

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 285972

THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST FUND

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 MARCH 2025**

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Name Thanet Countryside Trust Fund

Charity Registration Number 285972

Principal Office Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road Monkton
Nr Ramsgate
CT12 4LH
Kent

The Trustees during the period were:

Ms Vivienne Rose	(Appointed 24 April 2024)
Mr Andrew Ogden	
Mr Trevor Suffield	
Mr Peter Sexton	
Mr Trevor Shonk	
Mr John Way	
Mr David Mairs	
Mr Les Shonk	(Resigned 5 August 2024)
Mr Bob Dean	(Appointed 24 April 2024, Resigned 23 September 2024)

Independent Examiner N Loone ACA
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Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation was set up in 1973 and registered as a Charity on 14th January 1982.

The Charity is managed by the Trustees under the terms of the governing trust deed dated 14th October 1982 and since amended by a resolution dated 24th August 2011.

Objectives and Activities

- 1) The advancement of public education in ecology, natural history and related subjects
- 2) The conservation protection and restoration for the public benefit of natural resources, natural beauty, animal and plant life and lands of ecological or scientific importance throughout the Isle of Thanet or in relation to such areas and/or such resources as the Trustees may from time to time Decide.
- 3) To provide for the benefit of the public facilities of a charitable nature for outdoor recreation in the aforesaid area of benefit.

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Achievements and Performance

The trustees are delighted to report on another remarkable year of growth and consolidation; visitor numbers for the calendar year to 31st December 2024 rose to over 11,000 and we are poised to exceed this figure again in 2025. Our progress continues to be volunteer-led, and the trustees thank all those who have given time and effort during the year.

Activities in 2024-25

A momentous year in the trust's history included the completion of our most ambitious project with the official opening of our Environmental Education Centre by our patron and local MP, Sir Roger Gale, in early August 2024. The 'Dome' is now in use for our educational groups and is also being used for health and well-being sessions (e.g. Tai Chi, Pilates, yoga) and has proved a popular weekend venue for children's parties when not being used for primary educational purposes.

Continuing our strategy of rebuilding our services, we have been open to all throughout the year on Tuesdays, Thursdays and at weekends, with Friday opening during school holidays and half-term breaks. With additional organised group and school bookings on Mondays and Wednesdays, we have on occasions facilitated 7-day opening. Aside from the superb volunteer contribution, vital to our continuing growth, our educational work, our Education Officer's achievements led to a new 30-hour per week contract with support from further grant awards supplementing revenue from school visits, group trips and other events and activities. Valuable support continued to come from 'working' trustees and the management of operations was overseen by a part-time Centre Manager (a position made full-time in early 2025), a Reserve Warden and a part-time Volunteer Co-Ordinator.

We have maintained strong links with local corporate partners including Cummins Power Systems, RiverOak Strategic Partners, Pfizers, Thanet Earth and Vattenfall.

Visitor numbers and education – 11,372 visitors came to the reserve in 2025 (9,697 in 2024, a 17% increase), a figure that includes nearly 1,400 school children on 70 organised educational trips. Children aged 5-18 years came from 31 schools (including 8 Special Educational Needs schools), 16 of them located in Thanet. An exciting new education initiative began in January 2025 with the launch of subsidised transport for schools; funded by GlobalGiving in partnership with Cummins Power Systems, a grant to bring 600 children to the reserve through free coach travel was promoted with visits to begin in the new financial year. We have continued relationships with many local groups e.g. RSPB, Women's Institutes, Horticultural Societies, University of the Third Age, uniformed associations (e.g. Guides and Scouts). New user groups during the year included L'Arche Community (adults with learning difficulties) and Oasis (victims of domestic abuse). The growth in membership continued with numbers topping 1,300, mainly local adults and families in the financial year.

Widening access to nature

In conjunction with our school transport initiative, our major project during the year was the provision of accessible footpaths into the reserve that are suitable for wheelchairs, prams, buggies, etc. We received funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, Thanet Community Lotto and the Bernard Sunley Foundation to install nearly 200 metres of gravelled paths leading into the centre of the lower reserve and to the Environmental Education Centre, together with two observation decks overlooking key habitats.

Outreach – a further 498 people were engaged through outreach activities. We were the recipients of a wheelchair-adapted minibus from Kent County Council and have started to bring people without transport to the reserve and arrange days out for various groups.

Family activities – nearly 1200 children and families attended holiday/half-term sessions, ranging from guided walks and bug hunts to outdoor cooking workshops.

