

Annual Report for The Common Trust Southwold 304819

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Charity Details

- **Charity Name:** The Common Trust Southwold
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2. Reference and Administrative Information

Governing Document:

The Trust is governed by its Trust Deed – see Charity Commission for full details; [The Charity Commission - GOV.UK](#)

Charity Trustees (Trustees) during the year and at the date of this report: [The Charity Commission - GOV.UK](#)

3. Structure, Governance and Management

a) Constitution:

The charity operates under the Trust Deed as per [The Charity Commission - GOV.UK](#)

b) Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees:

Trustees are appointed when they become a Southwold Town councillor

c) Induction and Training of Trustees:

New trustees receive induction materials including copies of governing documents, recent accounts, and Charity Commission guidance.

4. Objectives and Activities

a) Objects of the Charity:

The objects of The Common Trust Southwold are:

“To maintain and preserve The Southwold Common for the benefit of the public in perpetuity.”

b) Summary of Main Activities:

- Conservation and improvement of land and common areas on Southwold Common
- Community engagement and education activities
- Fundraising for maintenance and improvement projects

c) Public Benefit:

The trustees confirm that they have complied with Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and all activities contribute to the charitable objects for the benefit of the public.

5. Financial Review

a) Principal Funding Sources:

Funds are derived from:

- Donations and gifts
- Grants
- Fundraising events
- Investment income

b) Reserves Policy:

The trustees aim to hold general reserves to meet planned maintenance work and unexpected costs.

c) Financial Position:

A full set of accounts is appended.

Date: 15th January 2026

The Common Southwold

Bank reconciliation to 31st March 2025

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<input type="text" value="£33,718.36"/>	income for year	£22,749.73 c/a	
<i>£49,402.56</i>	Total	£2,588.90 Dep	
£24,063.93	Less expenses	£25,338.63 Total	
£25,338.63	Total		

2023.2024	Description	2024.2025
Income		Income
£75.00	Shed rents	£145.84
£4,155.63	Car parking	£18,043.22
£5.75	Wayleaves	£5.75
£13,020.48	Rents	£15,495.00
£10,000.00	Donations	
£500.00	Grant ESC	
£26.97	interest for year	£28.55
£4,290.00	grant for bench	
£32,073.83		£33,718.36
Expenditure		Expenditure
£7,269.98	grounds maintenance	£11,043.40
£10,071.60	Legal/landlords resp	£1,228.80
£3,056.17	dog bins and bags	£2,735.14
£1,733.84	Insurance	£1,818.79
£68.70	electricity UKPN / water/ fire protection	£1,257.40
£360.00	signs / bird boxes	£288.00
£105.00	Tree and other grounds works	£5,570.40
£1,296.00	hemlock	
£80.00	lottery licence/ ico LICENCE	£92.00
£1,752.00	donation boxes	
£30.00	Audit	£30.00
£3,924.96	asset purchase - seat & fencing	
£229.80	car parking	
£300.00	grant expenditure - hand tools	
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Accounts 2023.2024

as at 31st March 2024

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balances 31st March 2024

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	£600.00	Grants				£16,612.19	Bal b/fwd	2020.21					
	£1,173.45	Car parking				£120.00	less cheque o/s from 2020.2021						
	£11.50	Wayleaves				£16,492.19							
	£21,196.00	Rents				£26,071.19	plus income reced 2021.2022						
	£950.00	Donations				£42,563.38							no 459
	£500.00	Marquees				£18,257.66	less expenditure 2021.22						
	£300.00	pedal revolution				£24,305.72	bal c/fwd	31.03.2022					
	£300.00	M Townswnd Production											
	£905.00	Noticeboards grant											
	£0.24	interest for year				cheqs cancelled	435	120					
	£26,071.19					from 2020.2021	455	380					
							458	546					
Expenditure													
	£8,951.00	grounds maintenance											
	£3,573.68	Legal/landlords resp				Balances as at 31.03.2022							
	£702.25	dog bins and bags				£2,528.59							
	£1,632.18	Trustees Insurance/ prof fees				£21,777.13							
	£47.33	electrcity UKPN / water				£24,305.72							
	£0.00	signs / bird boxes											
	£70.64	Wooden posts / padlocks/ keys/ fencing											
	£1,115.00	Waters Copse works											
	£350.00	Pit stop clearance of weeds											
	£1,725.80	Waters Copse Boards											
	£30.00	Audit											
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