

THE WEALD OF KENT PROTECTION SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 261992

Details

Other names	THE WEALD OF KENT PRESERVATION SOCIETY, WKPS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1971-01-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	5 Castle Hurst Bodiam Robertsbridge TN32 5UW
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Website	www.wkps.org.uk

Activities

Objects: TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE CHARACTER OF THE WEALDEN TOWNS, VILLAGES AND COUNTRYSIDE. TO SAFEGUARD THE AMENITIES OF THE WEALD OF KENT. TO CULTIVATE A WIDER INTEREST IN AND CARE FOR THE BEAUTY, HISTORY AND CHARACTER OF THE WEALD OF KENT.

Activities: To protect & enhance the character of the Kentish Wealden towns, villages & countryside, to safeguard the amenities of the Weald of Kent.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WEALD OF KENT
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£14,274	£22,533	-	-
2024-03-31	£17,007	£12,558	-	-
2023-03-31	£69,781	£14,359	-	-
2022-03-31	£6,982	£12,281	-	-
2021-03-31	£15,871	£7,692	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MICHAEL BAX	Chair	2013-06-25
CHRISTOPHER HUGH PAGE		2019-01-01
Fay Merrick		2018-01-01
Jessamy Edmee Blanford		1984-06-05
Peta Clare Grant		2019-12-03
Sarah Katharine Frances Ellison		2025-06-05

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: 01 APRIL 2022 To Period end date: 31 MARCH 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: THE WEALD OF KENT PROTECTION SOCIETY

Other names charity is known by: WKPS

Registered charity number (if any): 261992

Charity's principal address: 5 CASTLE HURST
BODIAM
ROBERTSBRIDGE, EAST SUSSEX
Postcode: TN32 5UW

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	MICHAEL BAX	CHAIR		COUNCIL/MEMBERS
2	FAY MERRICK	SECRETARY		COUNCIL/MEMBERS
3	PETA GRANT	PLANNING		COUNCIL/MEMBERS
4	CHRISTOPHER PAGE	TREASURER		COUNCIL/MEMBERS
5	DAVID NORTHCROFT	TRUSTEE		COUNCIL/MEMBERS
6	JESSAMY BLANDFORD	TRUSTEE		COUNCIL/MEMBERS
7	JANET RYMER-JONES	TRUSTEE		COUNCIL/MEMBERS
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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
AS ABOVE	

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)

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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
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	SOCIETY
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	ELECTED BY MEMBERS/APPOINTED BY COUNCIL

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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Section C Objectives and activities

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

1. TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE CHARACTER OF THE WEALDEN TOWNS, VILLAGES AND COUNTRYSIDE.
2. TO SAFEGUARD THE AMENITIES OF THE WEALD OF KENT.
3. TO CULTIVATE A WIDER INTEREST IN AND CARE FOR THE BEAUTY, HISTORY AND CHARACTER OF THE WEALD OF KENT.
4. THE SOCIETY, IN ORDER TO RAISE AWARENESS, MAY ORGANISE MEETINGS, EXHIBITIONS AND LECTURES, PROMOTE SCHEMES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF A CHARITABLE NATURE

THE SOCIETY IS NON-POLITICAL.

ITS OBJECTIVES, WHICH ARE CARRIED ON FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND ITS BETTER ENJOYMENT OF AN ENHANCED ENVIRONMENT, ARE ALL SUMMARISED ABOVE

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

THE CHAIR AND OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERS EXCEPT FOR THE SECRETARY AND PLANNING SECRETARY.

VOLUNTEERS ALSO MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE RUNNING OF THE SOCIETY IN THE FORM OF SCRUTINEERS IN VARIOUS WEALDEN VILLAGES AS WELL AS ROLES REQUIRED AT FUND-RAISING EVENTS.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. THE SOCIETY WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO RECEIVE TWO LEGACIES TOTALLING £62,500 DURING THE YEAR.
2. THIS ENABLED THE SOCIETY TO INCREASE THE CIRCULATION OF ITS REGULAR NEWSLETTER AND ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS.
3. IT ALSO TOOK ON A SOCIAL MEDIA SECRETARY TO ATTRACT YOUNGER MEMBERS.
4. THE SOCIETY HELD A COUPLE OF SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISING EVENTS DURING THE YEAR.
5. THE SOCIETY CHALLENGED SOME IMPORTANT PLANNING APPLICATIONS THAT WOULD HAVE HAD A HARMFUL IMPACT ON THE WEALDEN LANDSCAPE.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

OUR POLICY ON RESERVES IS TO MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO FURTHER THE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY. NONE OF OUR RESERVES ARE RESTRICTED.

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.

THE PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF FUNDS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS
2. DONATIONS/LEGACIES
3. FUND-RAISING EVENTS

THREE OF THE TRUSTEES (SECRETARY, PLANNING AND SOCIAL MEDIA) RECEIVE AN HONORARIUM FOR THEIR SERVICES IN ORDER TO HELP FULFIL THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY. OCCASIONAL OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES ARE ALSO PAID.

EXPENDITURE IS MAINLY DIRECTED TOWARDS A REGULAR NEWSLETTER WHICH HIGHLIGHTS TOPICAL ISSUES RELATING TO THE WEALD OF KENT AS WELL AS ORGANISING EVENTS FOR MEMBERS WHICH PROMOTE THE BEAUTY OF THE WEALD.

SURPLUS CASH IS HELD IN A LOW RISK DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

Section F

Other optional information

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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)

MICHAEL BAX

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR

Date

11 JANUARY 2024

**WEALD OF KENT PROTECTION SOCIETY
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH**

	2023		2022
	£		£
RECEIPTS			
Subscriptions	4,152		3,559
Grants and Donations	865		1,240
Gift Aid Tax Recovery	1,000		1,046
Legacies	62,500		0
<i>Fund Raising Activities</i>			
Merchandise	20		10
Garden Tour	90		300
Nightingales	245		335
Wine Tasting	0		358
Misc	89		87
Investment Income	820		48
TOTAL RECEIPTS	69,781		6,982
PAYMENTS			
Dues & Subs & Sundries	82		43
Meetings	329		254
Stamps and Stationery	1,860		1,376
Insurance	289		279
Secretarial, Honorariums, Disbursements	7,478		6,999
Website Expenses	132		132
WOTW	4,047		2,826
Wine Tasting	0		332
Marketing	142		40
TOTAL PAYMENTS	14,359		12,281
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	55,422.27		-5,298.48
FUNDS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	34,349.29		39,647.77
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	55,422.27		-5,298.48
FUNDS AT END OF THE YEAR	89,771.56		34,349.29
REPRESENTED BY:			
MONEY AT BANK	91,134.96		35,860.69
LESS: NET ACCRUALS	-1,823.40		-1,511.40
CHEQUES CASHED POST 31 MARCH	460.00		0.00
ADJUSTED CASH AT BANK	89,771.56		34,349.29


Weald of Kent Protection Society

Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Chairman	Michael Bax
Society Secretary	Fay Merrick
Hon Treasurer	Christopher Page
Independent Accountant	Hugh Ellison

Accountants Report

The attached profit and loss account for the year ended 31 March 2023 and balance sheet as at 31 March 2023 have been prepared from the accounting records of the Weald of Kent Protection Society. It is confirmed that these accounts are in accordance with the financial records and information and explanations provided.



Hugh Ellison
Badgers Oak Barn, Park Lane, Cranbrook, Kent

03 June 2023