Volunteers – up to 64 volunteers helped each month, contributing over 14,000 hours of their time across

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the calendar year. These figures include Duke of Edinburgh Award students and corporate volunteer days from Cummins Community Involvement Team, Kent Stour Countryside Partnership Pfizers, Thanet SocFam, the Port of Dover Authority and Network Rail.

Conservation

Conservation work continued throughout the period, adhering to the 2021-26 Management Plan for the reserve. Management of a relatively small site to cope with increasing 'traffic' remains a challenge and our warden and his team have worked extremely hard throughout the year to keep the reserve in superb condition. Funding for some conservation work from the Countryside Stewardship Scheme enabled hedge-laying to be completed in over winter of 2024-25. Generous funding to carry out essential conservation tasks relating to habitat management for orchids and chalk grassland has been provided by the Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust and is scheduled to take place in winter 2025-26. Urgent work to deal with the effects of Ash Dieback Disease in Sparrowhawk Wood took place early in 2025.

Financial review

A healthy combination of revenue sources has enabled the trust to work towards financial stability in challenging circumstances; the 'cost of living crisis' has been managed through careful cost-cutting where possible and increased profitability per visitor. Membership subscriptions and entrance fees were held at previous levels and all retail operations continue to run at 'pocket money' prices in recognition of the difficulties experienced in the local area.

Any surplus brought forward from the previous financial year was used on agreed charitable expenditure and specific projects and new grant applications were focused on core costs, including salary support. Repeat core funding has now been secured from the Colyer-Fergusson, Garfield Weston and Swire charitable trusts. It remains our intention to grow income from all operations to the point where financial stability is achieved and all overhead can be covered without grant support.

In real terms, our operating income from activities at the reserve grew from £62k in 2023-24 to over £87k this financial year and the balance of overall income comprised £105k from donors and further competitive grant applications for core costs and/or specific projects (including the completion of the Environmental Education Centre). New funding was gained for a wheelchair accessibility project and winter conservation work (see below). Our sources of operating income were from second-hand book sales (all donated), membership subscriptions, entrance fees (including school groups and organised visits) and café/gift shop sales. All areas of retail activity showed impressive growth and is testament to the commitment and hard work of volunteers and staff.

Further thanks are offered to our Treasurer, Sharon Wilkins, for her work on accounts and, Nicole Loone, our Independent Examiner.

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Donors and supporters – we are indebted to all donors and grant-makers that supported us in the financial year. In addition to monies raised from local communities, members and visitors via our collection boxes, we received grant awards, funding and donations from the following: -

- ASDA Foundation*
- Bernard Sunley Foundation
- Charles Burnett III Memorial Fund*
- Cleary Foundation
- Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust
- Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust
- GlobalGiving in partnership with Cummins Power Systems*
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Kent Community Foundation
- Kent County Council
- National Lottery Community Fund
- Natural England
- Postcode Society Trust*
- Swire Charitable Trust
- Thanet Earth
- Thanet Lotto Community Fund
- Tory Family Foundation*
- Vattenfall*
- Veolia Environmental Trust (Landfill Communities Fund)*

* Denotes grants towards the Environmental Education Centre Project that contained residual funds rolled over into this financial year for completion of works.

Expenditure continues to be carefully managed in accordance with our charitable objects.

Plans for Future Periods

Our main project for 2025-26 – subject to successful fundraising – is the construction of a new craft workshop behind the Cabin Café; the ‘Crafty Cabin’ will accommodate our growing group of crafters who use donated materials to produce gifts for sale in our shop and at external events e.g. fetes and fayres. Funding is also being sought for major habitat conservation and extension works to improve our chalk grasslands. Further urgent work is required to carry on with task of dealing with Ash Dieback Disease.

We have continued to work on completing all projects for which unrestricted funds are held. We continue to seek new funding and alternative income sources to carry on activities, with a focus on educational work and encouraging access to the reserve. The Thanet district remains amongst the most deprived communities nationally and we are committed to providing educational opportunities for local children. The authority is on the cusp of the lowest decile nationally on measures of deprivation (with updated government figures expected in October 2025), with Kent’s highest figures for children eligible for free school meals and high levels of adult unemployment.

We remain committed to providing access for all to the nature reserve and, as part of future consideration,

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we will continue to address methods of facilitating wheelchair access into the reserve. Any required alterations will take into account issues of disturbance of nature and encroachment onto key habitats.

