Exceeding Expenditure for the Y/E 31/12/2022		<u><u>19,961.34</u></u>

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of "The Northamptonshire Natural History Society"

I report on the accounts of the Northamptonshire Natural History Society for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

