THE OWEN SMITH CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025



Charity number: 209671

Wild Magic

Helping people and nature flourish together.

"We believe that restoring our relationship with the living world is one of the greatest opportunities to improve the health of both people and nature."

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ABOUT THE CHARITY

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Wild Magic, our project in Dagnall, is founded on the belief that the wellbeing of people and the wellbeing of nature are inseparable.

Human beings evolved as part of the natural world, yet many of us now live increasingly disconnected from the rich, living ecosystems upon which we ultimately depend. While modern society has brought remarkable advances, many people have fewer opportunities than ever before to experience thriving natural environments or to understand the essential role they play in supporting healthy communities, resilient food systems and personal wellbeing.

The trustees believe that when people learn to work with nature rather than against it, both can flourish. Healthy ecosystems support wildlife, improve soil, produce nutritious food, regulate water, store carbon and contribute to human health and wellbeing. Equally, informed and inspired people can become effective custodians of the natural world for the benefit of future generations.

Our work therefore extends beyond conservation or community work alone. Through habitat restoration, education, community food growing and practical demonstration, we seek to help restore the relationship between people and the living world. By bringing people and nature closer together, we aim to create lasting benefits for both.

OUR VISION

A world where people and nature flourish together

OUR MISSION

Bringing people and nature closer together - to the benefit of both

Wild Magic helps people and nature flourish together. Our mission is to bring people and nature closer together for the benefit of both. Through habitat restoration, education, community food growing and practical volunteering, we are creating a place where people can reconnect with the living world and help nature thrive.

OUR STRATEGY

Our strategy is centred on 4 interconnected aims:

1. Improve health and wellbeing through meaningful contact with real nature.
2. Educate and inspire people through practical experience of nature.
3. Promote good food, nutrition and resilient growing systems.
4. Enable nature to thrive through habitat restoration and biodiversity recovery

Health & wellbeing:

Our everyday experience of "nature" tends to be limited to highly managed green spaces. While these spaces are valuable, they often support only a fraction of the biodiversity found in thriving natural habitats. The charity seeks to restore habitats that support abundant wildlife, allowing visitors to encounter the richness and complexity of nature beyond the highly managed environments that many of us experience every day. Increasing evidence shows that contact with nature can improve physical health, reduce stress, support mental wellbeing and foster a deeper sense of connection, purpose and belonging.

Human wellbeing is more than physical health alone. It also includes our mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. By "spiritual", we do not refer to any particular religion or belief system, but to the deep human experience of awe, wonder, connection, meaning and belonging that many people find in the natural world. Human beings evolved within natural ecosystems over millions of years. We believe that our health and wellbeing are therefore deeply connected with the natural world, and that people benefit profoundly from experiencing thriving, wildlife-rich environments.

Educate & inspire:

When nature is allowed to function as it was designed to, We also function better - as we were designed to.

We aim to inspire people of all ages to understand the relationship between healthy ecosystems, healthy communities and healthy lives. Through practical demonstrations, volunteering and educational activities, we hope to give visitors the confidence and knowledge to make positive changes in their own lives and communities.

Food & nutrition:

Modern agriculture has achieved remarkable increases in food production. However, these gains have also brought increased reliance on a narrow range of crops, imports, and complex global supply chains. Also there is evidence that crops increasingly lack essential micronutrients, and growing concern about the long term resilience of food supply and food security.

The trustees believe that increasing resilience through locally grown, nutritious food is an important response to the risks associated with our reliance on complex global supply chains. Through modern science and discoveries, humans now have the knowledge to do this. We aim to demonstrate that nature is not an obstacle to producing healthy food; it is one of our greatest allies.

Helping nature flourish:

We believe that thriving natural environments are essential not only for wildlife but also for people. Human beings evolved as part of the natural world, yet many people today have little opportunity to experience rich, functioning ecosystems.

The charity therefore seeks to restore places where nature can flourish in all its richness and diversity. By increasing biodiversity and creating opportunities for people to experience wildlife-rich habitats first hand, we hope to demonstrate that restoring nature is actually an investment in healthier, happier and more resilient communities.

