Patchetts Green Bridleways Trust CIO

Registered Charity Number 1189953 and Registered Company Number CE022190.

Report and Accounts 2025

Governance

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Principle Address and Registered Office: 12 Home Close, Newlands Road, CORSHAM, Wiltshire SN13 0BE

Trustees during the reporting period:
Sue Harrington (Chairman), Phil Wadey (Honorary Secretary) and Bob Ritson (Treasurer).

The governing document (CIO constitution) is dated 15 June 2020.

The appointment of trustees is covered by article 10 of the constitution. This power of appointment is reserved to the board of trustees and is exercised by board resolution.

The purposes of the charity are set out in article 3 of the constitution. They are to promote for the benefit of the public the creation of new and the protection and preservation of new and existing bridleroutes and other rights of way, particularly by creating or assisting in the creation of such rights of way and recording such rights of way on definitive maps, in the interests of social welfare with a view to improving the conditions of life of the public, and to advance the education of the public in the use, creation and recording of public bridleroutes and in such other ways as the trustees shall from time to time determine.

No policy has been formulated by the charity trustees for the purpose of determining the level of reserves appropriate for the charity to maintain in order to meet effectively the needs designated by its trusts.

Annual Report 2025

Financial Year

This Annual Report covers the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Activities Undertaken

The Patchetts Green Bridleways Trust CIO (registered charity 1189953) was formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation based on the foundation model constitution on 15 June 2020. The charity is also known as the ‘Patchetts Green Bridleways Trust’ or ‘PGBT’.

The trustees of the CIO are also the trustees of the Patchetts Green Bridleways Trust unincorporated charity (number 1109497). Both charities are legally in operation awaiting the transfer of the assets, liabilities and operations of the unincorporated charity to the CIO and subsequent closure of the unincorporated charity. At the start of the financial period, 1

January 2025, the transfer of activities and most of the transfer of assets had taken place. The final transfer of assets took place during the year.

The Trust continued to receive contributions from the British Horse Society towards its costs in making definitive map modification order applications to get paths recorded by the deadline of 1 January 2031. Money was placed on deposit to fund work on cases should they need to go to public inquiry.

Main Achievements

As part of the continuing work to record public rights of way omitted from the definitive map, we researched and applied for seven routes in Hertfordshire including one in Colney Heath.

The main achievement for the year was the confirmation of five routes that had been applied for in previous years: Green Lane, Markyate was recorded as a restricted byway following our work in 2013; Hemel Hempstead 20 footpath was upgraded to restricted byway as was Hemel Hempstead 90 footpath both following work in 2024; and Caddington 40 bridleway (now in Central Bedfordshire, previously in Hertfordshire) was upgraded to restricted byway following our application in 2019. All of these additional equestrian rights were in danger of being lost on the Path Extinguishment Day set by s.53 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 had we not taken action. The dates indicate the paucity of resources available in local government despite the ever-ticking extinguishment clock.

We supported the British Horse Society's application to record the correct route of a bridleway in Little Berkhamsted, including attending the public inquiry.

We responded to many planning applications, mainly in or close to Hertsmere Borough. With the British Horse Society, an outline agreement with a developer in South Mimms was reached which should result in additional bridleways if their development gets approved.

Section 4 Duty

Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 requires the trustees to have regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees confirm that they have had such regard during the reporting period.

The Unincorporated Charity

The accounts for the unincorporated charity for the 2025 calendar year were submitted to the Charity Commission separately. These mainly comprise receipts by standing order from registered supporters, and payments to the CIO, and should be referred to for completeness.

Dated: 5 October 2026

Signed on behalf of the trustees by Dr P D Wadey, Honorary Secretary.

Income and Expenditure 2025

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Donations	283	Affiliation to British Horse Soc	54
From unincorporated charity	239	Affiliation to Open Spaces Soc	45
Contributions to DMMO work	950	DMMO Expenditure	70
Contributions to Path Creation [1]	450	Path creation costs [2]	0
Gift Aid [3]	0	Administration	31
Bank Interest	318	Bank Charges	72
TOTAL INCOME	£2,240	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£272

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE: £1,968

Balances 2025

At 1 January 2025	£35,800
Excess Income over Expenditure	£1,968
At 31 December 2025	£37,768

Represented by:

Funds at Bank	£3,892	(source: 31 Dec 25 C/A bank statement)
Reserve at Bank	£13,876	(source: 31 Dec 25 D/A bank statement)
Assets (Land) held	£20,000	(Original valuation)
TOTAL	£37,768	

Notes to Income and Expenditure for 2025

[1] British Horse Society contributions towards path creation work.

[2] Path creation costs appear as lump sums in the year of expenditure.

[3] Gift aid claims due to the CIO for 2025 are yet to be made.

Dated: 5 October 2026

Signed on behalf of the trustees by Bob Ritson, Treasurer.