



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 Period start date To 31/12/2023 Period end date

Charity name: North Devon Environmental Trust

Charity registration number: 296707

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To re-connect and engage local people and visitors with nature and heritage around Braunton and across North Devon, by increasing understanding, awareness and enjoyment of natural, coastal, farmed and historical landscapes
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The principal activity of the NDET is the management of the Braunton Countryside Centre (BCC) which is held on a 99 year lease to the Trust from Braunton Parish Council. The Centre provides a visitor interpretation and information hub with displays and information covering many of the areas special features, from the wider North Devon Biosphere Reserve, the famous dune system of Braunton Burrows, the marshes, the estuary, the rocky coast, farming and the historic 'Great Field'. The NDET conducts botanical walks on the Burrows, birdwatching in the Taw estuary and Bat walks.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities to the NDET and the public.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The volunteers contribute over 2,500 hours to the running of the NDET each year.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Following the successful NLHF grant application in 2022 for the Connect to Nature (C2N) project, the Trust commenced a two-year programme of improvements. This included: upgrading to its social media platforms, Facebook and website; creating a monthly newsletter; hiring temporary support staff to manage many events inside and outside of the BCC; training courses for the BCC volunteers and Trustees.</p> <p>As a result, the status of the BCC as a community hub has been enhanced. Demand to hire its facilities, visitor and local footfall, recruitment of volunteers and Trustees have all increased. During the year there were visits from local schools and disadvantaged groups.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Deed of Trust
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Potential candidates are identified and invited to join the trustees, subject to references, informal vetting and approval by the full trustee board. The trustees check that the candidates have not been disqualified from acting as trustees, and candidates are asked to confirm in writing that this is the case. New Trustees receive an information pack of important documents which include a copy of the deeds of the Trust, and a copy of the Charity Commission's' Essential Trustee Guide - What You Need To Know'.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	North Devon Environmental Trust
Other name the charity uses	Braunton Countryside Centre
Registered charity number	296707
Charity's principal address	Braunton Countryside Centre Caen St. Car Park Braunton EX33 1AA Devon

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	K. Rutherford	Chair		
2	M. Breeds			
3	B. Price			
4	R. Price			
5	D. Jenkins			
6	S. Batstone			
7	S. Gilbert			
8	I.Davis		Joined 9 th October2023	
9	K. Boyd		Joined 9 th October 2023	
10	M. Ward		Joined 24 th July 2023	
11	M. Batt		Resigned 10 th March 2023	
12	N. Corrigan		Resigned 31 st July 2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kenneth John Rutherford	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	18 October 2024	

North Devon Environmental Trust
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Income					
Grant Income	1	£49,994		£49,994	£6,000
Fundraising Income	2		£13,946	£13,946	£7,553
Other Income	3		£991	£991	£746
Total Income		£49,994	£14,937	£64,931	£14,299
Expenditure					
Fundraising Costs	2	£5,701	£2,080	£7,781	£2,820
Direct Grant Expenditure	4			£0	£3,640
Staff Costs	5	£31,863		£31,863	£3,812
Office and Administrative Costs	6	£17,724	£674	£18,398	£4,165
Overheads	7	£1,093	£4,613	£5,706	£3,305
Total Expenditure		£56,381	£7,367	£63,748	£17,742
Net Income		-£6,387	£7,570	£1,183	-£3,443
Bfwd Income and Expenditure Funds 1 January 2023		-£5,402	£29,007	£23,605	£27,049
Cfwd Income and Expenditure Funds 31 December 2023		-£11,789	£36,577	£24,788	£23,605

North Devon Environmental Trust
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Current Assets				
Cash in bank	£275	£24,758	£25,033	£24,525
Cash		£30	£30	
Creditors Due within 1 yr				
HMRC	£275		£275	£800
NEST			£0	£119
Total Current Liabilities	£275	£0	£275	£919
Net Current Assets	£0	£24,788	£24,788	£23,606
Assets retained for the Charity's own use		£36,000	£36,000	£36,000
Contents		£500	£500	£500
Freehold property Langs Wood				
Leasehold property, Braunton Countryside Centre* (Valued in 2017 for insurance purposes)		£574,000	£574,000	£574,000

* Braunton Countryside Centre is owned by Braunton Parish Council and leased to NDET for a peppercorn rent.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on:
And signed on their behalf by:

K Rutherford
Chairman

North Devon Environmental Trust
Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - Grant Income

	2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
DCC: Gopak tables				£1,000
HLF	£46,994		£46,994	£5,000
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Total Grant Income	£49,994	£0	£49,994	£6,000

Note 2 - Fundraising

	2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Cash and Card Sales		£3,307	£3,307	£3,930
Total Sales	£0	£3,307	£3,307	£3,930
Talks and Events		£1,598	£1,598	£451
HLF Eventbrite		£2,578	£2,578	£129
Walks		£810	£810	£545
Room Hire		£499	£499	£342
Craft Market		£1,270	£1,270	£1,400
Donations		£1,989	£1,989	£168
Churn/Box Donations		£1,895	£1,895	£588
Other Fundraising Income	£0	£10,639	£10,639	£3,623
Total Fundraising Income	£0	£13,946	£13,946	£7,553
Fundraising Costs				
Advertising and Promotion	£645	£86	£731	£1,299
Purchases for sales and events	£4,676	£1,335	£6,011	£1,267
Volunteer Costs	£380	£659	£1,039	£254
Total Fundraising Costs	£5,701	£2,080	£7,781	£2,820
Net Income from Fundraising	-£5,701	£11,866	£6,165	£4,733

Note 3 - Other Income

	2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Electricity Feed in Tariff		£935	£935	£718
Interest Receivable		£56	£56	£28
Total Other Income	£0	£991	£991	£746

Note 4 - Direct Grant Expenditure

	2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Coffee Machine				£2,600
Other				£1,040
Total Direct Grant Expenditure	£0	£0	£0	£3,640

Note 5 - Staff Costs

	2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Staff Recruitment Costs				£149
Travel Expenses	£431		£431	£72
Wages	£24,709		£24,709	£3,540
Pension Costs	£614		£614	£51
HMRC	£4,871		£4,871	£0
First Aid	£1,238		£1,238	
Total Staff Costs	£31,863	£0	£31,863	£3,812

Note 6 - Office and Administration Costs

	2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Bank Charges		£60	£60	£81
IT Costs	£1,007	£54	£1,061	£302
Phone and Broadband	£77	£560	£637	£412
Professional Services	£16,640		£16,640	£3,370
Total Office and Administration	£17,724	£674	£18,398	£4,165

Note 7 - Overheads

	2023 Restricted	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
Insurances		£1,254	£1,254	£1,141
Repairs and Maintenance	£1,093	£1,255	£2,348	£596
Electricity		£1,840	£1,840	£1,373
Water		£264	£264	£196
Total Overheads	£1,093	£4,613	£5,706	£3,306



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
North Devon Environmental Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

296707

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Tracey Munro

Date:

16th October 2024

Name:

TRACEY MUNRO

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

(if any):

Address:	5 YORK CLOSE
	EXMOUTH
	DEVON EX8 4EQ

Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.