When we allow nature to work its magic, we can reclaim untold peace of mind, joy, profound satisfaction, and healing. The simple contentment that so many of us have lost.







INTRODUCING OST

The OST was created in November 1960 by Emmeline Smith to honour the memory of her husband, Owen. It was originally established with charitable objects that allow the trustees discretion to pursue charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Today, the trustees feel that we can be of greatest service to humanity through supporting the recovery of nature, upon which we all depend for our health, wellbeing, and even for being alive in the first place, and by helping people reconnect with the natural world. Through habitat restoration, education, community growing and conservation, the charity seeks to demonstrate how healthy ecosystems can support healthier, more resilient communities.

The charity currently operates from its 70-acre site in Buckinghamshire - Wild Magic Dagnall, near Whipsnade Zoo. Over time, the trustees hope to extend the charity's impact through partnerships with other organisations, sharing knowledge and supporting similar initiatives elsewhere.

WHY OUR WORK MATTERS

Human wellbeing and the wellbeing of nature are deeply interconnected.

Across the UK and around the world, many people have become increasingly disconnected from the natural environments that sustained human life for thousands of generations. At the same time, wildlife populations have declined, biodiversity has been lost, and many ecosystems are under increasing pressure. Modern lifestyles have also contributed to growing concerns around physical health, mental wellbeing, social isolation and the resilience of our food systems.

The trustees believe these challenges should not be viewed in isolation. Healthy soils, thriving wildlife, clean water, nutritious food and healthy communities are all part of the same living system. When natural systems are degraded, the effects are felt not only by wildlife but also by people.

Wild Magic exists to demonstrate a different way forward. Rather than seeing people and nature as competing interests, we believe that both flourish when they are allowed to work together. Through habitat restoration, community food growing, education and practical demonstration, we aim to create a place where visitors can experience this relationship for themselves.

Our work is therefore about more than restoring habitats. It is about restoring relationships—between people, food, wildlife and the natural world upon which we all depend. By helping people reconnect with thriving ecosystems, we hope to inspire practical solutions that benefit both current and future generations.

OUR IMPACT 2025

Although Wild Magic is still a young project, having acquired its 70-acre site in late June 2024, the trustees are delighted with the progress made during our first full year of activity. Every achievement has been made possible almost entirely through the dedication of our volunteers, whose enthusiasm, expertise and generosity have laid the foundations for the charity's long-term vision.



During the year we welcomed volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds and skills, contributing hundreds of hours towards habitat restoration, community food growing, planning, administration and project development. Together we have begun transforming the site into a place where people and nature can flourish together.

Our 4 strategic areas:

1. HEALTH & WELLBEING

Providing opportunities for people to reconnect with nature lies at the heart of Wild Magic's work.

During the year, volunteers of all ages worked together outdoors, contributing their time and skills while experiencing the physical, mental and social benefits of meaningful activity in a natural environment. Volunteers included local residents, Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants and people wishing to develop new skills or contribute to a worthwhile community project.



Alongside practical conservation work, volunteers have also gained confidence, learned new transferable skills and built lasting friendships through working together towards a shared vision.

As the charity develops, we hope to expand these opportunities so that many more people can experience the health and wellbeing benefits of engaging directly with thriving natural environments.

2. EDUCATION & INSPIRATION

Education at Wild Magic is founded on practical experience.

This year our volunteers began creating the foundations for future learning opportunities across the site. Towards the end of the year, our community garden began to take shape and established its first organic no-dig growing beds, which were sowed with the charity's first crops including beans, garlic and courgettes, alongside perennial planting such as rhubarb, raspberries and herbs, to grow through the Winter for a Spring / Summer harvest next year.

We were particularly delighted to secure the ongoing support and expertise of internationally respected permaculture designer Elizabeth Waddington of EWSP Consultancy as our strategist and adviser. Her initial masterplan provides the framework for developing the site in harmony with natural systems over the coming years. This is the groundwork that we will use to create an educational resource that we hope will influence people's understanding and appreciation of these vital topics for many decades to come. With her ongoing expert guidance and advice we are confident that the Wild Magic site will develop into a unique and important contribution to our learning of nature restoration and sustainable food production.

