BADGWORTHY TRUST FOR THE PRESERVATION OF EXMOOR

England & Wales · Charity number 271170

Details

Other names	BADGWORTH TRUST FOR THE PRESERVATION OF EXMOOR
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1970-11-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (A) BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND ESPECIALLY THE INHABITANTS OF EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK. (B) PROTECTION OF LANDS AND BUILDINGS OF BEAUTY OF HISTORIC INTEREST, (C) PROVISION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY ESPECIALLY THE INHABITANTS AND USERS OF EXMOOR NATIONAL PARKS OPEN SPACES PUBLIC PARKS AND OTHER CHARITABLE AMENITIES. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE SCHEDULE A AND B OF TRUST DEED).

Activities: To promote for the benefit of the public generally and especially for the inhabitants and users of the Exmoor National Park the protection of land and buildings of beauty or historic interest and as regards lands of ecological or other scientific importance with the National Park.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£108,565	£1,865	-	-
2024-03-31	£102,023	£2,820	-	-
2023-03-31	£124,555	£3,764	-	-
2022-03-31	£79,789	£1,158	-	-
2021-03-31	£56,132	£44,720	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sir Stephen Waley-Cohen Bt	Chair	
Christina Margaret Williams		2025-12-09
Felicita Busby		2023-12-01
GUY RICHARD THOMAS-EVERARD		
IAN LUTLEY PUGSLEY		
Timothy Yandle		2023-12-01

Accounts

Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor

(A Charitable Trust)

Unaudited Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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H R Thomas	(resigned 9 December 2025)
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Sir S H Waley-Cohen, Bt	
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The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 10 of the financial statements. A summary of the financial results and the work of the Trust are set out below.

The income of the Trust arises from its investments and is used for the preservation of Exmoor. Overall there is net income of £106,700 (2024: £99,203) which, when added to the funds brought forward of £1,160,076 (2024: £1,060,873) results in a total of £1,266,776 carried forward. This represents the unrestricted funds of the charity and is principally made up of the investment in Badgworthy Land Company Limited.

The Trustees have actively looked for further land and manorial rights available to purchase, which would be consistent with the objectives of the Trust.

Achievements and performance

Company's actions relating to 'Object (a) Promoting protection of land and buildings':

1) By co-operation with the appropriate responsible bodies (currently DEFRA and Natural England) ensuring proper management of Trust and Company owned land, which are ecologically important, and promoting their proper management and by example encouraging other land managers, especially tenants of the Company and holders of common rights over Company land, to take similar responsible action.

   Historical examples of the above include entry into Exmoor ESA schemes, Environmental Schemes (ES) and now Countryside Stewardship Schemes (CS), including participating in the first Statutory Commons Council. Pioneering moorland management plans, forming management agreements with NE, and carrying out species and site specific works in accordance with the Exmoor Bio-diversity Action Plan.

   In the year, the Badgworthy Land Company continued to use the capital works money from the Higher Level (HLS) schemes to secure its boundaries and some internal hedgerows. The Company is participating in a Lanscape Recovery Scheme two year scoping exercise to see about a 30 year Landscape scheme with neighbouring landowners.

2) By co-operation with appropriate bodies, promoting scientific investigation of archaeology, flora and fauna on Trust and Company land. Acting upon the findings where appropriate and possible.

   Illustrations of the above include surveys of moorland, specific plant surveys, lichens, red deer, dormice and butterflies and of rhododendrons and invasive plants.

3) By properly managing woodlands by entry into the Forestry Commission Woodland Grant Scheme.

4) By submission to enquiries and consultations relating to proposed government legislation such as public access, CROW Act, Commons legislation, Burns enquiry etc. and by submissions relating to land and buildings in relation to the Exmoor National Park Plan and the updating of the Exmoor Moorland units.

5) By representation by Company Officers (in that capacity), on advisory panels of the ENPA authority, and on management of the Trust and Company assets. This means that we aim to keep the properties and encourage other bodies.

6) By representation of Company officers in a private capacity, as above.

7) By purchase and consolidation, protecting lands etc. Recent examples include the purchase of land at East Anstey Common and woodland at Yamson, Hawkridge Ridge. The Company is keen not to overpay for land and has been outbid at sites including Emmets Grange and near Castle Bridge.

Company's actions in relation to 'Object (b) Providing and assisting in the provision of open spaces parks and other charitable amenities':

bi) Support for recreation:

Historically the Company has promoted this objective by dedication of moorland as access land, through sec193 LPA 1925. The Company has allowed permissive paths to be created historically; as with the Two Moors Way across Cheriton Ridge and along the Barle Valley. The Company has promoted filling the "missing links" in footpath and bridleway networks and assisted the British Horse Society in preparation of guidance for riding routes on Exmoor.

The Company supports all appropriate forms of leisure activity that are compatible with preserving Exmoor. This does mean in certain circumstances the Company believes that the interest of preservation of a specific habitat or species; for example those species identified in the Exmoor Bio-diversity Plan that public access should be temporarily or permanently excluded or discouraged. Guidance is taken from appropriate bodies and the considerable local knowledge available to us. In addition, assessment of risk indicates that public access to all Company property is inadvisable because of natural or man-made hazards and that certain properties, particularly working farms, houses and businesses are inappropriate for access other than on definitive rights of way. This means that we historically have not encouraged public access to our entire land holding.

Support has been given by way of financial support for the footpath and bridleway network through the Exmoor Paths Partnership, and by the voluntary creation of permissive footpaths and bridleways where specific problems have been identified.

The Company supports events across its land and elsewhere on Exmoor such as the Golden Horseshoe (endurance riding), The Exmoor Chase XC, organised mountain bike rides, orienteering, walking for charitable purposes and arduous training and other events and outdoor activities.

The Company believes that organized leisure activities and events should be carried out in a safe manner and at times that do not conflict with nature (e.g. birds nesting season) and other activities. To achieve this, the Company licenses establishments such as pony trekking centres and advocates the ENPA protocol for organized events. In assisting event organizers, the Company co-operates with the ENPA, EN and other bodies to avoid conflicts between conservation and recreation. We have had to join with the ENPA, the Police and other bodies in discouraging damaging activities and those contrary to bylaws.

bii) Further actions supporting this objective

In addition to specific actions set out above, the principal action supporting this objective is the sound estate our tenants and those holding common rights over land owned similarly to keep the property in good agricultural and environmental condition. This ensures that residents and local inhabitants see Exmoor at its best.

To assist with the management of company assets, the company has continued to register title to both its freehold lands and its profits à prendre.

Future benefits are ensured by considering public benefit in planning management tasks and projects; for example within England Woodland Grant Scheme.

Financial review

Grant making policy

The Trust's overall policy is to maintain its existing property holdings, to provide as appropriate public access over them and to look after the wildlife within them. The Trust in broad terms utilises its income with these objectives and in saving sufficient funds which it can utilise for the purchase of further landholdings in the future. The Trust does not therefore advertise for applications for grants. However, the existence of the Trust is widely known on Exmoor and when receiving applications for grants the Trust considers these and will on occasion make grants or loans to other bodies whose activities are in accordance with the Trust's purposes.

