CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2025 To 31/12/2025

Charity name: Roborough Rewilders

Charity registration number: 1203077

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY; TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ROBOROUGH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	1) Habitat creation in two fields to the north of Roborough village in North-central Devon by rewilding this area to increase species number and diversity. 2) The education of the public and promotion of the theory of rewilding through open days, talks and other activities. 3) Assistance (advice and practical help) to landowners wishing to initiate their own rewilding projects. 4) Fundraising to support the activities of the charity.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Commission's guidance, and its current activities are focused on promoting environmental benefit in the site managed by the charity and on assisting in promoting similar benefit in land owned by others. In respect of our own site this benefits the local community in an area where the great majority of the land surrounding Roborough village is subject to agricultural management with little if any public benefit beyond very limited employment opportunities. We have continued to engage with the local community by giving presentations explaining the nature, purpose and results to date of our rewilding activities and by walk-round events in the fields to enable those attending to see at

		first hand the work in progress and the achievements to date. Our own site is always open to any members of the public wishing to visit them.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable to our current activities.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Social investment does not currently form a material part of our activities, which are limited to promoting environmental benefit in the land managed by the charity and encouraging other landowners to undertake similar projects, using ours as an exemplar.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteer activities to date continue to involve the trustees themselves as well as two residents of Roborough village who continue to make an extensive and invaluable contribution by day-to-day monitoring of our site and by creating photographic and video records of the increasing number of plant and animal species present on it. Our volunteers also use social media to publicise the charity's activities.
Other		In order to enhance the rewilding process (e.g. by reducing the growth of dominant grasses previously sown on the land for grazing purposes) local livestock owners have voluntarily helped by lending cattle (of a breed indigenous to the area) to graze and forage on sections of the land, with consequent biodiversity benefits.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	On the formation of the charity early in 2023 it took over a project begun by the owners of the land 2 years previously. During the current reporting period the charity has continued practical measures to increase the biodiversity of the land under its management and to consolidate and develop the steps taken to date. These include continuing hedge management to encourage invertebrates, nesting birds and small mammals, measures to protect tree saplings from rodents and roe deer, management of nesting boxes, including for barn owls, kestrels and swallows, establishment of brash piles to provide cover for nesting birds, reptiles and small mammals, sowing yellow rattle seeds in the grass areas, which has successfully reduced the vigour of rye grasses planted when the land was pasture, and further periods of grazing by cattle to control the spread of brambles and to break up the soil surface to encourage wild flower seed germination and competition of flowering plants with grasses. Animal species present have continued to be recorded with trail cameras, which has given further insights into the numbers and variety of animals using the site and continues to show clear evidence of the presence of growing numbers of insect, reptile, bird and mammal species not present when the site was previously managed as grazing land. During this reporting period the trustees have increased efforts to share learning to date in presentations to the local community and increasingly to landowners and others interested in improving the management of land for biodiversity, showing how significant habitat enhancement can be achieved with limited resources in a relatively short period. New developments within this period have included running an information stall at agricultural shows and similar events and increasing efforts to advise and assist landowners in initiating rewilding projects, with the aim of developing growing numbers of small- to medium-sized sites managed in this way, ideally with corridors

		linking them to facilitate the movement of species between such sites. The project has also continued to increase carbon capture with the continuing growth of large numbers of native trees and bushes on the site, and to enhance flood water storage and drought resilience thanks to the many ponds created at the outset of the project.

Additional information (optional)
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	A new objective set in this reporting period, beyond continuing to manage the charity's site to convert it from its previous agricultural use, was to create a stall publicising the charity's activities and offering information and advice on rewilding. This was successfully used at 5 agricultural shows and similar events.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The charity set no specific fundraising objectives in this reporting period but has continued to operate a successful scheme for individuals who wished to become financial supporters to make regular subscription payments, thereby providing a sufficient income stream to meet day to day running costs. The charity also began to explore options for offering a paid consultancy service giving information and advice on establishing rewilding projects to landowners.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable – the charity has no investments, its only capital asset being the land it owns and manages.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Thanks to the support of a small number of regular financial donors, and occasional ad hoc speaking fees, the charity has been able to maintain a sum held in its bank current account sufficient to meet its modest operating expenses.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity's policy is not to hold financial reserves beyond the land in its ownership, which is the principal subject of the charity's nature conservation activities, and a sum sufficient to meet its modest annual running costs, held in a bank current account.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	No monetary reserve beyond current account balance
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	See above
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Having established a regular income from individual financial supporters, plus occasional ad hoc payments for services such as giving talks, the charity's financial position is currently secure, at least in respect of meeting its modest normal running costs.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity currently receives funding from regular giving by supporters, occasional ad hoc payments for talks on rewilding and occasional grants from institutions wishing to support its work.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable to the charity's circumstances in this reporting period.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	No significant risks to the charity's activities were identified during this reporting period as its activities remain effectively limited to the management by a small number of volunteers of the land under its management, requiring very limited financial resources. We have however maintained public liability insurance in respect of the site owned and managed by the charity since there is no restriction on public access to the site. The principal challenge to the charity's stated goal of acquiring more land to

		manage for habitat creation and environmental improvement is that of obtaining sufficient funds to make this a reality.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of Roborough Rewilders. No other person or external body is entitled to appoint one or more trustees.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Roborough Rewilders
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1203077
Charity's principal address	Higher Lovelynch Barn Higher Lovelynch Milverton TAUNTON Somerset TA4 1NP

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	Nicholas David Benge	Chair	Whole year	N/A
2	Margaret Anne Benge		Whole year	N/A
3	Andrew Hugh Mounstephen	Treasurer	Whole year	N/A
4	Robert Dunbar Fisher		Whole year	N/A
5	Louis Duddridge		September – December 2025	N/A
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

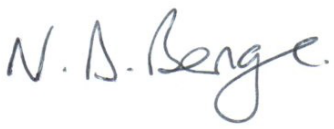
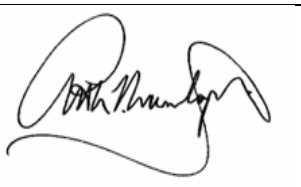
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Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Nicholas David Benge	Andrew Hugh Mounstephen
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	16/09/26	10th September 2025

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2025	To	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		-	-		
One-off donations by indviduals	1 500	-	-	1 500	813
Corporate grants	750	-		750	500
Workshop & speaking fees	-	-	-	-	410
Membership subscriptions	1 253	-	-	1 253	425
Open day proceeds	274			274	-
Gift Aid repayment	41	-	-	41	-
		-	-		
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	3 818	-	-	3 818	2 148
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3 818	-	-	3 818	2 148
A3 Payments					
Public liability insurance	315	-	-	315	197
Expenses claims: travel	468	-	-	468	-
Expenses claims: goods & equipment	1 128	-	-	1 128	152
Expenses claims: show fees	534	-	-	534	-
Open day expenses	370	-	-	370	-
Conveyancing fee	-			-	686
Trustee interview expenses	128	-	-	128	-
Volunteer Christmas gift	59			59	-
Transfer to deposit account	1 000	-	-	1 000	-
Sub total	4 002	-	-	4 002	1 035
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4 002	-	-	4 002	1 035
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 184	-	-	- 184	1 113
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1 183	-	-	1 183	70
Cash funds this year end	999	-	-	999	1 183

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 £
B1 Cash funds CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	Current account	1 022	-	

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Savings account	1 002	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	2 024	-	-

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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Roborough Fields	Endowment	-	75 000
		-	-
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
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		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ANDREW MOUNSTEPHEN	6/2/26
N. D'Benge	NICK BENGE	6/2/26