



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day1	June	2019		31	May	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Mill Farm, Upthorpe Road	
Stanton	
Bury St Edmunds	
Postcode	IP31 2AW

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	Ian Shilling	secretary	
2	Linda Gixti	chair	
3	Mary Jane Toulson		
4	Ian Toulson	treasurer	
5	Helen Taylor		
6	Mark Papworth	secretary	Until 12/11/19
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	At the discretion of the trustee management group

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To promote for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the parish of Stanton, Suffolk by the development of native species and wildlife areas. 3. To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment. 1. To promote for the benefit of the public the provision of a community woodland for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or |
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social and economic circumstances of the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their condition of life.

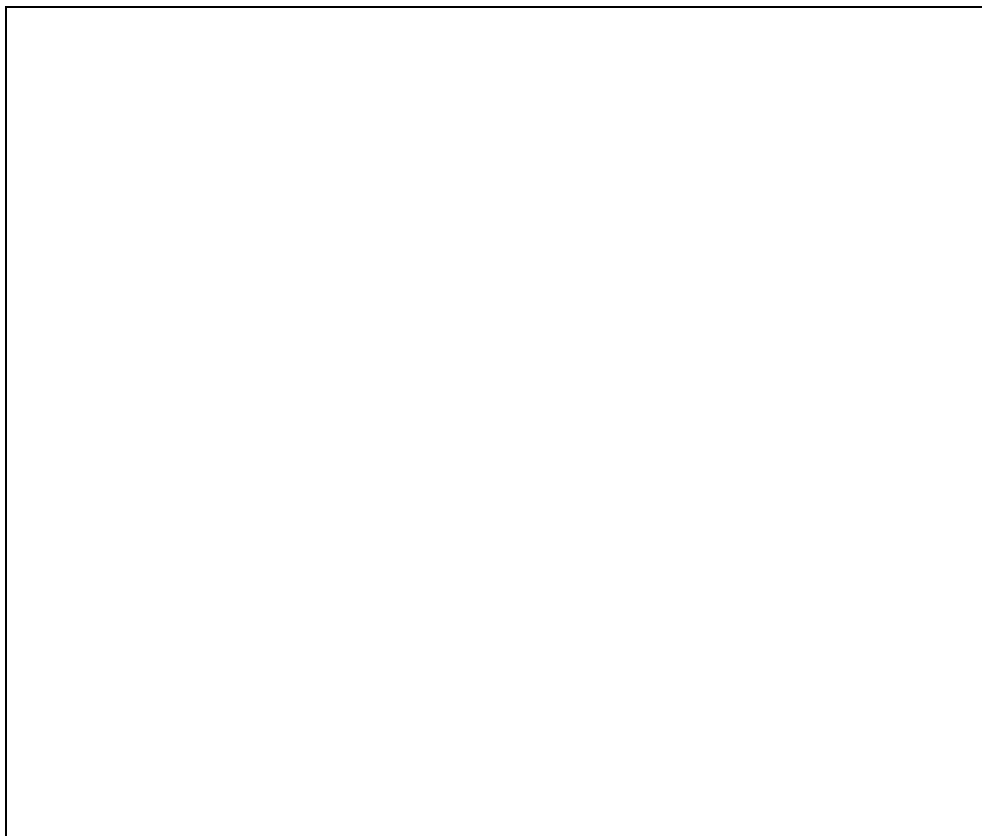
1. Provision of open spaces accessible for members of the local community.
2. Management of the open spaces in a manner that will promote the well-being of indigenous species.
3. Education of the general public (including school children) in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
4. Encouragement of the local community to take an interest in the open spaces and to record their sightings.
5. Supporting other local 'green space' initiatives.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Stanton Woodland and Wildlife Action Group
AGM 9th September 2020
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In July 2019 we organised an evening walk around our community woodland, Sid's Piece, for National Meadow Week. Also SWWAG's display achieved second place at Stanton Village Show.

Following the visit from the officer of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust the large ash tree was surveyed and highlighted as unsafe due to die back disease. Paths were diverted away from the tree to a safe distance. In mid November tree surgeon David Brown removed all its main boughs using a cherry picker. Enough of the trunk remains for the barn owl box and woodpeckers. Since then it has shown some regrowth. Mark decided to leave us at this time. We are very grateful for all the work he did as secretary for the group, especially setting up the charity status.

Work parties were held at the end of each month during the autumn and winter. Activities included opening up the paths in areas to let the light through and encourage the diversity of species; harvesting the basket willow; general maintenance; and clearing up after the coppicing done once more by Simon Riggle. We had even started to get some new volunteers at these events.

Preparation for our fundraising event 'Plants and Crafts' were well underway when the Coronavirus pandemic began. We were fully booked with both plant and craft stalls including some exciting new additions. New signage and redesigned posters (our thanks to Oliver Shilling) had been completed. We had no alternative but to cancel. Booking fees were refunded, except for a few of the stallholders who donated theirs to the group. We are hopeful that we can resume this popular and very necessary fund raising next year.

Despite our meetings being put on hold maintenance has continued on an individual level. At Sid's Piece brambles have been cut back; paths have been regularly mown by Roger Cheason - many thanks for all his hard work. In April an update and photos were sent to the Great British Elm Project showing that our specimen is developing

well. Despite a poor year generally our barn owls managed to rear at least one offspring.

It was heartening during lock-down that far more people were out walking and enjoying the fresh air and nature in general. In particular the community woodland was increasingly visited. The present situation has highlighted the huge benefits of access to outdoor spaces. We hope that our efforts have helped the community a little through this difficult time and that they will continue to use it in the future.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the charity's policy to hold sufficient funds in reserve to cover any unforeseen costs associated with management of the open spaces.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The main fund-raising activity is an annual 'plants and crafts fair'. Donations are occasionally received. Spending has been mainly for open space maintenance and to support the annual fund-raising event. The charity has no investments.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

STANTON WOODLAND & WILDLIFE ACTION GROUP

Income & Expenditure Accounts (1st June 2019 to 31st May 2020)

2019/2020 Income 2019	Paid In	2019/2020 Expenditure 2019	Cheque	Paid Out	Account
Brought Forward	11792.78				11792.78
		2nd June Hall Hire for AGM	200015	12.00	11780.78
		2nd June BFP & Facebook Adverts (Ian Shilling)	200016	148.80	11631.98
3rd June Waitrose	334.00				11965.98
		17th June John Guest (Mowing)	200017	50.00	11915.98
		17th July Zurich Insurance	200018	307.38	11608.60
		13th Nov David Brown (Ash Tree Reduction)	200019	846.00	10762.60
2020					10762.60
10th Feb Stalls	240.00				11002.60
28th Feb Stalls	200.00				11202.60
		10th Feb Web Site Hosting (Linda Grixti)	200020	42.00	11160.60
		10th Feb Chain Saw Fuel (Ian Shilling)	200021	16.79	11143.81
		10th Mar Coppicing (Simon Riggle)	200022	600.00	10543.81
		9th May Wyken Poster (Ian Shilling)	200041	65.23	10478.58
May 20th		20th May Returned Stalls Money	Cheques	220.00	10258.58
		30th May Balance Carried Forward			10258.58

There is not much to say about the finances of this year. The main items of expenditure were for the Ash Tree reduction and the annual Coppicing. Income was, in effect zero with the cancelling of the Plant & Craft Sale, but there was the £334 from Waitrose. As yet, no call has been made from Zurich for the insurance premium, (earlier in the year the announced a 'premium holiday' for a few months.