Reserves policy

The Trust has unrestricted reserves of £1,266,776.

The Trust needs reserves to make sure it can meet all its commitments. The Company's primary income sources are rents received and grants obtained in respect of the Company's property holdings. In turn the Trust's principal income has been derived from gift aid from the Company.

The Trust wishes to continue to either assist the Company in the purchase of land or to purchase land in its own name for the furtherance of the purposes of the Trust. Thus it is agreed that the Trust will continue to retain income so that sufficient monies can be accrued for the furtherance of such purposes. In the event, however that land is purchased, it will be the Trust's policy to retain sufficient funds to enable the Trust to meet at least six months' outgoings.

Investments selection policy

The Trust has an overall policy of accumulating funds with a view to the purchase of further landholdings. As a consequence of this, the Trust will adopt a low risk investment policy. Monies held by the Trust should be invested on deposit at banks, building societies or held in other low risk investments including unit trusts specially set up with charities in mind. Given that one of the purposes of the Trust is the protection of Exmoor, then the Trust will avoid investments which conflict with this purpose, even if the conflict may be outside the Exmoor area; for instance, the Trust will not invest in businesses which potentially pollute the environment, even if such pollution is in another part of the world.

Trustees’ responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed by order of the trustees on ……………………….

………………………………….
Sir S H Waley-Cohen, Bt
Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 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 Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA
Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants
Goodwood House
Blackbrook Park Avenue
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 2PX

Dated: ……………………………………..

Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Total 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		50,000	80,000
Investment income:			
Bank interest		285	3,841
Other interest received		58,280	18,182
Total		**108,565**	**102,023**
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities:			
Deer count and other monitoring services		570	-
Exmoor Foxhounds point-to-point		-	1,500
Governance costs			
Accountancy services		820	845
Independent examination		475	475
Total		**1,865**	**2,820**
Net income & net movement in funds		**106,700**	**99,203**
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		1,160,076	1,060,873
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		**1,266,776**	**1,160,076**

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor
Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2025

	Notes		2025 £		2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	3		94,579		94,579
Investment in subsidiary	4		1,090,497		468,216
			1,185,076		562,795
Current assets					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		83,020		598,571	
		83,020		598,571	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,320)		(1,290)	
Net current assets			81,700		597,281
Net assets			**1,266,776**		**1,160,076**
Unrestricted funds	7		1,266,776		1,160,076
			1,266,776		**1,160,076**

Approved by the Board for issue on ……………………….. and signed on their behalf by:

………………………………
Sir S H Waley-Cohen, Bt
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

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The charity meets the definition of public benefit under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for the use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

1.3 Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

All income is reported as gross of related expenditure.

Grants and donations are only included in the 'SoFA' when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

The charity receives income from its subsidiary under gift aid which is recognised upon receipt.

Investment income is included in the accounts when it is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs include the preparation and examination, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support costs are shown under the costs in furtherance of the charitable activities.

1.5 Fixed assets

Fixed assets held in furtherance of the trust's objects are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation (where appropriate). The only asset currently held is freehold land on which no depreciation is provided in accordance with FRS 102 (paragraph 17.16).

1.6 Investment in subsidiary

The investment in the share capital of the trust's subsidiary constitutes a programme related investment and is stated at cost. A loan to the subsidiary also constitutes a programme related investment and is stated at the value outstanding under the loan agreement.

1.7 Debtors

Debtors are receivable within one year and are recorded at transaction price.

1.8 **Cash at bank and in hand**
Cash at bank and in hand comprise of cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.9 **Creditors**
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

1.10 **Consolidated accounts**
Consolidated accounts have not been prepared as the gross income of the group in the accounting year is lower than the consolidation threshold under the Charities Act 2011.

1.11 **Financial instruments**
The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and liabilities of the charity and their measurements are as follows:

Financial assets – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost and details are in note 9. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals, other creditors and bank loans are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost and detailed in note 9. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not seemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

2 Trustees’ and employees remuneration
The trust has no employees, and hence no key management personnel and none that receive remuneration above £60,000 (2024: none).

No trustee received any remuneration above £60,000 or expenses during the year (2024: none).

3 Tangible assets

	Land
	£
Cost and net book value	
As at 31 March 2024	94,579
As at 31 March 2025	94,579

4 Investment in subsidiary: Badgworthy Land Company Limited

	2025 £	2024 £
Equity shares	2,049	2,049
Loan account	1,088,448	466,167
	1,090,497	468,216

The trust owns the whole of the issued ordinary share capital of Badgworthy Land Company Limited (company number – 00218403), a company registered in England and Wales. The company owns various freehold land and buildings on Exmoor, which it administers in accordance with the objects of the trust.

The loan owed by the subsidiary undertaking is secured by a mortgage over the assets of the subsidiary. Interest is charged at 1.5% over the NatWest Bank base rate. There are no formal repayment terms.

Badgworthy Land Company Limited

	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover	163,246	181,878
Cost of sales	(71,816)	(103,470)
Gross profit	91,430	78,408
Administrative expenses	(362)	(1,977)
Other operating income	-	9
Operating profit	91,068	76,440
Other interest receivable	1,814	-
Other operating expenses	(53,944)	(18,736)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	38,938	57,704
Taxation	(1,593)	(1,419)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	37345	56,285
Retained earnings brought forward	643,890	667,162
Gift aid to parent charity	(50,000)	(80,000)
Transfer of fair value adjustment	(3,581)	443
Retained earnings carried forward	627,654	643,890

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and capital and reserves was:

	2025 £	2024 £
Assets	1,861,718	1,258,589
Liabilities	(1,097,296)	(481,512)
Capital and reserves	764,422	777,077

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	1,320	1,290
	1,320	1,290

6 Related party transactions

Badgworthy Land Company Limited
(A wholly owned subsidiary of the Trust)
Interest amounting to £17,967 (2024: £18,182) was charged in respect of the loan to Badgworthy Land Company Limited during the year. The balance outstanding from Badgworthy Land Company Limited at the year-end was £1,048,134 (2024: £466,168) relating to the loan account.

7 Statement of funds

	Balance 01.04.24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.25 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	1,160,076	108,565	(1,865)	-	1,266,776
Total funds	1,160,076	108,565	(1,865)	-	1,266,776

	Balance 01.04.23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.24 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	1,060,873	102,023	(2,820)	-	1,160,076
Total funds	1,060,873	102,023	(2,820)	-	1,160,076

8 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
Financial assets at fair value through the profit and loss account	1,050,184	468,216
Financial instruments that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	83,020	598,571
	1,133,204	1,066,787
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	1,320	1,290
	1,320	1,290

The total interest income for financial assets measured at fair value through the profit and loss account is £58,280 (2024: £18,182). There is no expenditure, gains or losses to report for the current or comparative year.

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Trustees’ responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed by order of the trustees on …………………………….

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Sir S H Waley-Cohen, Bt
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor ("the Trust") For the Year Ended 31 March 2024.

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 Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA
Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants
Goodwood House
Blackbrook Park Avenue
Taunton
Somerset
TA1 2PX

Dated: ……………………………………….

