

# TRUSTEE REPORT FOR CRICK WOODLANDS

Year Ending 31/12/24

Charity No: 1090645

Address: Vynters Manor, Crick, NN67TT

Trustees: Peter Walker, Roger Lowe

## Structure

The charity is run by an executive committee of no less than three members and no more than eight that meet bi-monthly. The executive committee must consist of three honorary members who will hold the roles of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Charity meetings cover

- all ongoing and future activities
- financial stewardship
- strategic oversight
- trustee appointments
- risk management and compliance

## Achievements

The woodland continues to be maintained by a group of volunteers who over the course of the year have:-

- Thinned out the woodlands as necessary
- Carried out track repairs
- Kept the grass paths and open areas cut
- Created dead hedges
- Felled damaged and dangerous trees
- Organised a successful beacon lighting for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landings

## Financial Performance

The Crick Woodlands continues to be in good financial health. A substantial bequeath was received from a generous benefactor that will be ringfenced and used towards the purchase of an additional woodland.

Additional funding has been received from sponsored tree planting and the adopting of existing trees and benches.

Interest has also been earned on high interest 90 day deposit accounts.

Our funds grew over the year from an opening balance of £10,157.33 to a year-end balance of £137,859.75.

Major expenditure over the year was made on the purchase of a new flail and new battery operated equipment.

## Governance and Compliance

Governance and safeguarding policies are in place that are under continuous review.

The committee meets every two months to discuss current and future operational matters.

An independent auditor has been appointed to oversee financial reporting and will be reviewing the woodlands internal financial controls to ensure appropriate governance arrangements are in place.

## Impact Assessment

The woodlands continue to serve the village and wider communities. The local scouting sections and guiding groups regularly use the woodlands and the local primary school and Forest School are frequent visitors. Positive feedback is regularly given.

Tree sponsorship and adoption show continuous support for the woodlands and the number of regular dog walkers is a testament to its attraction.

## Challenges and Learnings

Key challenges are the ongoing path management over winter due to inclement weather and to work towards instigating improved pathways in the worst affected areas.

Education of dog walkers to pick up and remove dog waste is an ongoing issue and managing fire risk in dry conditions need constant attention.

## Future Plans

Priorities for 2025 are to :-

- continue to improve the pathways in the Millennium Wood and other affected areas.
- start looking for land purchase opportunities for the Graham Trinder bequest.

## Conclusion

The Crick Woodlands continues to be a well run, financially secure, and widely enjoyed space for the local community.



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
**Crick Woodlands**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**31 December 2024**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1090645**

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*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 trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.*

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**Signed:**

**Date:**

**5/9/2025**

**Name:**

**Neil Taylor**

**Relevant professional  
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**6 Coleman Close**

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
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CC16a

**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from 01/01/2024 To 31/12/2024

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Major Bequest	122,089	-	-	122,089	-
Grants	1,262	-	-	1,262	4,263
Sponsorship, Donations and Fundraising	2,978	-	-	2,978	5,021
Carbon Credits	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000
Track Repairs	1,149	-	-	1,149	-
Bank Interest	450	-	-	450	192
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for A1)</b>	<b>128,928</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,928</b>	<b>10,476</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Sale of machinery	540	-	-	540	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>129,468</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,468</b>	<b>10,476</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	764	-	-	764	865
Track Repairs	300	-	-	300	-
Landscaping and Tree purchases	1,244	-	-	1,244	2,856
Plaques	158	-	-	158	338
Fees	1,123	-	-	1,123	110
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,589</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,589</b>	<b>4,169</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Equipment purchases	8,641	-	-	8,641	2,826
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,641</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,641</b>	<b>2,826</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>12,230</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,230</b>	<b>6,995</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>117,238</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,238</b>	<b>3,481</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>117,238</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,238</b>	<b>3,481</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	<b>Current Account</b>	16,946	-	-
	<b>High Interest Account</b>	80,914	-	-
	<b>Redwood Bank</b>	40,000	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>137,860</b>	-	-
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<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Machinery and Equipment</b>	41,811	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
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