



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2024 Period start date

To 31/12/2024 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 to 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 including the wider North Devon Biosphere Reserve, the famous dune system of Braunton Burrows, Braunton Marshes and Estuary, the rocky coast, farming and the historic 'Great Field'. The NDET organizes many activities such as botanical walks on the Burrows, birdwatching in the Taw estuary, Bat walks, wildlife talks, children's nature craft workshops and community events such as plant and seed swaps and apple pressing days
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 2,900 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 activities and improvements. These included: upgrading 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>During 2024 there were visits from local schools and disadvantaged groups. These included Afghan refugee families currently housed in nearby Chivenor. Also of note were the Braunton Wellbeing walks arranged in co-operation with Live Well in Braunton group and Caen Medical Centre. They are very popular and of great benefit to many elderly people who enjoyed the gentle local walks and socializing with refreshments in the Centre afterwards.</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.
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**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	Healthy balance in credit.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No set policy but sufficient funds retained to cover maintenance and running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### 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	Donation boxes, sales of environmentally related items such as booklets, identification charts, wildlife cards, local maps. Donations for organised activities.
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	No secure sources of core funding
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	Resigned 31/12/24	
2	M. Breeds			
3	B. Price			
4	R. Price			
5	D. Jenkins			
6	S. Batstone			
7	S. Gilbert			
8	I. Davis			
9	K. Boyd			
10	M. Ward			
11	D. Stephens-Borg		Joined 29/05/24	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## 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

N/A
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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)	Mark Ward	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Co-chair of Trustees	
Date	17/07/2025	



**North Devon Environmental Trust**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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NDET Co-chair

**North Devon Environmental Trust**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 Restricted	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
<b>Income</b>					
Grant Income	1	£98,546		£98,546	£49,994
Fundraising Income	2	£2,070	£14,854	£16,924	£13,946
Other Income	3	£200	£843	£1,043	£991
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£100,816</b>	<b>£15,697</b>	<b>£116,513</b>	<b>£64,931</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Fundraising Costs	2	£7,891	£2,167	£10,058	£7,781
Direct Grant Expenditure	4			£0	£0
Staff Costs	5	£40,037		£40,037	£31,863
Office and Administrative Costs	6	£25,830	£800	£26,630	£18,398
Overheads	7	£2,582	£6,823	£9,405	£5,706
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£76,340</b>	<b>£9,790</b>	<b>£86,130</b>	<b>£63,748</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>£24,476</b>	<b>£5,907</b>	<b>£30,383</b>	<b>£1,183</b>
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Bfwd Income and Expenditure Funds 1 January 2024		£11,789	£36,577	£24,788	£23,605
<b>Cfwd Income and Expenditure Funds 31 December 2024</b>		<b>£12,687</b>	<b>£42,484</b>	<b>£55,171</b>	<b>£24,788</b>

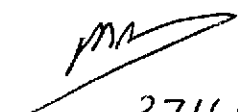
**North Devon Environmental Trust**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2024**

	2024 Restricted	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash in bank	£28,958		£28,958	£25,033
Cash	£234		£234	£30
Additions		£1,938	£1,938	
Debtors	£24,791		£24,791	
<b>Creditors Due within 1 yr</b>				
HMRC	£667		£667	£275
NEST	£84		£83	£0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>£751</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£750</b>	<b>£275</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>£53,232</b>	<b>£1,938</b>	<b>£55,171</b>	<b>£24,788</b>
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Assets retained for the Charity's own use			£36,000	£36,000
Contents			£500	£500
Freehold property Langs Wood				

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

Mark Ward  
Co-Chair

North Devon Environmental Trust

  
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NDET Co-Chair

## Notes to the Accounts

### Note 1 - Grant Income

	2024 Restricted	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
HLF	£94,746		£94,746	£46,994
Fullabrook			£0	£3,000
Braunton Parish Council	£1,250		£1,250	
Devon County Council	£2,000		£2,000	
North Devon District Council	£550		£550	
<b>Total Grant Income</b>	<b>£98,546</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£98,546</b>	<b>£49,994</b>

### Note 2 - Fundraising

	2024 Restricted	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
Cash and Card Sales	£2,070	£7,285	£9,355	£3,307
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>£2,070</b>	<b>£7,285</b>	<b>£9,355</b>	<b>£3,307</b>
Talks and Events		£1,188	£1,188	£1,598
HLF Eventbrite			£0	£2,578
Walks		£218	£218	£810
Room Hire		£325	£325	£499
Craft Market		£1,563	£1,563	£1,270
Donations		£1,759	£1,759	£1,989
Churn/Box Donations		£2,516	£2,516	£1,895
<b>Other Fundraising Income</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£7,569</b>	<b>£7,569</b>	<b>£10,639</b>
<b>Total Fundraising Income</b>	<b>£2,070</b>	<b>£14,854</b>	<b>£16,924</b>	<b>£13,946</b>
<b>Fundraising Costs</b>				
Advertising and Promotion	£1,241		£1,241	£731
Purchases for sales and events	£2,261	£1,426	£3,687	£6,011
Volunteer Costs	£2,675	£741	£3,416	£1,039
Event Cost	£1,714		£1,714	
<b>Total Fundraising Costs</b>	<b>£7,891</b>	<b>£2,167</b>	<b>£10,058</b>	<b>£7,781</b>
<b>Net Income from Fundraising</b>	<b>-£5,821</b>	<b>£12,687</b>	<b>£6,866</b>	<b>£6,165</b>

### Note 3 - Other Income

	2024 Restricted	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
Electricity Feed in Tariff		£676	£676	£935
Interest Receivable		£67	£67	£56
Other Income	£200	£100	£300	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£200</b>	<b>£843</b>	<b>£1,043</b>	<b>£991</b>

### Note 4 - Direct Grant Expenditure

2024	2024	2024	2023
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NDCT Co chair

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Coffee Machine				
Other				
<b>Total Direct Grant Expenditure</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>

#### Note 5 - Staff Costs

	2024 Restricted	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
Travel Expenses	£601		£601	£431
Wages	£32,862		£32,862	£24,709
Pension Costs	£603		£603	£614
HMRC	£4,501		£4,501	£4,871
Training	£1,470		£1,470	£1,238
<b>Total Staff Costs</b>	<b>£40,037</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£40,037</b>	<b>£31,863</b>

#### Note 6 - Office and Administration Costs

	2024 Restricted	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
Bank Charges		£60	£60	£60
IT Costs	£33		£33	£1,061
Phone and Broadband	£16	£677	£693	£637
Professional Services	£24,548		£24,548	£16,640
General Administration	£1,233	£63	£1,296	
<b>Total Office and Administration</b>	<b>£25,830</b>	<b>£800</b>	<b>£26,630</b>	<b>£18,398</b>

#### Note 7 - Overheads

	2024 Restricted	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
Insurances		£1,253	£1,253	£1,254
Repairs and Maintenance	£2,582	£2,976	£5,558	£2,348
Electricity		£2,232	£2,232	£1,840
Water		£362	£362	£264
<b>Total Overheads</b>	<b>£2,582</b>	<b>£6,823</b>	<b>£9,405</b>	<b>£5,706</b>

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NOET Co-chair



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
North Devon Environmental Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

2024

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 **31/12/2024**.

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:

30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Name:

TRACEY MUNRO

Relevant professional

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (ACCA)

qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address: 5 YORK CLOSE  
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## Section B

## Disclosure

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.