	Notes	Unrestricted Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Total 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		80,000	113,000
Investment income:			
Bank interest		3,841	1,183
Other interest received		18,182	10,372
Total		**102,023**	**124,555**
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities:			
Deer count and other monitoring services		-	(5,000)
Exmoor Foxhounds point-to-point		1,500	-
Governance costs			
Accountancy services		845	786
Independent examination		475	450
Total		**2,820**	**(3,764)**
Net income & net movement in funds		**99,203**	**128,319**
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		1,060,873	932,554
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		**1,160,076**	**1,060,873**

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

	Notes		2024 £		2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	3		94,579		94,579
Investment in subsidiary	4		468,216		291,034
			562,795		385,613
Current assets					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		598,571		676,460	
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Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,290)		(1,200)	
Net current assets			597,281		675,260
Net assets			**1,160,076**		**1,060,873**
Unrestricted funds	7		1,060,076		1,060,873
			1,160,076		**1,060,873**

Approved by the Board for issue on …………………………… and signed on their behalf by:

…………………………………….
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1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The charity meets the definition of public benefit under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for the use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

1.3 Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

All income is reported as gross of related expenditure.

Grants and donations are only included in the 'SoFA' when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

The charity receives income from its subsidiary under gift aid which is recognised upon receipt.

Investment income is included in the accounts when it is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs include the preparation and examination, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support costs are shown under the costs in furtherance of the charitable activities.

1.5 Fixed assets

Fixed assets held in furtherance of the trust's objects are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation (where appropriate). The only asset currently held is freehold land on which no depreciation is provided in accordance with FRS 102 (paragraph 17.16).

1.6 Investment in subsidiary

The investment in the share capital of the trust's subsidiary constitutes a programme related investment and is stated at cost. A loan to the subsidiary also constitutes a programme related investment and is stated at the value outstanding under the loan agreement.

1.7 Debtors

Debtors are receivable within one year and are recorded at transaction price.

1.8 **Cash at bank and in hand**
Cash at bank and in hand comprise of cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.9 **Creditors**
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

1.10 **Consolidated accounts**
Consolidated accounts have not been prepared as the gross income of the group in the accounting year is lower than the consolidation threshold under the Charities Act 2011.

1.11 **Financial instruments**
The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and liabilities of the charity and their measurements are as follows:

Financial assets – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost and details are in note 9. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals, other creditors and bank loans are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost and detailed in note 9. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not seemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

2 Trustees' and employees remuneration

The trust has no employees, and hence no key management personnel and none that receive remuneration of over £60,000 (2023: none).

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2023: none).

3 Tangible assets

	Land
	£
Cost and net book value	
As at 31 March 2023	94,579
As at 31 March 2024	94,579

4 Investment in subsidiary: Badgworthy Land Company Limited

	2024 £	2023 £
Equity shares	2,049	2,049
Loan account	466,167	288,985
	468,216	291,034

The trust owns the whole of the issued ordinary share capital of Badgworthy Land Company Limited (company number – 00218403), a company registered in England and Wales. The company owns various freehold land and buildings on Exmoor, which it administers in accordance with the objects of the trust.

The loan owed by the subsidiary undertaking is secured by a mortgage over the assets of the subsidiary. Interest is charged at 1.5% over the NatWest Bank base rate. There are no formal repayment terms.

Badgworthy Land Company Limited

	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover	181,878	193,208
Cost of sales	(103,470)	(92,188)
Gross profit	78,408	101,020
Administrative expenses	(1,977)	(1,684)
Other operating income	9	9
Operating profit	76,440	99,345
Other operating expenses	(18,736)	(9,305)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	57,704	90,040
Taxation	(1,419)	(1,876)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	56,285	88,164
Retained earnings brought forward	667,162	704,852
Gift aid to parent charity	(80,000)	(125,000)
Transfer of fair value adjustment	443	(854)
Retained earnings carried forward	643,890	667,162

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and capital and reserves was:

	2024 £	2023 £
Assets	1,258,589	1,102,179
Liabilities	(481,512)	(301,387)
Capital and reserves	777,077	800,792

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	1,290	1,200
	1,290	1,200

6 Related party transactions

Badgworthy Land Company Limited
(A wholly owned subsidiary of the Trust)
Interest amounting to £18,182 (2023: £10,372) was charged in respect of the loan to Badgworthy Land Company Limited during the year. The balance outstanding from Badgworthy Land Company Limited at the year-end was £466,168 (2023: £288,986) relating to the loan account.

7 Statement of funds

	Balance 01.04.23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.24 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	1,060,873	102,023	(2,820)	-	1,160,076
Total funds	1,060,873	102,023	(2,820)	-	1,160,076

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8 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial assets at fair value through the profit and loss account	468,216	291,034
Financial instruments that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	598,571	676,460
	1,066,787	979,494
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Accounts

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(A Charitable Trust)

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Independent Examiner	Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA Albert Goodman LLP Goodwood House Blackbrook Park Avenue Taunton Somerset TA1 2PX

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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Structure, governance and management

The Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor is an independent charity, registered number 271170.

The governing document is the Trust Deed dated 30 January 1976.

The following trustees served during the year:

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As set out by the governing document, if the number of trustees ever falls to below four, the remaining trustees should seek to appoint another.

Objects and activities

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(a) To promote for the benefit of the public generally and especially for the benefit of the inhabitants and users of the Exmoor National Park in the counties of Devon and Somerset, the protection of land and buildings of beauty or historic interest and as regards lands of ecological or other scientific importance within the National Park.

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> "To promote the protection of lands of ecological and scientific importance and buildings of beauty or historic interest within Exmoor National Park and to provide or assist in the provision of open place and other amenities for recreation within the Park for the benefit of the public and particularly the inhabitants of the National Park."

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Trustee

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Dated: 15 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Total 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		113,000	75,000
Investment income:			
Bank interest		1,183	51
Other interest received		10,372	4,738
Total		**124,555**	**79,789**
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities:			
Deer count and other monitoring services		(5,000)	-
Governance costs			
Accountancy services		786	758
Independent examination		450	400
Total		**(3,764)**	**1,158**
Net income & net movement in funds		**128,319**	**78,631**
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		932,554	853,923
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		**1,060,873**	**932,554**

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor
Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2023

	Notes		2023 £		2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	3		94,579		94,579
Investment in subsidiary	4		291,034		286,662
			385,613		381,241
Current assets					
Debtors	5	-		12,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		676,460		545,447	
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Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,200)		(6,134)	
Net current assets			675,260		551,313
Net assets			**1,060,873**		**932,554**
Unrestricted funds	8		1,060,873		932,554
			1,060,873		**932,554**

Approved by the Board for issue on 27 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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Trustee

1 Accounting policies

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The charity meets the definition of public benefit under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for the use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

1.3 Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
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- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

All income is reported as gross of related expenditure.

Grants and donations are only included in the 'SoFA' when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

The charity receives income from its subsidiary under gift aid which is recognised upon receipt.

Investment income is included in the accounts when it is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs include the preparation and examination, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Support costs are shown under the costs in furtherance of the charitable activities.

