Company registration number 06460936 (England and Wales)

# HORSELL COMMON PRESERVATION SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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# TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 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 Companies Act 2006 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).

#### Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are:-

- 1. The ownership provision and preservation of Horsell Common and other commons and open spaces for:-
  - (a) informal open air recreation and enjoyment by the public at large;
  - (b) the protection of the environment for future generations;
  - (c) the protection and management of habitats for all flora and fauna living on such commons and open spaces; and
- 2. Such other charitable activities or charitable undertakings as may in the opinion of the trustees promote and assist such objects.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### Achievements and performance

Organisational management

During 2021 Paul Rimmer, retired as Estate Manager after 30 years service to the charity. The Trustees wish to thank him for his hard work and dedication over many years. At the same time Ranger Rachel Woodman emigrated to New Zealand. This meant a complete change of staff. Rupert Millican joined in July as Senior Ranger with Jeremy Dalton following in August as Estate Manager.

They have both brought a different style and are working hard to bring themselves up to speed with the Common and its needs.

With the retirement of Paul Rimmer and the continued restrictions of Covid in the first half of the year 2021 was a year assessing what is required and putting plans into place for the next few years.

Some of the works achieved during the year are

- Clearing of paths to maintain access
- Additional and replacement benches are being installed in some areas (ie Bedser Trail circular walk) to increase accessibility for all
- · Continuation of the agreed 10 year forestry plan to maintain and improve habitats on the common
- Donation of materials to local schools to facilitate educational projects
- · Clearing of Warren Pond for habitat improvement
- Additional fencing to allow conservation grazing, this has major impact on habitat management
- Commissioning of a Disability Report to ensure that the site is meeting the highest standards
- Obtaining an independent Fire Risk Assessment from Chubb to ensure all current best practices are met and safeguards in place

Much of this work could not be achieved without the ongoing dedication of our regular volunteers.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Wheatsheaf Common: There is an ongoing project to provide better flood prevention and generally enhance the area for the benefit of all. The works are part of an agreement between the Society, Woking Borough Council, The Forestry Commission, Natural England and Surrey County Council. There has been a lot of antisocial behaviour (homeless camps and drug related issues) in the area in recent years and the works being carried out are aimed to improve this situation especially as Wheatsheaf Common is part of an area classified as SNCI (Site of Nature Conservation Importance).

In addition to the above, there is all the usual work of removing litter, car park and track maintenance and dog bin emptying. Management of Horsell and Pyrford Commons requires liaison with organisations and services, such as the police, Surrey Fire and Rescue service, Woking Borough Council, local residents' associations, Surrey Wildlife Trust, Natural England, McLaren, English Heritage, the Forestry Commission, Surrey Heathland Project and the Thames Basin Heaths Partnership.

#### **Financial review**

2021 was a difficult year for many charities and the Society was no exception. Accommodations was to be made with some of our tenants to enable them to survive loss of earnings. This ended mid year. Correspondingly Covid restrictions have made it difficult to carry out the full programme of common maintenance. These two factors have left the charity broadly in a cash neutral position for the year.

2022 has returned to normal.

Income for the charity mainly comes from grant funding and a gift aid payment from its subsidiary company, Heather Farm Limited, which operates as the landlord for the site known as Heather Farm and paid £91,768 to the charity in 2021 (2020:£82,449)

#### **Unrestricted Reserves**

The trustees are mindful of the large contingent risks and opportunities associated with its objectives. With that in mind unrestricted reserves, which are shown in the accounts each year, are maintained for the following:-

- To reserve an amount equal to the book value of the freehold land the charity holds, to show that these monies are not readily available general funds (£1,074,278)
- to hold the investment in Heather Farm Ltd as a separate reserve to show that these monies are not readily available general funds (£1,569,786)
- to reserve sufficient capital to meet the cost of land acquisition and acquiring access rights to protect the common and secure and enhance its charitable objectives (£120,000)
- to reserve a fund to meet legal costs arising when action is required to protect our charity and its land holdings (£50,000)

The balance of the unrestricted reserves held in the general fund was £727,318 at the year end. Of this balance, £669,311 was held in investments to generate long term income for the charity, and a further £10,428 represented by the book value of fixed asset equipment held at the year end. This leaves our 'free' reserves at £47,579 at the year end, which are held to provide working capital to meet the cost of ongoing operations. The trustees regard this amount as adequate and aim to build this amount in the future.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### **Restricted Reserves**

#### a) SANG 1 (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace)

This was the first SANG and all payments have now been received from property developers via Woking Borough Council for the purpose of enhancing designated areas of the Common to encourage their public use. The residue of the fund is being used for future maintenance, mainly of the Peace Garden with costs of work on the common being taken from unrestricted reserves as part of ongoing common management.