Behind the scenes, our volunteer team has also supported planning, administration, renewable energy, compost toilet construction and many other practical projects essential to establishing the charity for the future.

3. FOOD & NUTRITION

One of the charity's long-term aims is to demonstrate practical approaches to producing nutritious food whilst enhancing biodiversity and working with natural systems. Therefore we were especially pleased to secure the support of our wonderful local volunteer Community Garden lead, Zoe. She designed and planned the first 20 beds of our community growing area using organic no-dig principles, and actually created and planted the first few beds. These demonstration areas will continue to evolve into a valuable educational resource, enabling visitors to explore approaches that combine food production with healthy soils, abundant wildlife and resilient growing systems.



The trustees believe that healthy ecosystems and healthy food are fundamentally connected, and look forward to expanding this work over the coming years.

4. HELPING NATURE THRIVE

Nature recovery has remained a major focus throughout the year.

The site’s final crop of wheat, after 21 years of continuous agriculture, was harvested in August 2024. To successfully navigate the transition to species rich calcareous grassland and wildflower meadow requires ongoing reduction of the level of artificial nutrients that were added to the soil during the agricultural years.

Significant progress has been made in establishing new native hedgerows together with areas of woodland and scrub, creating important habitat for wildlife and strengthening ecological connectivity across the site. We have planted more than 20 different species of trees for maximum wildlife.

The restoration of the charity's meadows has presented both exciting opportunities and significant challenges. Extensive efforts have been made to control invasive ragwort, thistle (and other aggressive weeds) while protecting the wildlife that already calls the site home. Our research highlighted that our abundant population of skylarks, who are ground nesting birds, nest throughout the summer from April to end of August. Since that is precisely when ragwort is flowering (and therefore a key opportunity to prevent future seeding) we are reminded that successful conservation often requires careful balancing of habitat restoration with the immediate needs of breeding wildlife.

Botanical surveys continue to reveal an increasingly rich diversity of wildflowers and grasses, and the charity is compiling a comprehensive record of the site's flora.

The site has also been confirmed as supporting two Red List bird species: linnet and corn bunting, highlighting the conservation importance of the land and reinforcing the trustees' commitment to its long-term restoration.

OUR VOLUNTEERS - THE HEART OF WILD MAGIC

Wild Magic remains an entirely volunteer-led charity. Every achievement described in this report has been made possible through the generosity, dedication and expertise of people who have freely given their time, knowledge and enthusiasm to help bring the charity's vision to life.

During the year, volunteers contributed hundreds of hours across every aspect of the charity's work, from habitat restoration and food growing to planning, governance, renewable energy, administration and communications. Their commitment has enabled the charity to make remarkable progress during its first full year following the acquisition of the site.

We are immensely grateful to everyone who came and generously offered their time to the Wild Magic enterprise. That said we would particularly like to recognise the outstanding contributions made by a number of volunteers during 2025.

Serena has provided exceptional support across many aspects of the charity's development, including planning, project coordination and the development of irrigation proposals for the community garden. She has contributed to every part of our work, from organising volunteer days, to admin and meetings, to seed collection, and coming out in the pouring rain and freezing December gales to plant our boundary hedge. Her dedication and practical commitment in all aspects of our work, as well as her expertise, varied skill set and inexhaustible good humour have all been absolutely invaluable.

Nigel, our Technical Director and our longest standing volunteer, has overseen the development of the site's renewable energy systems. Also he has transformed our ability to plant and create habitats by enabling us to keep our new hedgerows and trees alive through the summer season, even with our limited facilities, through his innovative watering method. But his true contribution has been immense. He has been an essential support and his input has been the deciding factor in almost everything we have achieved this year. He is currently leading the construction of essential infrastructure, including the design and build of our much needed compost toilet facilities. Nigel’s engineering background, wide ranging experience, multi-skilled ingenuity and talent for solving complicated problems has saved us from many difficulties and seemingly impossible situations.

Zoe has established the charity's first organic no-dig community garden, creating twelve productive growing beds so far (designing 20) and laying the foundations for future education and food-growing activities. With a full time job and a family, Zoe’s achievement has been truly remarkable. Her enthusiasm and love for the subject are infectious and her skill and expertise have enabled our brand new garden rise to the challenge of a very difficult, windswept and exposed environment.