1.5 Fixed assets

Fixed assets held in furtherance of the trust's objects are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation (where appropriate). The only asset currently held is freehold land on which no depreciation is provided in accordance with FRS 102 (paragraph 17.16).

1.6 Investment in subsidiary

The investment in the share capital of the trust's subsidiary constitutes a programme related investment and is stated at cost. A loan to the subsidiary also constitutes a programme related investment and is stated at the value outstanding under the loan agreement.

1.7 Debtors

Debtors are receivable within one year and are recorded at transaction price.

1.8 **Cash at bank and in hand**
Cash at bank and in hand comprise of cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1.9 **Creditors**
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

1.10 **Consolidated accounts**
Consolidated accounts have not been prepared as the gross income of the group in the accounting year is lower than the consolidation threshold under the Charities Act 2011.

1.11 **Financial instruments**
The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and liabilities of the charity and their measurements are as follows:

Financial assets – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost and details are in note 9. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals, other creditors and bank loans are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost and detailed in note 9. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not seemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

2 Trustees' and employees remuneration

The trust has no employees, and hence no key management personnel and none that receive remuneration of over £60,000 (2022: none).

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2022: none).

3 Tangible assets

	Land
	£
Cost and net book value	
As at 31 March 2022	94,579
As at 31 March 2023	94,579

4 Investment in subsidiary: Badgworthy Land Company Limited

	2023 £	2022 £
Equity shares	2,049	2,049
Loan account	288,985	284,613
	291,034	286,662

The trust owns the whole of the issued ordinary share capital of Badgworthy Land Company Limited (company number – 00218403), a company registered in England and Wales. The company owns various freehold land and buildings on Exmoor, which it administers in accordance with the objects of the trust.

The loan owed by the subsidiary undertaking is secured by a mortgage over the assets of the subsidiary. Interest is charged at 1.5% over the NatWest Bank base rate. There are no formal repayment terms.

Badgworthy Land Company Limited

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	193,208	202,128
Cost of sales	(92,188)	(47,743)
Gross profit	101,020	154,385
Administrative expenses	(1,684)	(465)
Other operating income	9	9
Operating profit	99,345	153,929
Other operating expenses	(9,305)	(4,150)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	90,040	149,779
Taxation	(1,876)	(4,666)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	88,164	145,113
Retained earnings brought forward	704,852	635,213
Gift aid to parent charity	(125,000)	(75,000)
Transfer of fair value adjustment	(854)	(474)
Retained earnings carried forward	667,162	704,852

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and capital and reserves was:

	2023 £	2022 £
Assets	1,102,179	1,133,773
Liabilities	(301,387)	(296,145)
Capital and reserves	800,792	837,628

5 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued income	-	12,000
	-	12,000

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	1,200	6,134
	1,200	6,134

7 Related party transactions

Badgworthy Land Company Limited
(A wholly owned subsidiary of the Trust)
Interest amounting to £10,372 (2022: £4,738) was charged in respect of the loan to Badgworthy Land Company Limited during the year. The balance outstanding from Badgworthy Land Company Limited at the year-end was £288,985 (2022: £284,613) relating to the loan account.

8 Statement of funds

	Balance 01.04.22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.23 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	932,554	124,555	3,764	-	1,060,873
Total funds	932,554	124,555	3,764	-	1,060,873

	Balance 01.04.21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.22 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	853,923	79,789	(1,158)	-	932,554
Total funds	853,923	79,789	(1,158)	-	932,554

9 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Financial assets at fair value through the profit and loss account	291,034	286,662
Financial instruments that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	676,460	557,447
	979,494	844,109
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	1,200	6,134
	1,200	6,134

The total interest income for financial assets measured at fair value through the profit and loss account is £10,372 (2022: £4,738). There is no expenditure, gains or losses to report for the current or comparative year.

BADGWORTHY TRUST FOR THE PRESERVATION OF EXMOOR

England & Wales - Charity number 271170

Accounts

Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor
(A Charitable Trust)

Unaudited Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Charity Registered in England and Wales Number: 271170

Trustees	T A H Yandle G R Thomas-Everard I L Pugsley Sir S H Waley-Cohen, Bt Dr K J Collard H R Thomas
Contact address	The Elms Estate The Elms Office Bishops Tawton Barnstaple Devon EX32 0EJ
Independent Examiner	Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA Albert Goodman LLP Goodwood House Blackbrook Park Avenue Taunton Somerset TA1 2PX

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Trust Deed issued on 30 January 1976, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Public benefit

The trustees report that the charitable activities described in "Objectives and activities", "Achievements and performance" and "Plans for the future" are for the public benefit. The trustees also confirm that they have complied with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Structure, governance and management

The Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor is an independent charity, registered number 271170.

The governing document is the Trust Deed dated 30 January 1976.

The following trustees served during the year:

T A H Yandle
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H R Thomas

As set out by the governing document, if the number of trustees ever falls to below four, the remaining trustees should seek to appoint another.

Objects and activities

The objects of the Trust are:

(a) To promote for the benefit of the public generally and especially for the benefit of the inhabitants and users of the Exmoor National Park in the counties of Devon and Somerset, the protection of land and buildings of beauty or historic interest and as regards lands of ecological or other scientific importance within the National Park.

(b) To provide or assist in the provision for the benefit of the public generally and especially the inhabitants and users of the Exmoor National Park open spaces, public parks and other charitable amenities, and in the interests of social welfare and with a view to improving the condition of life for the persons for whom the facilities are primarily intended, facilities for recreation and all other leisure time occupation and grounds and buildings to be used for these purposes.

The Trust achieves these objectives through its own actions and through the actions of the Badgworthy Land Company, whose share capital it took over upon formation. The Company pre-dates the Trust having been set up on 23 December 1926. The objects of the Company when formed were much wider than the objects of the Trust (Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association at the time of forming are available from the Secretary on request). The Company objects are currently stated as being:

> "To promote the protection of lands of ecological and scientific importance and buildings of beauty or historic interest within Exmoor National Park and to provide or assist in the provision of open place and other amenities for recreation within the Park for the benefit of the public and particularly the inhabitants of the National Park."

The relationship of the Trust to the Company has always been close and trustees have been and still are also directors of the Company. This has allowed the trustee body to meet at least twice a year in conjunction with Company meetings, but as separate meetings, and to attend site visits and receive director's briefings, which are distributed some four times annually. The trustees therefore have a close knowledge of the issues concerning the Company and the method in which these issues are dealt with.

Review of activities

Over the course of the year the Trust has continued to manage its property assets both in direct ownership as well as through its wholly owned subsidiary. This has included managing three Higher Level Stewardship schemes to which it is a party as well as agreeing to new capital works programmes as requested by government bodies. Forestry has been managed to enhance environmental considerations with the continued rise of woodland disease management and invasive species control being particular features. The Trust has continued to encourage access for both recreational and educational access including the scheme at Snowdrop Valley and access for local charitable enterprises. This includes collaborating with other bodies to open up disused access. In addition grants have been offered to matters of local interest in the social, farming and sporting fields.