We will continue to grow our main sources of retail income and will focus on increasing our school and group visits as these represent vital revenue streams going forward. We will endeavour to develop new income-generating activities, while at the same time being mindful of our expenditure in doing so. We are committed that any future surplus income will be reinvested into the work of the Trust and the upkeep of Monkton Nature Reserve, to maintain its viability for present and future generations. Our financial position remains strong.

In addition to the conservation value of Monkton Nature Reserve, we continue to focus on the health and welfare benefits of visits to the reserve, particularly for vulnerable people and those with mental health problems. We recognise that close association with nature is essential for well-being; and that these benefits are gained not only by our visitors but also by our numerous volunteers. The reserve is, and will continue to be, our major asset.

While our successful operation continues to rely on attracting visitors and creating income potential, our chief objective remains the husbandry of the reserve for the enjoyment of local communities. We are therefore cognisant not to damage or detract from the appeal of the reserve as a wildlife haven and are rigorous in protecting the site. Development will continue to be restricted to a limited area surrounding the Field Study Centre, which is more than adequate for current and predicted needs, enabling the habitats to grow and evolve naturally, in combination with necessary management of sensitive habitats and species. An issue of increasing concern will be the long-term effects of climate change and how this might affect our flora and fauna on the reserve; as part of our Management Plans for the reserve, careful husbandry of vegetation will become ever more critical, and the trust is aware that increased expenses through additional maintenance could result. Our current MP runs to the end of 2025, and our Reserve Warden is working on the next version (2026-30) and scenarios for longer periods than the current 5-year term.

In summary, we will continue to use any reserves judiciously in uncertain circumstances, especially in the ongoing impact of the 'cost of living crisis'. The trustees continue to meet quarterly for general business and to assess our position. We still aim to achieve self-reliance to cover all overheads and look forward to finding partners for further project development, especially in our educational offering.

Governance

The decision was taken to convert the existing charity into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to reflect the growth of the trust and ensure both greater flexibility for our operations and reduced liability for the trustees. The new CIO was registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 24/11/2024 with the intention of dissolving the current trust in due course.

Independent Examiner

Ms. Nicole Loone (Stepstone Accountants) as Independent Examiner was engaged as our Independent Examiner for the year.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on 11 January 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by:



Vivienne Rose, Trustee

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	2025 Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	98,296	84,360	182,656	181,483
Other trading activities	5	10,555	–	10,555	9,908
Investment income	6	587	880	1,467	1,655
Total Income		109,438	85,240	194,678	193,046
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	136,007	77,860	213,867	144,566
Total Expenditure		136,007	77,860	213,867	144,566
Net Income/(Expenditure) and Net Movement in Funds		(26,569)	7,380	(19,189)	48,480
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		124,205	243,975	368,180	319,700
Total Funds Carried Forward		97,636	251,355	348,991	368,180

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2025	2024
	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	13	227,332	247,109
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	2,307	856
Cash at bank and in hand		120,285	129,514
		<u>122,592</u>	<u>130,370</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	933	9,302
NET CURRENT ASSETS		121,659	121,068
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>348,991</u>	<u>368,180</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>348,991</u>	<u>368,180</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted funds		97,636	124,205
Unrestricted funds		251,355	243,975
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	17	<u>348,991</u>	<u>368,180</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 January 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Vivienne Rose, Trustee

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Charity is a public benefit entity and a registered Charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Monkton Nature Reserve, Canterbury Road, Monkton, Nr Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 4LH.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees to further any of the Charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Incoming Resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the Charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income: - income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a Charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the Charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible Assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% straight line
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3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the Charity are assigned to those units.

Government Grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Charity will comply with the conditions attaching to them and the grants will be received.

Where the grant does not impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. Where the grant does impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income only when the performance-related conditions have been met. Where grants received are prior to satisfying the revenue recognition criteria, they are recognised as a liability.

Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

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3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Financial Instruments *(continued)*

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
DONATIONS			
Donations	11,622	—	11,622
GRANTS			
Grants receivable	10,000	84,360	94,360
SUBSCRIPTIONS			
Membership Fees	12,744	—	12,744
OTHER DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			
Entrance fees	21,800	—	21,800
Books	15,516	—	15,516
Talks and visits	6,029	—	6,029
Café Sales & other income	20,585	—	20,585
	98,296	84,360	182,656

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4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
DONATIONS			
Donations	9,761	—	9,761
GRANTS			
Grants receivable	18,000	100,735	118,735
SUBSCRIPTIONS			
Membership Fees	10,190	—	10,190
OTHER DONATIONS AND LEGACIES			
Entrance fees	11,758	—	11,758
Books	13,125	—	13,125
Talks and visits	5,563	—	5,563
Café sales & other Income	12,351	—	12,351
	<u>80,748</u>	<u>100,735</u>	<u>181,483</u>

5. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising	154	154	220	220
Items sold, shop items/plants	10,401	10,401	9,688	9,688
	<u>10,555</u>	<u>10,555</u>	<u>9,908</u>	<u>9,908</u>

6. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Bank interest receivable	587	880	1,467
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	662	993	1,655

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7. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Nature Reserve	136,007	77,860	213,867
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Nature Reserve	127,177	17,389	144,566

8. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

	Activities Undertaken Directly £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Fund 2024 £
Nature Reserve	213,867	213,867	144,566

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	19,777	2,035

10. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEES

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Independent Examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	750	750

11. STAFF COSTS

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analyzed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	56,852	32,821
Pension costs	631	400
	57,483	33,221

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11. STAFF COSTS *(Continued)*

The average head count of employees during the year was 5 (2024: 3).
No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

12. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the Charity or a related entity were received by the Trustees.

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	150,260	136,759	287,019
Additions	—	—	—
At 31 March 2025	150,260	136,759	287,019
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	—	39,910	39,910
Charge for the year	—	19,777	2,035
At 31 March 2025	—	59,687	39,910
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	150,260	77,072	227,332
At 31 March 2024	150,260	96,849	247,109

14. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	2,307	856
	2,307	856

15. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Creditors	183	8,102
Accruals	750	1,200
	933	9,302

16. GOVERNMENT GRANTS

No Government grants were received in the period (2024 nil)

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17. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS At 31 March

Unrestricted Funds

	1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	2025
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	124,205	109,438	(136,007)	97,636

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	160,064	91,318	(127,177)	124,205

Restricted Funds

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Building Fund	228,389	37,450	(59,678)	206,161
Wages Fund	15,586	47,790	(18,182)	45,194
	234,975	85,240	(77,860)	251,355

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Building Fund	145,021	90,275	(6,907)	228,389
Wages Fund	14,615	11,453	(10,482)	15,586
	159,636	101,728	(17,389)	243,975

18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	227,332	227,332
Current assets	98,569	24,023	122,592
Creditors less than 1 year	(933)	-	(933)
Net Assets	97,636	251,355	348,991

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	247,109	247,109
Current assets	127,055	3,318	130,373
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,850)	(6,452)	(9,302)
Net Assets	124,205	243,975	368,180

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	2025 £	2024 £
19. ANALYSIS OF UNSPENT GRANTS		
RESTRICTED GRANTS		
Coyler-Fergusson	15,000	3,742
Kent Community Foundation	3,125	3,476
Cummins Global Giving	14,345	
Cummins Observatory Project	-	2,735
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	4,000	
Others	-	240
TOTAL	36,470	10,193
UNRESTRICTED GRANTS		
Swire Charitable Trust	7,501	7,501
Garfield Weston	-	8,000
TOTAL	7,501	15,501

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The following pages do not form part of the Financial Statements.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME		
Income and Endowments		
Donations and Legacies		
Donations	11,622	9,761
Grants receivable	94,360	118,735
Membership Fees	12,744	10,190
Entrance fees	21,800	11,758
Books	15,516	13,125
Talks and visits	6,029	5,563
Café and Sundry income	20,585	12,351
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	182,656	181,483
 Other Trading Activities		
Fundraising	154	220
Items sold, shop items/plants	10,401	9,688
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	10,555	9,908
 Investment Income		
Bank interest receivable	1,467	1,655
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 TOTAL INCOME	<hr/>	<hr/>
	194,678	193,046

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NOTES TO THE DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
EXPENDITURE		
Nature Reserve		
<i>Activities Undertaken Directly</i>		
Wages and salaries	56,852	32,821
Rates and water	815	361
Pensions	631	400
Light and heat	4,638	6,359
Repairs and maintenance	81,014	45,249
Insurance	2,076	1,943
Reserve equipment	1,041	18,458
Legal and professional fees	912	966
Telephone and postage	688	931
Other office costs	21,451	17,124
Depreciation	19,777	2,035
Other interest payable and similar charges	680	470
Reserve bird food and Habitat support	3,456	1,874
Advertising and website	1,892	1,224
Travel	4,600	2,708
IT Support & Equipment	1,625	4,720
Fundraising expenses	11,719	6,923
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	213,867	144,566
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(19,189)	48,480