Sarah and Charlie have kept our various social media channels active and engaging, so our message can be communicated consistently and effectively to our growing audience. Their dedication to our mission and work has been the essential component of all our communication with others, both locally and further afield.

Daphne has played a vital role in establishing the newly planted hedgerows, helping to ensure their survival through regular watering during an exceptionally dry summer.

Behind the scenes, our wonderful administrative volunteers, **Minique**, **Vinnie** and **Ketna**, have made an enormous contribution to the development of the charity. From policy development and governance to administration and organisational support, their work has provided the strong foundations upon which the charity has been able to grow.

The trustees are profoundly grateful to every volunteer who has contributed during the year. Together they are creating far more than a conservation project; they are building a community united by a shared commitment to helping people and nature flourish together.

“There is a real sense of place, from the chalk lion to the east and Gallows Hill to the west. The wildlife in the field is magical - I've observed many wildflowers and learnt their names through the Seek app: Common Toadflax, Wild Mignonette, Scentless Mayweed, Bull Thistle, Common Poppy, Lesser Burdock, and Common Yarrow. The flight and song of the skylarks are a real highlight. I think I saw a hare running - dark ears and larger than a rabbit. And field mice, muntjac deer and red kites”

- Philippa



”Volunteering with The Owen Smith Trust has strengthened my project management, research and stakeholder engagement skills while allowing me to contribute to a cause with real community and environmental impact.
Working alongside a passionate team has shown me how much can be achieved through shared purpose and effective planning.”

Ketna

2025 AT A GLANCE - HIGHLIGHTS

During our first full year following our acquisition of the site, Wild Magic has:

- ★ welcomed a growing community of **volunteers**, contributing hundreds of hours to the charity's work;
- ★ established its first **organic, no-dig community garden**, producing the charity's first harvests;
- ★ planted approximately 300 metres of **native hedgerow** together with areas of woodland and scrub habitat;
- ★ commenced the long-term restoration of the site's **species-rich meadow**;
- ★ enjoyed a cacophony of beautiful skylark singing throughout the field all summer, showing that hundreds of larks were able to nest across the site for the first time;
- ★ recorded an increasing diversity of **native wildflowers** and begun compiling a botanical record of the site;
- ★ welcomed the **National Trust** and later, local MP **Laura Kirk**, who planted our very first oak tree on site;
- ★ commissioned renowned permaculture expert Elizabeth Waddington of EWSP Consultancy as our strategist and adviser, to design our **initial masterplan** to guide the long-term development of the site;
- ★ installed **renewable energy infrastructure** and designed compost toilet facilities;
- ★ advanced planning, governance and financial management to support the charity's long-term development;
- ★ begun the creation of Biodiversity Net Gain habitat units to support future financial sustainability; and
- ★ continued to grow a community united by a shared vision of helping people and nature flourish together.

FINANCIAL REVIEW, GOVERNANCE & STRUCTURE

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The year has been one of establishment and investment in the charity's long-term future. Following the acquisition of the charity's 70-acre site in June 2024, the trustees have focused on laying the foundations for a project that will deliver public benefit over many decades.

The charity has continued to develop its land, volunteer programme and strategic plans while carefully managing its financial resources. Progress during the year has been achieved largely through the dedication of volunteers, enabling the charity to maximise the impact of its available funds.

The trustees remain committed to prudent financial management, balancing the need to invest in current charitable activities with maintaining sufficient resources to support the charity's long-term objectives.

Our reserves policy

The trustees recognise the importance of maintaining adequate unrestricted reserves to ensure the charity's long-term financial sustainability.

The charity acquired its 70-acre site through long-term private loans. While the charity maintains investment reserves, these are substantially offset by outstanding borrowing used to purchase the land.

The trustees consider the investment portfolio an important source of long-term financial resilience while the site is developed for public benefit. These reserves are intended to support future habitat restoration, infrastructure development, ecological management, volunteer programmes and other charitable activities over many years. The trustees review the level of reserves regularly, balancing the need to invest in current charitable activities with maintaining sufficient resources to safeguard the charity's long-term objectives.