The Trustees have resolved to invest in actions on land controlled by Badgworthy Land Company that are consistent with the objects of the Trust and have resolved to raise the profile of the Trust.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 10 of the financial statements. A summary of the financial results and the work of the Trust are set out below.

The income of the Trust arises from its investments and is used for the preservation of Exmoor. Overall there is net income of £78,631 which, when added to the funds brought forward of £853,923 results in a total of £932,554 carried forward. This represents the unrestricted funds of the charity and is principally made up of the investment in Badgworthy Land Company Limited.

The Trustees have actively looked for further land and manorial rights available to purchase, which would be consistent with the objectives of the Trust.

Achievements and performance

Company's actions relating to 'Object (a) Promoting protection of land and buildings':

1) By co-operation with the appropriate responsible bodies (currently DEFRA and Natural England) ensuring proper management of Trust and Company owned land, which are ecologically important, and promoting their proper management and by example encouraging other land managers, especially tenants of the Company and holders of common rights over Company land, to take similar responsible action.

   Historical examples of the above include entry into Exmoor ESA schemes, Environmental Schemes (ES) and now Countryside Stewardship Schemes (CS), including participating in the first Statutory Commons Council. Pioneering moorland management plans, forming management agreements with NE, and carrying out species and site specific works in accordance with the Exmoor Bio-diversity Action Plan.

   In the year, the Badgworthy Land Company continued to use the capital works money from the Higher Level (HLS) schemes to secure its boundaries and some internal hedgerows. The Company is three years into a three year programme of rhododendron control at Mansley Combe and continued to work on the programme at Badgworthy.

2) By co-operation with appropriate bodies, promoting scientific investigation of archaeology, flora and fauna on Trust and Company land. Acting upon the findings where appropriate and possible.

   Illustrations of the above include surveys of moorland, specific plant surveys, lichens, red deer, dormice and butterflies and of rhododendrons and invasive plants.

3) By properly managing woodlands by entry into the Forestry Commission Woodland Grant Scheme.

4) By submission to enquiries and consultations relating to proposed government legislation such as public access, CROW Act, Commons legislation, Burns enquiry etc. and by submissions relating to land and buildings in relation to the Exmoor National Park Plan and the updating of the Exmoor Moorland units.

5) By representation by Company Officers (in that capacity), on advisory panels of the ENPA authority, and on management of the Trust and Company assets. This means that we aim to keep the properties and encourage other bodies.

6) By representation of Company officers in a private capacity, as above.

7) By purchase and consolidation, protecting lands etc. Recent examples include the purchase of land at Whiterocks Down and woodland at Sherracombe, Hawkridge Ridge and more land at Whiterocks.

Company's actions in relation to 'Object (b) Providing and assisting in the provision of open spaces parks and other charitable amenities':

bi) Support for recreation:

Historically the Company has promoted this objective by dedication of moorland as access land, through sec193 LPA 1925. The Company has allowed permissive paths to be created historically; as with the Two Moors Way across Cheriton Ridge and along the Barle Valley. The Company has promoted filling the "missing links" in footpath and bridleway networks and assisted the British Horse Society in preparation of guidance for riding routes on Exmoor.

The Company supports all appropriate forms of leisure activity that are compatible with preserving Exmoor. This does mean in certain circumstances the Company believes that the interest of preservation of a specific habitat or species; for example those species identified in the Exmoor Bio-diversity Plan that public access should be temporarily or permanently excluded or discouraged. Guidance is taken from appropriate bodies and the considerable local knowledge available to us. In addition, assessment of risk indicates that public access to all Company property is inadvisable because of natural or man-made hazards and that certain properties, particularly working farms, houses and businesses are inappropriate for access other than on definitive rights of way. This means that we historically have not encouraged public access to our entire land holding.

Support has been given by way of financial support for the footpath and bridleway network through the Exmoor Paths Partnership, and by the voluntary creation of permissive footpaths and bridleways where specific problems have been identified.

The Company supports events across its land and elsewhere on Exmoor such as the Golden Horseshoe (endurance riding), The Exmoor Chase XC, organised mountain bike rides, orienteering, walking for charitable purposes and arduous training and other events and outdoor activities.

The Company believes that organized leisure activities and events should be carried out in a safe manner and at times that do not conflict with nature (e.g. birds nesting season) and other activities. To achieve this, the Company licenses establishments such as pony trekking centres and advocates the ENPA protocol for organized events. In assisting event organizers, the Company co-operates with the ENPA, EN and other bodies to avoid conflicts between conservation and recreation. We have had to join with the ENPA, the Police and other bodies in discouraging damaging activities and those contrary to bylaws.

bii) Further actions supporting this objective

In addition to specific actions set out above, the principal action supporting this objective is the sound estate our tenants and those holding common rights over land owned similarly to keep the property in good agricultural and environmental condition. This ensures that residents and local inhabitants see Exmoor at its best.

To assist with the management of company assets, the company has continued to register title to both its freehold lands and its profits à prendre.

Future benefits are ensured by considering public benefit in planning management tasks and projects; for example within England Woodland Grant Scheme.

Financial review

Grant making policy

The Trust's overall policy is to maintain its existing property holdings, to provide as appropriate public access over them and to look after the wildlife within them. The Trust in broad terms utilises its income with these objectives and in saving sufficient funds which it can utilise for the purchase of further landholdings in the future. The Trust does not therefore advertise for applications for grants. However, the existence of the Trust is widely known on Exmoor and when receiving applications for grants the Trust considers these and will on occasion make grants or loans to other bodies whose activities are in accordance with the Trust's purposes.

Reserves policy

The Trust has unrestricted reserves of £932,554.

The Trust needs reserves to make sure it can meet all its commitments. The Company's primary income sources are rents received and grants obtained in respect of the Company's property holdings. In turn the Trust's principal income has been derived from gift aid from the Company.

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Signed by order of the trustees on ………………………………..

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Trustee

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Dated: …………………………….

	Notes	Unrestricted Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Total 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		75,000	51,500
Investment income:			
Bank interest		51	130
Other interest received		4,738	4,502
Total		**79,789**	**56,132**
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities:			
Grant making	3	-	41,500
Deer count and other monitoring services		-	2,000
Legal and professional		-	-
Governance costs			
Accountancy services		758	820
Independent examination		400	400
Total		**1,158**	**44,720**
Net income & net movement in funds		**78,631**	**11,412**
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		853,923	842,511
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		**932,554**	**853,923**

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	Notes		2022 £		2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		94,579		94,579
Investment in subsidiary	5		286,662		287,924
			381,241		382,503
Current assets					
Debtors	6	12,000		12,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		545,447		466,640	
		557,447		478,640	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(6,134)		(7,220)	
Net current assets			551,313		471,420
Net assets			**932,554**		**853,923**
Unrestricted funds			932,554		853,923
			932,554		**853,923**

Approved by the Board for issue on …………………………… and signed on their behalf by:

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T A H Yandle
Trustee

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Dr K J Collard
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1 Accounting policies

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All income is reported as gross of related expenditure.

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The charity receives income from its subsidiary under gift aid which is recognised upon receipt.

