Annual Report

1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

Ecological Land Trust

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Number: 1158032

Registered Office: Unit 2, Wildgoose Space, 228 Mina Road, Bristol BS2 9YP

Trustees

O Rodker (chair)

L Beighton

H Westphely

Governance

Governing Document: Constitution

Date: 28th July 2014

The Ecological Land Trust has a relationship with the Ecological Land Cooperative (Community Benefit Society no. 30770R registered with the FCA under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014) and raises funds for environmental conservation work on the Cooperative's small farm sites.

The Trust also receives funds on behalf of the Ecological Land Cooperative. These are held in the Ecological Land Trust's bank account until they are drawn down by the cooperative.

Charitable Aims

"To promote sustainable development (as defined below) for the benefit of the public by:

a. the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources;

b. the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic development and regeneration.

To advance the education of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large.

Sustainable Development means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Activities

The Ecological Land Trust has been engaged in supporting the charitable work of the Ecological Land Cooperative to conserve and protect the natural environment.

The Trust received the donation of a farm in Carmarthenshire in June 2022 – Maesgwyn Isaf. The ongoing maintenance and management of this farm will be carried out by the Ecological Land Cooperative. There is a Tenancy at Will in place in which the Ecological Land Trust is the Landlord and the Ecological Land Cooperative is the Tenant. The Ecological Land Cooperative has full repairing and insuring liability of Maesgwyn Isaf.

In the Autumn of 2025, The Trust received £40,000 in donations via CAF that have the restricted purpose of being used to develop the farmhouse at Maesgwyn Isaf in order for it to be let to regenerative smallholders. The funds remain in the Trust's bank account at the year end and are due to be drawn down once work on the farmhouse begins. This work is being managed by the Ecological Land Cooperative

In August 2024, the Trust became the owners of Ragmans Lane Farm in Gloucestershire. The transfer was completed following legal and financial advice from Third Sector Accountancy and Wrigleys Solicitors with regards to the tax implications of the farm donation for both the Trust and the donor.

The Trust continues to collect monthly regular giving which is distributed to the Ecological Land Cooperative to further their aims that are in line with the Trust's charitable aims - namely the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources

The Trustees had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The Ecological Land Trust was effective in its purpose of supporting the promotion of sustainable development as per its Objects. It did this by distributing funds for the renovation of a farm; the development of a new farm and the legal ownership of a further farm which is an exemplar of permaculture in the UK. Each of these areas seek to support new entrants to ecological farming to gain affordable access to land and to ensure that ecological principles are upheld in farming practices.

Finances

An overview of the Ecological Land Trust's financial transactions in the year to 31st December 2025 are as follows:

Donations £41,308

Expenditure £3,165

Remaining carried forward = £51,854

Money has been spent on site development at Maesgwyn Isaf.

The restricted funds at 31st December 2025 are entirely for the development of Maesgwyn Isaf..

The Trust seeks to hold £1,500 in reserves.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

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Oliver Rodker

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Ecological Land Trust		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1158032
Set out on pages	1-2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:		**Date:**	29/10/26
Name:	James Moreno		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA		
Address:	19 River Walk Fetcham Surrey KT22 9FF		

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Ecological Land Trust	1158032

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,458	40,000	-	41,458	125
Other income	-	-	-	-	218
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	1,458	40,000	-	41,458	343
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,458	40,000	-	41,458	343
A3 Payments					
Distribution of Crowdfunds	-	3,165	-	3,165	8,749
Site development	-	-	-	-	17,280
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	150
Advice	-	-	-	-	1,740
Distribute unrestricted grants	-	-	-	-	64
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	3,165	-	3,165	27,983
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Ragmans Lane Farm	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	3,165	-	3,165	27,983
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,458	36,835	-	38,293	- 27,640
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,172	10,539	-	13,711	41,351
Cash funds this year end	4,630	47,374	-	52,004	13,711

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash in bank	4,630	47,374	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	**4,630**	**47,374**	**-**
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Maesgwyn Isaf Farm	General	-	**500,000**
Ragmans Lane Farm	General	-	**1,500,000**
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Oliver Rodker	