Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	25	**To**	31	12	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Richmondshire Landscape Trust CIO
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1208044

Charity's principal address	10 Westfields	
	Richmond	
	North Yorkshire	
	Postcode	**DL10 4DD**

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	Elizabeth Downes	Chair		
2	Charlotte Lindsay Osorio	Treasurer		
3	Jacqueline Singleton Turner	Land Manager		
4	Stuart Parsons			
5	Gordon Love			
6	Gillian McLean			
7	Helga Pearson	Publicity		
8	Arlene McIntosh	Landscape architect		
9	Elaine Wood	Volunteer Coordinator		
10	John Blackburn			
11	Kerry Dinsdale	Fund Raising		
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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
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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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by board following skills audit.

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	To Maintain, conserve and enhance the unique character and qualities of the landscapes around Richmond and Richmondshire for the improvement of the environment and the benefit of the public in the interests of social welfare.
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)	During 2025 hedge planting continued in Whitefields and Westfield as well as 9 Acre Field this followed on from the planting of 300 saplings in Fellmongers Wood at the end of last year. Fencing has been replaced and renewed on the boundary of West field and gates renewed in the Riverside fields. The ponds in middle field have had the alders cut back to improve diversity and the wood was left in habitat piles along the lower edge of Middle Field. Several fruit trees were planted in Whitefields to form a small community orchard, and we continue our association with Buglife to convert the Whitefields pasture into a wildlife meadow. Many bird boxes have now been erected in Westfields and fellmongers wood. We have a regular presence in the Market Hall in Richmond where we sell cards and mounted and framed photographs of our land and advertise our work. All monies raised from this venture are applied to the maintenance of the land. The annual income does not exceed the statutory concessionary allowance. We continue to fulfil our obligations in respect of our Countryside Stewardship Agreement. The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant

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.

We have a group of volunteers working on the land who have had health and safety briefings and who helped plant many of the new hedging plants. Two of the group have attended dry stone walling training.

All our trustees are volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We continued work on the new meadow on Whitefields as well as a new hedge and small orchard.

Following the assessment of health of all the large trees overhanging footpaths and boundaries by a qualified Arborist last year, tree health will be assessed regularly following professional advice.

Working with the Footpath Officers of North Yorkshire Council we have seen the completion of extensive drainage works in Top Field financed from funding available for the new Coast to Coast National Trail.

We have maintained boundary fencing on Westfield, repaired dry stone walls in 9 Acre Field maintained and replaced some field gates.

In an effort to work together with local environmental groups we attended 2 Ecofairs run by Richmond Climate Action Partnership.
We also organised guided walks on the land as part of the Swaledale Festival and have worked with Richmondshire CIC and Just the,Job as well as developing close links with the town council

We held a fundraising Ceilidh and coffee morning and raised funds by selling photos of our land.

The RLT CIO planted more than 250 hedging plants donated by the Woodland Trust with the help of land volunteers.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**Reserves policy** Free reserves at the end of the year represented more than the costs of charity for one full year and the trustees regard this level of reserves to be in accordance with the charity's aim to raise and maintain sufficient reserves through its fundraising activities to ensure the land can be held and managed in the long term in accordance with the charity's objects.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	none

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)	Elizabeth N Downes	Charlotte Lindsay Osorio
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date		

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Signature(s)	E.N. Downes	
Full name(s)	Elizabeth N Downes	Charlotte Lindsay Osorio
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	30th October 26	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Richmondshire Landscape Trust	1208044

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Jan-25	To	31-Dec-25

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 £
A1 Receipts				
Donations & Legacies	2,279	-	-	2,279
Land Management	8,528	-	-	8,528
Interest Income	1,117	-	-	1,117
Other Trading Activities	7,157	-	-	7,157
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	19,082	-	-	19,082
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,082	-	-	19,082
A3 Payments				
Land Management	13,015	-	-	13,015
Raising Funds	4,294	-	-	4,294
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,309	-	-	17,309
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	17,309	-	-	17,309
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,773	-	-	1,773
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,773	-	-	1,773

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 £
	Cash	31,120	7,382
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	31,120	7,382
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Stock	1,286	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
Land	Unrestricted	120,000
Land	Restricted	45,000
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

B5 Liabilities

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

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

Signature	Print Name
	C. L Osorio
	E. Downes

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Last year
to the nearest £
1,378
12,883
1,514
3,770
-
-
-
-
19,544

-
-
19,544

13,332
5,871
-
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-
-
19,203

-
19,203

341
-
-
341

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Endowment funds to nearest £
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Endowment funds to nearest £
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Current value (optional)
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Current value (optional)
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When due (optional)

Date of approval
30-Oct-26
30-Oct-26