Investment income is included in the accounts when it is receivable.

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Debtors are receivable within one year and are recorded at transaction price.

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2 Trustees' and employees remuneration

The trust has no employees, and hence no key management personnel and none that receive remuneration of over £60,000 (2021: none).

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2021: none).

3 Grant making

Charitable donations and grants paid include a total of £nil paid to institutions (2021: £41,500). Grants to institutions relate to £nil paid to local charities (2021: £5,500), £nil towards a local clay pigeon event (2021: £1,000) and £nil towards seven local Point 2 Points events (2021: £35,000).

4 Tangible assets

	Land
	£
Cost and net book value	
As at 31 March 2021	94,579
As at 31 March 2022	94,579

5 Investment in subsidiary: Badgworthy Land Company Limited

	2022 £	2021 £
Equity shares	2,049	2,049
Loan account	284,613	285,875
	286,662	287,924

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The loan owed by the subsidiary undertaking is secured by a mortgage over the assets of the subsidiary. Interest is charged at 1.5% over the NatWest Bank base rate. There are no formal repayment terms.

Badgworthy Land Company Limited

	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	202,128	204,106
Cost of sales	(47,743)	(87,103)
Gross profit	154,385	117,003
Administrative expenses	(465)	(9,203)
Other operating income	9	8
Operating profit	153,929	107,808
Other operating expenses	(4,150)	(4,736)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	149,779	103,072
Taxation	(14,166)	(5,290)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	135,613	97,782
Retained earnings brought forward	635,213	587,414
Gift aid to parent charity	(75,000)	(50,000)
Transfer of fair value adjustment	(474)	17
Retained earnings carried forward	695,352	635,213

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and capital and reserves was:

	2022 £	2021 £
Assets	1,133,773	1,071,949
Liabilities	(305,645)	(304,434)
Capital and reserves	828,128	767,515

6 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Accrued income	12,000	12,000
	12,000	12,000

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	6,134	7,220
	6,134	7,220

8 Related party transactions

Badgworthy Land Company Limited
(A wholly owned subsidiary of the Trust)
Interest amounting to £4,738 (2021: £4,502) was charged in respect of the loan to Badgworthy Land Company Limited during the year. The balance outstanding from Badgworthy Land Company Limited at the year-end was £284,613 (2021: £285,875) relating to the loan account.

9 Statement of funds

	Balance 01.04.21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.22 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	853,923	79,789	(1,158)	-	932,554
Total funds	853,923	79,789	(1,158)	-	932,554

	Balance 01.04.20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.21 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	842,511	56,132	(44,720)	-	853,923
Total funds	842,511	56,132	(44,720)	-	853,923

10 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2022 £	2021 £
Financial assets at fair value through the profit and loss account	286,662	287,924
Financial instruments that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	557,447	478,640
	844,109	766,564
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	6,134	7,220
	6,134	7,220

The total interest income for financial assets measured at fair value through the profit and loss account is £4,738 (2021: £4,502). There is no expenditure, gains or losses to report for the current or comparative year.

Accounts

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BADGWORTHY TRUST FOR THE PRESERVATION OF EXMOOR HELD AT RIPHAY FARM, EXBRIDGE BRUSHFORD, DEVON ON 13 DECEMBER 2021

Present: Thomas Yandle (Chairman)
Sir Stephen Waley-Cohen
Guy Thomas-Everard
Dr Keith Collard
Ian Pugsley

Apologies Hugh Thomas

In attendance:
Mr Ben Williams – Agent for the Badgworthy Land Company
Mrs C Williams, Felicita Busby and Mrs J Harding

The Trustees meeting took place after a meeting of the Directors of the Badgworthy Land Company Limited.

1. The Trustees confirmed that the Trust would be grateful for the Gift Aid of £75,000 proposed by the company.

2. The Trustees confirmed that their intention with monies they are holding is to purchase land for the Trust or to assist the company in the purchase of land which would be suitable for the purposes of the Trust. This includes the purchase of Cloud Cleave which is ongoing following the death of the vendor and Covid delaying matters. It is our understanding that this will conclude soon. No further land purchases were suggested

3. The Trustees approved the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021.

4. The Trustees confirm the appointment of Albert Goodman & Co as accountants to the Trust.

5.

Signed ....
Chairman of the Trustees

Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor
(A Charitable Trust)

Unaudited Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Charity Registered in England and Wales Number: 271170

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Trust Deed issued on 30 January 1976, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Public benefit

The trustees report that the charitable activities described in "Objectives and activities", "Achievements and performance" and "Plans for the future" are for the public benefit. The trustees also confirm that they have complied with section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Structure, governance and management

The Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor is an independent charity, registered number 271170.

The governing document is the Trust Deed dated 30 January 1976.

The following trustees served during the year:

T A H Yandle
G R Thomas-Everard
I L Pugsley
Sir S H Waley-Cohen, Bt
Dr K J Collard
H R Thomas

As set out by the governing document, if the number of trustees ever falls to below four, the remaining trustees should seek to appoint another.

Objects and activities

The objects of the Trust are:

(a) To promote for the benefit of the public generally and especially for the benefit of the inhabitants and users of the Exmoor National Park in the counties of Devon and Somerset, the protection of land and buildings of beauty or historic interest and as regards lands of ecological or other scientific importance within the National Park.

(b) To provide or assist in the provision for the benefit of the public generally and especially the inhabitants and users of the Exmoor National Park open spaces, public parks and other charitable amenities, and in the interests of social welfare and with a view to improving the condition of life for the persons for whom the facilities are primarily intended, facilities for recreation and all other leisure time occupation and grounds and buildings to be used for these purposes.

The Trust achieves these objectives through its own actions and through the actions of the Badgworthy Land Company, whose share capital it took over upon formation. The Company pre-dates the Trust having been set up on 23 December 1926. The objects of the Company when formed were much wider than the objects of the Trust (Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association at the time of forming are available from the Secretary on request). The Company objects are currently stated as being:

> "To promote the protection of lands of ecological and scientific importance and buildings of beauty or historic interest within Exmoor National Park and to provide or assist in the provision of open place and other amenities for recreation within the Park for the benefit of the public and particularly the inhabitants of the National Park."

The relationship of the Trust to the Company has always been close and trustees have been and still are also directors of the Company. This has allowed the trustee body to meet at least twice a year in conjunction with Company meetings, but as separate meetings, and to attend site visits and receive director's briefings, which are distributed some four times annually. The trustees therefore have a close knowledge of the issues concerning the Company and the method in which these issues are dealt with.

Review of activities

Over the course of the year the Trust has continued to manage its property assets both in direct ownership as well as through its wholly owned subsidiary. This has included managing three Higher Level Stewardship schemes to which it is a party as well as agreeing to new capital works programmes as requested by government bodies. Forestry has been managed to enhance environmental considerations with the continued rise of woodland disease management and invasive species control being particular features. The Trust has continued to encourage access for both recreational and educational access including the scheme at Snowdrop Valley and access for local charitable enterprises. This includes collaborating with other bodies to open up disused access. In addition grants have been offered to matters of local interest in the social, farming and sporting fields.