#### b) SANG 2

This represents the balance of funds used to maintain the 57 acres at Heather Farm and Mimbridge open for public access, which are to be maintained in perpetuity through the legal agreement with Woking Borough Council (WBC). The fund is in deficit as expenditure over the last few years has been in excess of the annual income received from WBC, but will be brought back into line in 2022 as less expenditure should take place.

#### c) Higher Tier Countryside Stewardship Grant

Countryside Stewardship gives incentives for land managers to look after their environment. Higher Tier is for land that requires more complex management tailored to the individual site. The HCPS agreement provides a sum of £17,000 pa and runs for 10 years from 2018.

Countryside Stewardship is administered by the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). Natural England provides technical advice in support of the scheme.

In accordance with the Articles of Association of the charity, the trustees have wide powers to hold, apply or invest the charity's monies, stocks and shares and shall in their absolute discretion if thought fit, provided that the appropriate professional advice has been sought. Trustees have the power to delegate to professional investment managers within clear investment policy guidelines. The charity's objective is to maximise return over the long term without exceeding the level of risk appropriate for a charity.

The charity maintains a risk register which is regularly reviewed by trustees with practical precautions being implemented by officers and staff.

A key issue is the position of the charity as a substantial landowner. Insurance policies are in place offering significant Public and Employee Liability Insurance. The extent of the cover and the premiums paid are reviewed annually.

#### Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document the Articles of Association and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J Bate (Appointed 28 September 2021) M Scott (Appointed 26 January 2021) P Robinson R Neale C Hughes P Downes H Lane E Cuttle A Halstead R Hoyle (Resigned 27 April 2021) (Resigned 14 May 2021) D Ludlow J Leggett (Resigned 19 July 2021) J Loeffler

(Resigned 19 July 2022)

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Trustees are appointed by the members of the company in accordance with its Articles of Association. New trustees are provided with extensive induction materials to familiarise them with the workings of the Society and their responsibilities as trustees.

#### Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Alliotts LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

P Downes

Trustee

25 August 2022

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees, who are also the directors of Horsell Common Preservation Society for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HORSELL COMMON PRESERVATION SOCIETY

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Horsell Common Preservation Society (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is 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).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Other matter

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, forming the corresponding figures of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021, are unaudited.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF HORSELL COMMON PRESERVATION SOCIETY

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HORSELL COMMON PRESERVATION SOCIETY

#### Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP, data protection, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management and trustees as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- understanding the design of the charity's remuneration policies.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- · tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

#### Audit response to risks identified

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF HORSELL COMMON PRESERVATION SOCIETY

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Alliotts LLP	
Chartered Accountants	
Statutory Auditor	Friary Court
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	Surrey
	GU1 3DL

Alliotts LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Natas	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	2021	Inrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Total 2020
In a a was from .	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:	2	110 F06		110 F06	107 175		107 175
Donations and legacies Charitable activities	3	119,506	-	119,506	107,175	- 70 F10	107,175
_	4	42,294	68,095	110,389	24,416	79,512	103,928
Other trading activities	5	42,780	-	42,780	26,600	-	26,600
Investments	6	3,957	17 	3,974	4,747	463	5,210
Total income		208,537	68,112	276,649	162,938	79,975	242,913
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	115,180	56,642	171,822	89,181	79,474	168,655
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	49,316		49,316	38,811		38,811
Net movement in funds	6	142,673	11,470	154,143	112,568	501	113,069
Fund balances at 1 Janu 2021	ıary	3,398,709	129,815	3,528,524	3,286,141	129,314	3,415,455
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		3,541,382	141,285	3,682,667	3,398,709	129,815	3,528,524

