

Governance

There were few developments in the governance of the group this year. Apart from some minor updating and revisions to Risk Assessments, we spent some time in writing detailed notes on the running of our website, email and Facebook page to improve resilience in the management of Grass Roots.

Private benefit to individuals continued to arise in ways that are incidental and necessary to ensure that benefit is provided to the general public. Private benefit to trustees and volunteers in the form of reimbursement of expenses was limited to only those expenses actually incurred in carrying out conservation activities. Any private benefit arising from social activities was judged necessary to contribute to team building. Private benefit to individuals, who own land where Grass Roots work, was judged to be proportionate to the public benefit resulting from the group's activities.

The Trustees of Grass Roots Conservation Group have taken due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Trustees' Review of Financial position

In compliance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commissioners, our Accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner. No funds held by Grass Roots Conservation Group are materially in deficit.

Overall expenditure was just a little more than income for the year, and reserves continue to be very healthy. The cash held on deposit is sufficient to provide security for any adverse circumstances likely to arise.

Thanks are due to our Treasurer, Mr. Clive Harvey, for his usual very thorough job on preparing the accounts, and to our Independent Assessor Mrs. Marjorie Guiler.

Dr. A. Hardcastle (Chair) date:

Anne Hardcastle

8th November 2025

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2025

	£	<u>At 31/03/2024</u>
	£	£
Current Account	296.94	978.67
Deposit Account	1,883.58	1,864.88
Total Cash	<u>2,180.52</u>	<u>2,843.55</u>
Debtors	819.15	440.80
Creditors	(875.10)	(980.35)
Net Assets	<u>2,124.57</u>	<u>2,304.00</u>

Signed:

Anne Hardcastle 8th November 2025.

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2024/2025

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		<u>2023/2024</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	£
Member's Subscriptions	62.00	67.00
Donations	50.00	0.00
Task charges to User Bodies	290.60	151.40
Mileage charges to User Bodies	444.15	570.05
Interest Received	19.54	15.73
	<hr/> 866.29	<hr/> 804.18
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Membership fees	30.00	30.00
Insurance	172.87	134.72
Volunteer Expenses	15.00	70.09
Web Site	86.87	81.50
Bank Fees	35.53	34.50
AGM Expenses	45.00	40.00
Volunteer Petrol	660.45	840.32
Tools & Materials	0.00	34.98
	<hr/> 1,045.72	<hr/> 1,266.11
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(179.43)	(461.93)

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