The Trustees have resolved to invest in actions on land controlled by Badgworthy Land Company that are consistent with the objects of the Trust and have resolved to raise the profile of the Trust.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 10 of the financial statements. A summary of the financial results and the work of the Trust are set out below.

The income of the Trust arises from its investments and is used for the preservation of Exmoor. Overall there is net income of £11,412 which, when added to the funds brought forward of £842,511 results in a total of £853,923 carried forward. This represents the unrestricted funds of the charity and is principally made up of the investment in Badgworthy Land Company Limited.

The Trustees have actively looked for further land and manorial rights available to purchase, which would be consistent with the objectives of the Trust.

Achievements and performance

Company's actions relating to 'Object (a) Promoting protection of land and buildings':

1) By co-operation with the appropriate responsible bodies (currently DEFRA and Natural England) ensuring proper management of Trust and Company owned land, which are ecologically important, and promoting their proper management and by example encouraging other land managers, especially tenants of the Company and holders of common rights over Company land, to take similar responsible action.

   Historical examples of the above include entry into Exmoor ESA schemes, Environmental Schemes (ES) and now Countryside Stewardship Schemes (CS), including participating in the first Statutory Commons Council. Pioneering moorland management plans, forming management agreements with NE, and carrying out species and site specific works in accordance with the Exmoor Bio-diversity Action Plan.

   In the year, the Badgworthy Land Company continued to use the capital works money from the Higher Level (HLS) schemes to secure its boundaries and some internal hedgerows. The Company is three years into a three year programme of rhododendron control at Mansley Combe and continued to work on the programme at Badgworthy.

2) By co-operation with appropriate bodies, promoting scientific investigation of archaeology, flora and fauna on Trust and Company land. Acting upon the findings where appropriate and possible.

   Illustrations of the above include surveys of moorland, specific plant surveys, lichens, red deer, dormice and butterflies and of rhododendrons and invasive plants.

3) By properly managing woodlands by entry into the Forestry Commission Woodland Grant Scheme.

4) By submission to enquiries and consultations relating to proposed government legislation such as public access, CROW Act, Commons legislation, Burns enquiry etc. and by submissions relating to land and buildings in relation to the Exmoor National Park Plan and the updating of the Exmoor Moorland units.

5) By representation by Company Officers (in that capacity), on advisory panels of the ENPA authority, and on management of the Trust and Company assets. This means that we aim to keep the properties and encourage other bodies.

6) By representation of Company officers in a private capacity, as above.

7) By purchase and consolidation, protecting lands etc. Recent examples include the purchase of land at Whiterocks Down and woodland at Sherracombe, Hawkridge Ridge and more land at Whiterocks.

Company's actions in relation to 'Object (b) Providing and assisting in the provision of open spaces parks and other charitable amenities':

bi) Support for recreation:

Historically the Company has promoted this objective by dedication of moorland as access land, through sec193 LPA 1925. The Company has allowed permissive paths to be created historically; as with the Two Moors Way across Cheriton Ridge and along the Barle Valley. The Company has promoted filling the "missing links" in footpath and bridleway networks and assisted the British Horse Society in preparation of guidance for riding routes on Exmoor.

The Company supports all appropriate forms of leisure activity that are compatible with preserving Exmoor. This does mean in certain circumstances the Company believes that the interest of preservation of a specific habitat or species; for example those species identified in the Exmoor Bio-diversity Plan that public access should be temporarily or permanently excluded or discouraged. Guidance is taken from appropriate bodies and the considerable local knowledge available to us. In addition, assessment of risk indicates that public access to all Company property is inadvisable because of natural or man-made hazards and that certain properties, particularly working farms, houses and businesses are inappropriate for access other than on definitive rights of way. This means that we historically have not encouraged public access to our entire land holding.

Support has been given by way of financial support for the footpath and bridleway network through the Exmoor Paths Partnership, and by the voluntary creation of permissive footpaths and bridleways where specific problems have been identified.

The Company supports events across its land and elsewhere on Exmoor such as the Golden Horseshoe (endurance riding), The Exmoor Chase XC, organised mountain bike rides, orienteering, walking for charitable purposes and arduous training and other events and outdoor activities.

The Company believes that organized leisure activities and events should be carried out in a safe manner and at times that do not conflict with nature (e.g. birds nesting season) and other activities. To achieve this, the Company licenses establishments such as pony trekking centres and advocates the ENPA protocol for organized events. In assisting event organizers, the Company co-operates with the ENPA, EN and other bodies to avoid conflicts between conservation and recreation. We have had to join with the ENPA, the Police and other bodies in discouraging damaging activities and those contrary to bylaws.

bii) Further actions supporting this objective

In addition to specific actions set out above, the principal action supporting this objective is the sound estate our tenants and those holding common rights over land owned similarly to keep the property in good agricultural and environmental condition. This ensures that residents and local inhabitants see Exmoor at its best.

To assist with the management of company assets, the company has continued to register title to both its freehold lands and its profits à prendre.

Future benefits are ensured by considering public benefit in planning management tasks and projects; for example within England Woodland Grant Scheme.

Financial review

Grant making policy

The Trust's overall policy is to maintain its existing property holdings, to provide as appropriate public access over them and to look after the wildlife within them. The Trust in broad terms utilises its income with these objectives and in saving sufficient funds which it can utilise for the purchase of further landholdings in the future. The Trust does not therefore advertise for applications for grants. However, the existence of the Trust is widely known on Exmoor and when receiving applications for grants the Trust considers these and will on occasion make grants or loans to other bodies whose activities are in accordance with the Trust's purposes.

Covid-19

The Trustees have considered the implication of the Covid-19 pandemic on the operations of the charity. The Trust has been able to continue to deliver its activities with minimal disruption. Taking into accounts all reasonable circumstances, the Trustees believe that the charity remains a going concern and no adjustments to the accounts are necessary.

Reserves policy

The Trust has unrestricted reserves of £853,923.

The Trust needs reserves to make sure it can meet all its commitments. The Company's primary income sources are rents received and grants obtained in respect of the Company's property holdings. In turn the Trust's principal income has been derived from gift aid from the Company.

The Trust wishes to continue to either assist the Company in the purchase of land or to purchase land in its own name for the furtherance of the purposes of the Trust. Thus it is agreed that the Trust will continue to retain income so that sufficient monies can be accrued for the furtherance of such purposes. In the event, however that land is purchased, it will be the Trust's policy to retain sufficient funds to enable the Trust to meet at least six months' outgoings.

Investments selection policy

The Trust has an overall policy of accumulating funds with a view to the purchase of further landholdings. As a consequence of this, the Trust will adopt a low risk investment policy. Monies held by the Trust should be invested on deposit at banks, building societies or held in other low risk investments including unit trusts specially set up with charities in mind. Given that one of the purposes of the Trust is the protection of Exmoor, then the Trust will avoid investments which conflict with this purpose, even if the conflict may be outside the Exmoor area; for instance, the Trust will not invest in businesses which potentially pollute the environment, even if such pollution is in another part of the world.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed by order of the trustees on …………………….