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		20	21	20	20
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		1,084,706		1,087,672
Investments	13		2,409,097		1,901,102
			3,493,803		2,988,774
Current assets					
Debtors	15	5,963		86,990	
Cash at bank and in hand		195,931		469,372	
		201,894		556,362	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(13,030)		(16,612)	
Net current assets			188,864		539,750
Total assets less current liabilities			3,682,667		3,528,524
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		141,285		129,815
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds:					
Designated Land Reserve		1,074,278		1,074,278	
Designated Investment Reserve		1,569,786		1,489,786	
Land Acquisition Reserve		120,000		100,000	
Legal Contingencies Reserve		50,000		50,000	
	18	2,814,064		2,714,064	
General unrestricted funds		727,318		684,645	
			3,541,382		3,398,709
			3,682,667		3,528,524

# BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

The charitable company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2021, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees, as directors, acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 25 August 2022

P Downes

Trustee

Company registration number 06460936

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### **Charity information**

Horsell Common Preservation Society is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Heather Farm, Horsell Common, Woking, GU21 4XY.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include to include certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs, including irrecoverable VAT, and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land Not depreciated Plant and equipment 10% on cost Motor vehicles 25% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charity. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

#### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

#### 1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3 Donations and le	egacies
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	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021 £	2020 £
Donations and gifts	119,506	107,175
Donations and gifts		
Subscriptions & donations	24,433	22,227
Gift aided donation from subsidiary company	91,768	82,449
Gift Aid receipts	3,305	2,499
	119,506	107,175
Charitable activities		
	Other Charitable Income 2021	Other Charitable Income 2020
	£	£
Performance related grants	87,550	101,287
Other income	22,839	2,641
	110,389	103,928
	===	
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	42,294 68,095	24,416 79,512
Restricted furids		19,512
	110,389 ======	103,928
Performance related grants RPA - Higher Countryside Stewardship	17,311	25,312
RPA - Single payments scheme	19,455	21,775
RPA - SANG project upkeep grant	50,784	54,200
	87,550	101,287

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 5 Other trading activities

•	Other trading detivities						
					ι	Jnrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
						2021 £	2020 £
	Payments under licence					42,780 ———	26,600 ———
6	Investments						
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
		2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Investment income	3,957	-	3,957	4,530	-	4,530
	Interest receivable		17	17	217	463	680
		3,957	17 	3,974	4,747	463 ———	5,210

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 7 Charitable activities

						Charitable Expenditure 2021 £	Charitable Expenditure 2020 £
	Staff costs					39,936	62,008
	Common maintenance					29,809	16,919
	Tree work					996	9,840
	Higher Countryside Steward	ship				6,315	8,304
	SANG 2					43,929	42,400
	SANG 1					6,398	4,396
						127,383	143,867
	Share of support costs (see					36,859	22,388
	Share of governance costs (	see note 8)				7,580	2,400
						171,822	168,655
							====
	Analysis by fund Unrestricted funds					115,180	89,181
	Restricted funds					56,642	79,474
						171,822	168,655
8	Support costs						
		Support G costs	iovernance costs	<b>2021</b> Su	pport costs	Governance costs	2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Depreciation Insurance, subscriptions	2,966	-	2,966	2,966	-	2,966
	& public relations	12,667	-	12,667	5,697	_	5,697
	Office overheads	11,991	_	11,991	7,033	-	7,033
	Other costs	2,413	-	2,413	3,752	-	3,752
	Bookkeeping	6,822	-	6,822	2,940	-	2,940
	Audit fees	-	7,580	7,580	-	-	-
	Independent Examination fees	-	-	-	-	2,400	2,400
		36,859	7,580	44,439	22,388	2,400	24,788
	Analysed between						
	Charitable activities	36,859	7,580	44,439	22,388	2,400	24,788

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £4,950 plus VAT (2020- £ $\operatorname{nil}$ ) for audit fees.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

#### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	1	1
Employment costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	33,955	51,739
Social security costs	2,627	3,926
Other pension costs	3,354	6,343
	39,936	62,008

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

#### 11 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021 £	2020 £
Revaluation of investments	49,316	38,811

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Total	otor vehicles	Plant and Mo	Freehold land	Tangible fixed assets
£	£	£	£	
				Cost
1,131,890	27,950	29,662	1,074,278	At 1 January 2021
1,131,890	27,950	29,662	1,074,278	At 31 December 2021
				Depreciation and impairment
44,218	27,950	16,268	_	At 1 January 2021
2,966	-	2,966	-	Depreciation charged in the year
47,184	27,950	19,234	-	At 31 December 2021
				Carrying amount
1,084,706	-	10,428	1,074,278	At 31 December 2021
1,087,672	-	13,394	1,074,278	At 31 December 2020
				Fixed asset investments
Total	Other	Listed	·	
£	vestments	estments in £	inve	
~		~		Cost or valuation
1,901,102	1,489,786	411,316		At 1 January 2021
458,678	80,000	378,678		Additions
49,317		49,317	_	Valuation changes
2,409,097	1,569,786	839,311		At 31 December 2021
			_	Carrying amount
2,409,097	1,569,786	839,311		At 31 December 2021
			=	