Our investments policy

The trustees manage the charity's investments with a long-term perspective, seeking to preserve and grow the charity's assets while maintaining appropriate levels of liquidity and risk.

Investment decisions are reviewed regularly to ensure they remain consistent with the charity's charitable objectives and anticipated future financial commitments.

FUTURE PLANS

The trustees' priority over the coming years is to continue developing the charity's 70-acre site with the potential to become a significant demonstration site for how people and nature can flourish together.

Key priorities include:

- supporting the design and creation of our 2+ acre traditional orchard
- progressing planning permission to enable the charity's long-term vision to be realised;
- continuing habitat restoration, including meadow management, native hedgerows, woodland, scrub in addition to the traditional orchard establishment;
- expanding community food growing and educational opportunities;
- increasing volunteer participation and developing opportunities for apprenticeships and future employment;
- progressing the creation and sale of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) units to help secure the charity's long-term financial sustainability and repay our loans; and
- strengthening partnerships with organisations and individuals who share the charity's vision.

Following the year end, the Trustees have been thrilled to appoint Philippa as our volunteer lead for the development of the charity’s community orchard. The orchard will be designed to conserve traditional fruit varieties, enhance biodiversity, provide educational opportunities and demonstrate sustainable food production. This work will form an important part of the charity's development during the coming year.

The trustees have prepared long-term financial forecasts to support the delivery of these objectives. These forecasts identify substantial ongoing expenditure associated with habitat restoration, ecological management and infrastructure over the coming decades. Accordingly, the trustees consider it prudent to retain appropriate investment reserves while continuing to seek grant funding, donations and other sustainable sources of income.

The trustees are progressing the creation of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) habitat units on the charity's land. While these units have the potential to generate income in future years, completion of the legal agreements, market conditions and the timing of future sales remain uncertain. Accordingly, no reliance has been placed on future BNG income when assessing the charity's current financial position.

MANAGING RISK

The trustees review the principal risks facing the charity on a regular basis and seek to manage these through careful planning, appropriate policies and prudent financial management.

The principal risks currently identified include securing planning permission, obtaining sufficient funding to deliver the charity's long-term objectives, managing the ongoing restoration of the site, protecting volunteers and visitors, and responding to environmental factors such as weather, pests and invasive species.

The charity seeks to reduce these risks through maintaining appropriate reserves, obtaining professional advice where necessary, working closely with experienced volunteers and partner organisations, and adopting a phased approach to the development of the site.

GOVERNANCE

Charity number	209671
Address	Knotwood Farm Towcester Road Old Stratford MILTON KEYNES MK19 6BA

The charity is governed by its Board of Trustees, who are responsible for ensuring that the charity pursues its charitable purposes for the public benefit and complies with its governing document and relevant legislation.

As of 1 May 2026, The Owen Smith Trust now has four Trustees, whose combined experience and commitment provide robust governance.

Emmanuel and Marina have extensive experience establishing community projects, leading community engagement and delivering successful interventions in deprived areas, on time and within budget. Over the past two years they have successfully led the Trust’s nature recovery work, building partnerships with the National Trust, Butterfly Conservation, EWSP Consultancy and Chiltern Rangers, and drawing on their expertise to inform project delivery.

Joy is a qualified accountant with a decade of experience, providing strong financial oversight, budgeting and financial expertise. Rob, the latest addition to our team, brings extensive business and strategic experience, helping to strengthen partnerships, develop sustainable income streams and ensure the charity is well placed to deliver lasting environmental impact.

The trustees meet regularly to review progress, consider strategic priorities, oversee financial performance and ensure that appropriate governance arrangements remain in place as the charity develops. Trustee decisions are determined by a majority vote of the Trustees present and entitled to vote.

Trustees	Marina Abel Smith (Appointed 28 February 2014) Emmanuel Stewart (Appointed 1 September 2022) Joy Stewart (Appointed 1 September 2022) Rob Crighton (Appointed 1 May 2026)

The Trustees declare they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the 2006 Act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the Commission.

As a volunteer-led charity, we ensure volunteer experience and feedback help shape decisions and project delivery. Volunteers lead on most of our projects, informed all of our major decisions and continue to shape our priorities.

In addition to the trustees, the charity benefits from a highly skilled volunteer team whose expertise supports the trustees across a wide range of activities, including conservation, planning, renewable energy, administration, communications and community food growing. We have already invested in our team of volunteers, providing access to relevant training and site visits to build the skills base, and we look forward to building this further. We are also planning to appoint some more volunteer directors over the next year to join Nigel in a new Board of Directors.

SUSTAINABILITY

The trustees are committed to developing a charity that is environmentally, socially and financially sustainable.

Environmental sustainability is embedded throughout the charity's work, from habitat restoration and biodiversity enhancement to community food growing and the careful stewardship of natural resources.

Social sustainability is supported through volunteering, education, community participation and creating opportunities for people to reconnect with nature. A strong community and shared vision bring people together and are integral to our ethos.

Financial sustainability is being developed through prudent management of reserves, careful stewardship of investments, grant funding, donations and the long-term development of additional income streams, including Biodiversity Net Gain where appropriate.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Charity received sale proceeds of £72,000 resulting from the sale of 1 acre of land.. The Charity incurred expenses in the year of £45,309.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 13 July 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed electronically
Marina Abel Smith, Trustee

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Prior year total 2024 £
RECEIPTS			
Donations	393	393	240,000
	393	**393**	**240,000**
Sale of assets	72,000	72,000	0
	72,000	**72,000**	**0**
Loan	0	0	604,457
	0	**0**	**844,457**
PAYMENTS			
Charitable activities	37,373	37,373	10,673
Support costs	7,936	7,936	6,088
	45,309	**45,309**	**16,761**
Purchase of assets	0	0	855,861
	0	**0**	**872,622**
Loan	28,883	28,883	0
	28,883	**28,883**	**0**

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	**(1,799)**	**(1,799)**	**(28,165)**
Cash funds at the start of the year	1,835	1,835	30,000
Cash funds at the end of the year	**36**	**36**	**1,835**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Prior year total 2024 £
Bank and cash assets			
Current account	36	36	1,835
	36	**36**	**1,835**
Investments			
Managed fund	229,786	229,786	205,119
	229,786	**229,786**	**205,119**
Assets			
Land and buildings	843,606	843,606	855,861
Gain on sale	62,445	62,445	0
	906,051	**906,051**	**855,861**
Liabilities			
Loan	605,573	605,573	634,456
	605,573	**605,573**	**634,456**

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 13 July 2026, and were signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Marina Abel Smith
Trustee

BASIS OF PREPARATION

These reports have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 (‘the Charities Act’).

TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

None of the trustees, or any persons or parties connected with them, received any remuneration in the year. The trustees were reimbursed travel expenses totalling £254.

RELATED PARTY INFORMATION

A loan totalling £634,456 was due to one of the trustees at period end. This loan is subject to interest at 4% and repayable at the discretion of the trustee. Given that the loan was primarily for the purchase of land used to further the goals of the charity, it was concluded that the loan was for the benefit of the charity.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Owen Smith Charitable Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out above.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.
The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011; to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under that section; and to state whether any matters have come to my attention.

Examiner's statement:
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention that gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with those records have not been met.

Signed electronically

Barry Pick
St Peter's Lodges, Knapton Green, Hereford
14 July 2026

THANK YOU

The trustees would like to thank every volunteer, supporter, adviser, donor and partner organisation who has contributed to Wild Magic during its first full year. Whether through practical work, professional expertise, financial support or encouragement, every contribution has helped lay the foundations for a place where people and nature can flourish together.

In addition to the people already mentioned, there are dozens more who have given their time and energy to help with planting, fetching and carrying, watering, and providing other vital things. We are truly grateful to every single person who together have made our achievements possible.

A particular thank you also goes to Duncan Tomblin of D Tomblin Treeworks Ltd, who brought us piles of wood chips which we have been using as mulch around all the hedgerow plants. He also sourced and brought great piles of beautifully rotted manure for us to use, and a large pile of logs which has become our first Insect Hotel !