VINTERS VALLEY PARK TRUST CIO

(No: 1169118)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

VINTERS VALLEY PARK TRUST CIO

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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Vinters Valley Park Trust CIO		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/2025	***Charity no (if any)***	1169118
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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 **31/12/2025**.

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.

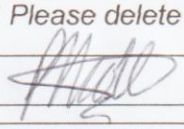
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		**Date:**	12/10/2026
Name:	Peter Acott		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA		
Address:	SHPD Accountants, 10 Littlebourne Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5QP		

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Vinters Valley Park Trust	1169118

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1 January 2025	To	31 December 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	17,791	920	-	18,711	15,705
Grants	7,500		-	7,500	7,500
Gift Aid	3,157		-	3,157	3,264
Legacy	-		-	-	45,243
Other income	456		-	456	13,885
Bank interest	3,581		-	3,581	3,577
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	32,485	920	-	33,405	89,173
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,485	920	-	33,405	89,173
A3 Payments					
Utlities	715		-	715	554
Travelling, mileage	68		-	68	90
Print, stationery, office, telecoms	399		-	399	576
Maintenance, fuel, uniform, tools	2,866		-	2,866	6,195
Disposables, bird food & bat expenditure	305	459	-	764	472
Insurance	2,268		-	2,268	2,259
General & volunteer expenditure	15,090	381	-	15,472	5,559
Gross wages inc pension contributions	27,686		-	27,686	26,004
Bank charges	288		-	288	360
			-	-	-
Sub total	49,685	840	-	50,525	42,069
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
		-	-		
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	49,685	840	-	50,525	42,069
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 17,200	80	-	- 17,121	47,104
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	149,662	7,872	-	157,534	110,430
Cash funds this year end	132,461	7,952	-	140,413	157,534

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

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Current account	19,449	-	-
Deposit account	112,650	7,952	-
Cash	362	-	-
Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	132,461	7,952	-

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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
	Martin Cox	12/10/2026
	Christopher Sheppard	12/10/2026

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date | Period end date

From 1st January 2025 **To** 31st December 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Vinters Valley Park Trust
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1169118
Charity's principal address	Vinters Lodge
	Lodge Road
	Maidstone
	Postcode ME14 5EH

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	M Cox	Chair		
2	G Cooke			Kent County Council
3	A Brindle			
4	P Walsh			
5	PJ Lott			Vinters Residents Association
6	CB Sheppard			Boxley Parish Council
7	N Fissenden			
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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)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods	Trustees may be appointed from Boxley Parish Council, Kent County Council, Maidstone Borough Council, Vinters Park Residents Association, Grove Green Community Hall CIO. Additional Trustees may be appointed by resolution of a properly convened meeting of the Trustees.

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.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

i) To manage and improve the whole of Vinters Valley Park ("Park") as an open space for quiet, informal recreation or other leisure time occupation of the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public
ii) To conserve the wildlife within the Park
iii) To preserve, conserve, maintain, restore and enhance and promote understanding and appreciation for the benefit of the public such features of the Park that are of special landscape, historical or architectural interest

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)

We employ a warden to undertake such maintenance as required to keep the Reserve in a safe and desirable condition for the public to enjoy and who carries out his duties as outlined in the management plan drawn up by a management committee and approved by the Trustees.

The Warden is supported by many volunteers to carry out this maintenance and works to improve the Reserve and make it more accessible.

Relocation of reptiles into the reserve to preserve them from loss of the previous habitat due to development.

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

Public Benefit and Visitor Engagement
Visitor engagement continued to increase during 2025. Although the Reserve does not operate formal counting systems, rising interaction on our social media platforms — including comments, responses and engagement with event notices — provides a reliable indication of growing public use. All special events, such as the Open Day, dawn chorus walks, bat watches and tree tours, were promoted through social media and via our website (**vintersvalley.co.uk**) to ensure wide public awareness and accessibility.

Management and Maintenance of the Reserve
The Reserve is managed on a day-to-day basis by our Warden, who undertakes and organises essential maintenance in accordance with the Management Plan prepared by the Management Committee and approved by the Trustees. A regular team of volunteers continues to support this work, contributing significantly to the upkeep and presentation of the site.
Adverse weather during the year caused damage to several mature trees. The Trust responded promptly, undertaking both reactive and planned arboricultural work to ensure visitor safety and maintain the long-term health of the woodland. All actions were taken following professional assessment and risk management.

Reptile Relocation and Conservation Responsibilities
The Trust continued to support the responsible relocation of reptiles displaced by local development. Each request from developers is carefully reviewed, and the Reserve's capacity to accommodate additional populations is monitored closely. While this activity provides a valuable income stream, it also carries a long-term obligation: relocated reptiles must receive perpetual care and protection. The Trustees only accept relocations where the Reserve can sustainably support them.

Facilities and Community Use
The two large gazebos sponsored by **Boxley Parish Council** remained in regular use throughout the year. They provided shelter for volunteers and served as valuable spaces for educational sessions and public events, enhancing the Reserve's ability to host community activities in all weather conditions.

Growing Local Support
To strengthen community involvement and secure sustainable income, the Trust continued to develop both the **Friends of Vinters Valley** scheme and the **K9 Friends** scheme. These initiatives aim to build a committed base of supporters and regular users, helping to ensure long-term financial stability for the Reserve.

Local Government Changes and Future Planning
Maidstone Borough Council is progressing towards becoming part of a Unitary authority. While this may bring wider benefits to the region, the Trustees are seeking reassurance that Vinters Valley will continue to be recognised and supported under any new structure. Sustained funding is essential to ensure the Trust can continue its custodianship of the Reserve. The Trustees remain open to exploring opportunities to take on neighbouring natural open spaces or woodlands, although the implications of Government plans remain uncertain at the time of writing.

Governance, Financial Management and Long-Term Sustainability
The Board of Trustees collectively brings a broad and robust range of skills and experience to the stewardship of Vinters Valley Nature Reserve. The Trustees remain confident in their ability to plan, budget and manage the Reserve in a manner that ensures its long-term stability and compliance with all governance requirements.

Section D Achievements and performance

During the year, the Treasurer further strengthened the Trust's financial systems. Regular reviews of expenditure and financial risk were introduced, alongside exploration of improved methods for receiving donations. These measures have enhanced the Trust's financial oversight and support the effective use of charitable funds in line with our objectives.

Continued support from visitors, volunteers and the wider community remains essential to the future sustainability of the Reserve. The Trustees encourage supporters to consider leaving a legacy gift to Vinters Valley Nature Reserve, helping to secure the ongoing protection and management of this important natural space for future generations.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The CIO's policy is to maintain a reserves level to ensure funds are readily available should there be major storm damage to the Park and also to enable payment of any legally required redundancy to the warden should the Charity have to be wound up.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	

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.

Section F Other optional information

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)	Martin Cox	Chris Sheppard
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Trustee
Date	12/10/2026	