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

13	Fixed asset investments			(Continued)
	Other investments comprise:	Notes	£	£
	Investments in subsidiaries	21	1,569,786	1,489,786
14	Financial instruments		2021 £	2020 £
	Carrying amount of financial assets Instruments measured at fair value through Statement of Fi	nancial Activities	839,311	411,316
15	Debtors			
	Amounts falling due within one year:		2021 £	2020 £
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings		2,460	54,200 12,218
	Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income		1,063 2,440	20,572
			5,963	86,990
16	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
			2021 £	2020 £
	Other taxation and social security Trade creditors		1,340 4,435	1,626 12,515
	Other creditors		105	321
	Accruals and deferred income		7,150	2,150
			13,030	16,612

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement i		
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources Balance at expended1 January 2021		Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
SANG 1	149,092	463	(4,396)	145,159	-	(6,399)	138,760
SANG 2 Higher Countryside	(19,778)	54,000	(66,774)	(32,352)	50,801	(43,929)	(25,480)
Stewardship		25,312	(8,304)	17,008	17,312	(6,315)	28,005
	129,314	79,775	(79,474)	129,815	68,113	(56,643)	141,285

Sang 1 and Sang 2 funds represent monies received to enhance and protect access to the Common and are for future maintenance.

Higher Tier Countryside Steward Grants have been awarded by the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) to look after the environment; the agreement lasts until 2028.

#### 18 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	'					
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming Balance at resources1 January 2021		Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	
Designated Land Reserve	1,074,278	-	1,074,278	-	1,074,278	
Designated Investment Fund	1,489,786	-	1,489,786	80,000	1,569,786	
Land Acquisition Reserve	100,000	-	100,000	20,000	120,000	
Legal Contingencies Reserve	50,000		50,000		50,000	
	2,714,064		2,714,064	100,000	2,814,064	

**Designated Land Reserve** - This fund represents reserves tied up in the freehold land held by the charity and are not readily available.

**Designated Investment Fund** - This fund represents the investment in the subsidiary company, Heather Farm Ltd, which is a long term investment and not readily available.

**Land Acquisition Reserve** - The Trustees have established this fund to acquire land and access rights to protect the Common.

**Legal Contingencies Reserve** - This fund has been set up to meet potential legal costs arising from action required to protect the charity and its land.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Analysis of net assets b						<b>+</b>
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Iotal	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,084,706	-	1,084,706	1,087,672	-	1,087,672
Investments	2,409,097	-	2,409,097	1,901,102	-	1,901,102
Current assets/(liabilities)	47,579	141,285	188,864	409,935	129,815	539,750
	3,541,382	141,285	3,682,667	3,398,709	129,815	3,528,524
	Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by: Tangible assets Investments	Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by: Tangible assets 1,084,706 Investments 2,409,097 Current assets/(liabilities) 47,579	Unrestricted funds   2021   2021	Unrestricted funds 2021 2021 2021 £ £ £  Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:  Tangible assets 1,084,706 - 1,084,706 Investments 2,409,097 - 2,409,097  Current assets/(liabilities) 47,579 141,285 188,864	Unrestricted funds         Restricted funds         Total funds         Unrestricted funds           2021         2021         2021         2021         2020           £         £         £         £         £           Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:         Tangible assets         1,084,706         -         1,084,706         1,087,672           Investments         2,409,097         -         2,409,097         1,901,102           Current assets/(liabilities)         47,579         141,285         188,864         409,935	Unrestricted funds         Restricted funds         Total funds         Unrestricted funds         Restricted funds         Funds         Restricted funds         Funds

#### 20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

#### 21 Subsidiaries

In 2014 a wholly owned subsidiary was formed called 'Heather Farm Limited' (company number 9331836, registered in England & Wales) to develop and manage the remaining building at Heather Farm. At 31 December 2021 the profit for the year before the gift aided donation to the charity was £150,104 (2020: £91,768) and net assets were £1,732,466. (2020:£1,594,130).