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T A H Yandle	Dr K J Collard
Trustee	Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor ("the Trust") For the Year Ended 31 March 2021.

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 Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

………………………………
Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA
Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants
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TA1 2PX

Dated: ……………………

	Notes	Unrestricted Total 2021 £	Unrestricted Total 2020 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies		51,500	51,500
Investment income:			
Bank interest		130	1,126
Other interest received		4,502	4,526
Total		**56,132**	**57,152**
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities:			
Grant making	3	41,500	8,500
Deer count and other monitoring services		2,000	8,088
Legal and professional		-	900
Governance costs			
Accountancy services		820	1,662
Independent examination		400	400
Total		**44,720**	**19,550**
Net income & net movement in funds		**11,412**	**37,602**
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		842,511	804,909
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		**853,923**	**842,511**

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

Badgworthy Trust for the Preservation of Exmoor
Balance sheet
As at 31 March 2021

	Notes		2021 £		2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		94,579		94,579
Investment in subsidiary	5		287,924		289,422
			382,503		384,001
Current assets					
Debtors	6	12,000		10,500	
Cash at bank and in hand		466,640		454,010	
		478,640		464,510	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(7,220)		(6,000)	
Net current assets			471,420		458,510
Net assets			**853,923**		**842,511**
Unrestricted funds			853,923		842,511
			853,923		**842,511**

Approved by the Board for issue on ………………….. and signed on their behalf by:

…………………
T A H Yandle
Trustee

…………………
Dr K J Collard
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The charity meets the definition of public benefit under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for the use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

1.3 Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

All income is reported as gross of related expenditure.

Grants and donations are only included in the 'SoFA' when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

The charity receives income from its subsidiary under gift aid which is recognised upon receipt.

Investment income is included in the accounts when it is receivable.

1.4 Expenditure

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2 Trustees' and employees remuneration
The trust has no employees, and hence no key management personnel and none that receive remuneration of over £60,000 (2020: none).

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2020: none).

3 Grant making
Charitable donations and grants paid include a total of £41,500 paid to institutions (2020: £8,500). Grants to institutions relate to £5,500 paid to local charities (2020: £nil), £1,000 towards a local clay pigeon event (2020: £nil), £nil towards fencing grant (Quantock Staghounds)(2020:£5,000) and £35,000 towards seven local Point 2 Points events (2020: £3,500).

4 Tangible assets

	Land
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As at 31 March 2020	94,579
As at 31 March 2021	94,579

5 Investment in subsidiary: Badgworthy Land Company Limited

	2021 £	2020 £
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Loan account	285,875	287,373
	287,924	289,422

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The loan owed by the subsidiary undertaking is secured by a mortgage over the assets of the subsidiary. Interest is charged at 1.5% over the NatWest Bank base rate. There are no formal repayment terms.

Badgworthy Land Company Limited

	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover	204,106	309,833
Cost of sales	(87,103)	(126,628)
Gross profit	117,003	183,205
Administrative expenses	(9,203)	(10,257)
Other operating income	8	641
Operating profit	107,808	173,589
Other operating expenses	(4,736)	(10,169)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	103,072	163,420
Taxation	(5,290)	(21,760)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	97,782	141,660
Retained earnings brought forward	587,414	492,001
Gift aid to parent charity	(50,000)	(50,000)
Transfer of fair value adjustment	17	3,753
Retained earnings carried forward	635,213	587,414

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and capital and reserves was:

	2021 £	2020 £
Assets	1,071,949	1,068,561
Liabilities	(304,434)	(348,828)
Capital and reserves	767,515	719,733

6 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Accrued income	12,000	10,500
	12,000	10,500

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	7,220	6,000
	7,220	6,000

8 Related party transactions

Badgworthy Land Company Limited
(A wholly owned subsidiary of the Trust)
Interest amounting to £4,502 (2020: £4,526) was charged in respect of the loan to Badgworthy Land Company Limited during the year. The balance outstanding from Badgworthy Land Company Limited at the year-end was £285,875 (2020: £287,373) relating to the loan account.

9 Statement of funds

	Balance 01.04.20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.21 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	842,511	56,132	(44,720)	-	853,923
Total funds	842,511	56,132	(44,720)	-	853,923

	Balance 01.04.19 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.20 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	804,909	57,152	(19,550)	-	842,511
Total funds	804,909	57,152	(19,550)	-	842,511

10 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2021 £	2020 £
Financial instruments that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	766,564	753,932
	766,564	753,932
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	7,220	6,000
	7,220	6,000

The total interest income for financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost is £4,502 (2020: £4,526). There is no expenditure, gains or losses to report for the current or comparative year.

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Dear Sirs

This representation letter is provided in connection with your review of the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2021, for the purpose of providing an Independent Examiners report on the financial statements.

1. We acknowledge, as trustees, our responsibility under the Charities Act 2011 for preparing financial statements, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework (FRS 102 Charity SORP).

2. We confirm that all accounting records have been made available to you for the purposes of your review, in accordance with your terms of engagement, and that all transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.

3. We confirm that significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

4. We confirm that all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements have been disclosed to you and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

5. We confirm that there have been no events since the balance sheet date which require disclosure or which would materially affect the amounts in the financial statements, other than those already disclosed or included in the financial statements.

6. We confirm that we have disclosed to you all related parties and that all related party transactions have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

7. We confirm that the charity has had, at no time during the year, any arrangement, transactions or agreement to provide credit facilities (including loans, quasi-loans or credit transactions) for trustees, nor to guarantee nor provide security for such matters, except as already disclosed in the accounts.

8. We confirm that the charity has not contracted for any capital expenditure other than as disclosed in the financial statements.

9. We confirm that we are not aware of any possible or actual instance of non-compliance with those laws and regulations which provide a legal framework within which the charity conducts its business and which are central to the charity's ability to conduct its business, except as explained to you and as disclosed in the financial statements. We have made available to you all correspondence with regulators, including any serious incident reports. The relevant laws and regulations are:
    - Charities Act 2011
    - Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008

- FRS 102 Charity SORP

10. We confirm that all grants, donations and other income, including those subject to special terms or conditions or received for restricted purposes, have been notified to you. There have been no such breaches of terms or conditions during the period regarding the application of such income.

11. We confirm that appropriate controls are in place to ensure that all payments (including those made overseas) are applied for charitable purposes.

12. We confirm that there have been no actual or suspected instances of fraud involving management or employees who have a significant role in internal control that could have a material effect on the financial statements, except as already disclosed to you. We also confirm that we are not aware of any allegations of fraud by former employees, regulators or others, except as already disclosed to you.

13. We confirm that, having considered our expectations and intentions for the next twelve months and the availability of working capital and unrestricted reserves, in our opinion the charity is a going concern.

    In making this representation we have specifically considered the impact of Covid-19 on the charity.

14. We confirm that we are not aware of any matters of material significance that should be reported to the Charity Commission.

15. We confirm that the use of the designated and restricted funds is correct as disclosed in the accounts.

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that the above representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience and, where appropriate, of inspection of supporting documentation sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can properly make each of the above representations to you.

Yours faithfully

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Trustee

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees