Company registration number: 02453076 Charity registration number: 702488

# **Kemerton Conservation Trust**

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

Devereux & Hunt Ltd 29 Basepoint Business Centre Oakfield Close Tewkesbury Glos GL20 8SD

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## **Reference and Administrative Details**

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## Trustees' Report

The governors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017.

#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Reference and administrative information is as set out on page 1.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The company was founded by AMG Darby OBE for the charitable objective of the conservation of fauna and flora and of places of natural and cultivated beauty for the public benefit in Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and adjoining counties.

#### **Public Benefit**

It seeks to realize this public benefit through all the activities listed below. It provides access to nature reserves and woodland, informal education, research into biodiversity conservation, surveys of plants and animals, management of sites to promote their biodiversity and opportunities for volunteers to participate in these activities. It sometimes promotes its charitable object by making submissions to national and local government. The core aims of the charity are reviewed annually.

The governors confirm that they have complied with the requirement of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The governors have taken advantage of the exemption from an audit conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and the financial statements for the year are unaudited.

The charity was incorporated on 15 December 1989, registered as a charity on 24 January 1990 and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The charity is constituted as a company which is limited by guarantee, the liability of each member on winding up being limited to £1. The company's name was changed from Kemerton Trustees Limited on 25 June 1999.

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the management committee. They are referred to throughout this report as the Governors. Trustees are elected at General Meetings for an indefinite period and are not required to retire. Trustees may co-opt new trustees and provide details at the following meeting.

## Statement of governors' responsibilities

Company and charity law requires the governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

## Trustees' Report

The governors have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The governors have formulated policies in respect of Health and Safety, Risk and Financial Reserves. These policies are reviewed annually. The governors are responsible for establishing the company's strategy, but day to day management is delegated to A M G Darby M G Darby and P S Doble.

## **Financial Reserves**

The reserve fund represents the funds arising from past operating results. It is the long-term policy of the governors to spend their income and only to hold reserves equivalent to one year's recurrent cash expenditure. However because of staff uncertainties at the moment it has been decided to allow this to rise temporarily.

#### Accountants

The governors have appointed Ms Michele Devereux of Devereux & Hunt Ltd and recommend that she remain in office for a further year.

## **Special provisions**

This report is prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

## **Chairman's Report on Achievements and Performance**

The company received cash grants and donations totaling £26,645 during the previous year (31 March 2016 - £15,833). This was placed on deposit until such time as it was required. The total interest earned during the year was £17 (31 March 2016 - £24). It should be noted that the cash reserves remain above the figure prescribed in the Financial Reserves policy (see last year's report) even though the company has invested some of this surplus in providing the new hide and boardwalk at Kemerton Lake Nature Reserve referred to below. However it was decided that this hide and boardwalk was so important to the public profile of the Trust that it should be written off over a ten year period and that an additional sum of money should be put aside for its replacement. When this has been done the free cash reserves remain at the same level as at March 2016 at about two year's recurrent expenditure.

During its twenty-seventh year, Kemerton Conservation Trust continued to work in the areas identified in previous years' reports.

#### The Trust's owned sites

#### Daffurn's Orchard

This was purchased in December 2000 with the proceeds of a public appeal, an option to purchase being granted under the will of Miss Mercia (Betty) Daffurn, who died in June 2000. In the year to 31 March 2017 further maintenance work was carried out by local volunteers (Kemerton Orchard Workers).

## John Moore Nature Reserve

This small nature reserve, set up by his widow in memory of the writer John Moore who had lived in Kemerton, was donated to the Kemerton Conservation Trust in 2001. It is managed by local volunteers and is one of the sites which has benefitted from the planting of shrubs and wildflowers by volunteers.

## Trustees' Report

## Severn and Avon Vales Floodplain Meadows

The Trust owns in 2 blocks of land in the Twyning Great Hay Meadow SSSI on the River Avon, which together total 7 hectares.

It also owns 4 blocks of Upton Ham SSSI on the River Severn, which together total 7.2 hectares.

Both of these meadows are in Higher Level Stewardship and the Trust is a member of the Floodplain Meadow Partnership which is monitoring them. The HLS agreement on Upton Ham SSSI is due to end on 31 December 2017 and the Trust has applied for a new Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier scheme to replace it. This should earn nearly as much as the old scheme.

The Trust also owns two blocks of land in Asham Meadow, Birlingham, which together total 5.6 hectares. It is hoped this land can be included in the new Countryside Stewardship scheme eventually, although there has not been any progress on this in the year to 31 March 2017.

All three sites are managed in the traditional manner with the hay cutting rights being sold annually and the aftermath being grazed in common. This provides income to the Trust as well as conserving the biodiversity of this scarce habitat. Flood meadow is now very rare in the UK with less than 1500 hectares remaining.

## The Trust's leased sites

The Trust also leases the following sites.

## Kemerton Lake Nature Reserve and Arboretum

This site is leased for a peppercorn from the Kemerton Estate. The hides and reserve have continued to be well used by the public and additional funds were raised for a new hide and boardwalk which was opened in the summer of 2016. This site is a Worcestershire Local Wildlife Site.

## Beggarboys Nature Reserve

This wetland site is leased for a peppercorn from the Kemerton Estate. The site has benefited significantly from the large-scale restoration works of recent years and is once again flourishing.

In addition to the conservation work carried out by the Trust, Kemerton Estate has carried out work at the site under Higher Level Stewardship, which is of benefit to the biodiversity of the reserve.

## **Management Agreement over Kemerton Estate**

A Management Agreement between the Trust and Kemerton Estate is in the process of being updated. Under previous agreements, the Trust could recommend that work beneficial to biodiversity should be carried out at the Estate's expense. For this purpose the Trust carried out surveys on the Estate land as well as that of any other interested local landowner. Further surveys of arable margins under Higher Level Stewardship were carried out by Trust volunteers. The management agreement is reviewed periodically.

## Trustees' Report

#### Arboretum

The Trust manages a collection of wild collected exotic trees which are arranged along rides in the Kemerton Estate woodlands. Work continued during the year maintaining specimen trees, updating the catalogue and planting new accessions.

## Surveys and research

Work continued under the estate-wide Monitoring Strategy although pressures of time and health have meant John Clarke has been unable to carry out as much monitoring as in previous years. Pressures of time have meant that Kate Aubury has also note been able to carry out regular bat surveys and fungi surveys.

Volunteers continued the monitoring of birds, dragonflies, butterflies, mining bees and other invertebrates at Kemerton Lake and elsewhere across the Estate.

## **Projects in the Wider Countryside**

Work continued under the Carrant Catchment Area Restoration Project. This is a landscape scale project, promoting the biodiversity of a small river catchment in Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, with a number of partners including the Environment Agency, Buglife, the Kemerton Estate and other landowners within the catchment. This project received significant extra impetus when it was chosen to receive funding from DEFRA's Facilitation Fund coordinated by Jenny Phelps of Gloucestershire Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group. Several large farmers in the catchment have now been signed up and a number of successful events held. Under this landscape scale partnership Natural England is giving support to farmers wishing to join Countryside Stewardship or to take on additional options under existing Higher Level Stewardship agreements. Next year land in the catchment will be taken out of arable and returned to flood meadow, natural flood management work on small tributaries will be instituted and a scheme for dead-wood habitat linkage between the two special area of conservation for the Violet Click Beetle developed. Existing work was continued to restore an old ox-bows on the Carrant, and to collect seed from riverside meadows and spread it along the Carrant meadows. Under this project John Clarke has been mapping pollinator habitat in the catchment to show how continuity of this can be achieved at a Landscape Scale in a way analogous to Buglife's B-Lines Initiative. Also under this project the scheme for improving the flora of roadside verges reported on last year has been continued.

## **Other Grants**

The additional hide and boardwalk at Kemerton Lake referred to in last year's report was completed in the summer of 2016. The total cost of this was £23,959 and grant funding towards this was received as below.

Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust £2000

Miss Harbison's Charitable Trust £450

An anonymous donor £500

Garfield Weston Foundation £3000

Bredon Parish Council (through New Homes Bonus) £4500

Welcome to our Future £8000

The balance of £5509 was provided from the Trust's own unallocated funds.

The hide was opened by our support coordinator Kate Aubury, in the presence of the leader of Wychavon District Council and the Chairman of Bredon Parish Council, on 16th July 2016.

## Trustees' Report

## **Education / Public relations / Community involvement**

## Friends of Kemerton Conservation Trust

The Friends of Kemerton Conservation Trust was set up in 2008 as an informal club of supporters who commit themselves to helping the Trust, either by volunteer help or financial assistance. For details of their contribution see **Volunteers** below. The Friends are organised by the Support Coordinator, Kate Aubury. Friends receive a twice yearly newsletter 'Kemerton Clippings'.

Visits, events and open days continued to be well attended, and requested by various local groups. Bredon Forest School continues to function in one of the plantations on the edge of Kinsham. It also makes generous financial contributions to the work of the Trust.

Kemerton Conservation Trust again supported the Apple Day celebration at Kemerton in conjunction with Kemerton Orchard Workers.

#### Website

The Trust has a web site www.kemerton.org. This is designed and maintained free of charge by David Aubury. The site attracts much favourable comment and the governors are most grateful to David for his generous contribution of time and skill.

## Biodiversity action plan species and partnership working

In addition to the Carrant Catchment project referred to above, the Trust manages a number of BAP species and habitats and contributes to the work of the Worcestershire LBAP, of which Adrian Darby is Chairman. The LBAP now comes under the Worcestershire Local Nature Partnership, of which KCT is a member. The Trust has also been an active partner in the Cotswolds Ecological Network Forum.

## Other planning matters

The Trust is concerned to safeguard local biodiversity and is a member of the Worcestershire Local Sites partnership which identifies sites of importance for biodiversity in the county. These sites are non-statutory but are nonetheless recognized as important in national and local planning policies. There are now a total of five LWS on the Kemerton Estate under the management agreement with KCT.

The South Worcestershire Development Plan, on which the Trust made several representations has now been adopted, but the Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy is still under public examination and the Trust was represented at the hearing on the strategic allocation at the MOD site at Ashchurch. It also appeared at the successful appeal into refusal of planning for 550 houses on part of this allocation.

#### **Personnel matters**

The trust has no employees but has well established arrangements with various self-employed contractors. John Clarke has continued as part-time advisor, often assisted by his wife Pamela.

John Threadingham has been contracted to act as a part-time Warden to undertake conservation work on the Trust's reserves on a voluntary basis.

Kate Aubury acts as voluntary Support Coordinator as well as editor of Kemerton Clippings.

Janet Cunningham is company secretary.

## Trustees' Report

## Volunteering and donated work

The governors again wish to express their appreciation of the valuable contributions made by those mentioned above and other local volunteers in many fields, including habitat management, nest boxes, IT support, public events, orchard maintenance, species identification and labeling of the arboretum trees. In total it is estimated that volunteers (including governors in a non-governance capacity) donated 1703 hours of time in the course of this year valued at £25,556.25

In addition to his financial donations, Adrian Darby also paid Janet Cunningham and Kate Aubury to carry out administration work on behalf of the Trust equating to a total of half a day per week or £3,461.

## Other Acknowledgements

In addition to contributions in kind by governors, local residents and businesses the Trust would like to thank all those who made the grants and donations cited above.

This report was approved by the governors on 16th October 2017 and signed on their behalf by
A M G Darby
Governor

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Kemerton Conservation Trust**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2017 which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

## Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or	
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understand to be reached.	ling of the accounts
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16 October 2017

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# Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2017 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2017 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	10,945	15,700	26,645
Charitable activities	4	14,319	-	14,319
Investment income	5	17		17
Total Income		25,281	15,700	40,981
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	(15,499)	(2,396)	(17,895)
Total Expenditure		(15,499)	(2,396)	(17,895)
Net income		9,782	13,304	23,086
Net movement in funds		9,782	13,304	23,086
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		143,085	9,750	152,835
Total funds carried forward	12	152,867	23,054	175,921
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2016
	Note	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	11,583	4,250	15,833
Charitable activities	4	10,683	-	10,683
Investment income	5	24		24
Total Income		22,290	4,250	26,540
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	(16,043)	(2,280)	(18,323)
Total Expenditure		(16,043)	(2,280)	(18,323)
Net income		6,247	1,970	8,217
Transfers between funds		(493)	493	
Net movement in funds		5,754	2,463	8,217
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		137,331	7,287	144,618
Total funds carried forward	12	143,085	9,750	152,835

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2016 is shown in note 12.

## (Registration number: 02453076) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	121,097	100,646
Current assets			
Debtors	10	1,969	7,906
Cash at bank and in hand	_	57,984	47,223
		59,953	55,129
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11 _	(5,129)	(2,940)
Net current assets	_	54,824	52,189
Net assets	=	175,921	152,835
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		23,054	9,750
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds	_	152,867	143,085
Total funds	12	175,921	152,835

For the financial year ending 31 March 2017 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

## Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 16 October 2017 and signed on their behalf by:

R H Workman
Trustee

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

## 1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

## 2 Accounting policies

## Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

## **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis of preparation**

Kemerton Conservation Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

## Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

## Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

## **Income and endowments**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

## **Donations and legacies**

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

## Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

## **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

## Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### **Support costs**

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

## Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

## **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class
Equipment
Depreciation method and rate
20% reducing balance

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

## Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

## **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

## 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds			
	General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	9,486	-	9,486	11,653
Gift aid reclaimed	1,459	-	1,459	1,430
Grants, including capital grants;				
Grants from other charities		15,700	15,700	2,750
	10,945	15,700	26,645	15,833

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

## 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		
	General £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Grazing and mowing	2,185	2,185	1,925
Single farm payment	7,768	7,768	6,477
High level stewardship	4,251	4,251	2,207
Sundry income	115	115	74
	14,319	14,319	10,683

## 5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		
	General £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	17	17	24

## 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

## **Unrestricted funds**

	Designated £	General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Rent	-	8,100	-	8,100	8,100
Insurance	-	370	-	370	365
Sundry expenses	380	4,380	-	4,760	2,042
Legal and professional Depreciation	-	- 1 112	- 2 206	2 500	780
Site management	<del>-</del>	1,112	2,396	3,508	1,525 4,182
Arboretum expenses	-	163	- -	163	223
Accountancy fees	-	852	-	852	966
Bank charges		142		142	139
	380	15,119	2,396	17,895	18,322

<sup>£15,499 (2016 - £16,042)</sup> of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £2,396 (2016 - £2,280) to restricted funds.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

## 7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

## 8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

## 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2016	109,217	45,533	154,750
Additions	23,959		23,959
At 31 March 2017	133,176	45,533	178,709
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2016	14,015	40,089	54,104
Charge for the year	2,397	1,111	3,508
At 31 March 2017	16,412	41,200	57,612
Net book value			
At 31 March 2017	116,764	4,333	121,097
At 31 March 2016	95,202	5,444	100,646
10 Debtors			
		2017	2016
Trade debtors		£ 510	£
Other debtors		1,459	7,906
	_	1,969	7,906
	_		
11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
		2017 £	2016 £
Trade creditors		4,301	2,112
Accruals	_	828	828
		5,129	2,940
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# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

## 12 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2016 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2017 £
Unrestricted funds					
<b>General</b> General Fund	141,351	25,281	(15,119)	(180)	151,333
<b>Designated</b> Betty Daffurns Orchard Fund Pollinator Project	1,534 200 1,734		(380)	180 180	1,534
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	143,085	25,281	(15,499)		152,867
Restricted funds Upton Ham Purchase Waterside Hide	7,000 2,750	15,700	(2,396)	<u>-</u>	7,000
Total restricted funds	9,750	15,700	(2,396)		23,054
Total funds	152,835	40,981	(17,895)		175,921
	Balance at 1 April 2015 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2016 £
Unrestricted funds	April 2015	resources	expended		31 March 2016
Unrestricted funds  General  General Fund	April 2015	resources	expended		31 March 2016
General	April 2015 £  135,597  1,534 200	resources £	expended £	£	31 March 2016 £ 141,351 1,534 200
General General Fund  Designated Betty Daffurns Orchard Fund Pollinator Project	April 2015 £  135,597  1,534 200  1,734	22,289	expended £ (16,042)	£ (493)	31 March 2016 £ 141,351 1,534 200 1,734
General General Fund  Designated Betty Daffurns Orchard Fund Pollinator Project  Total unrestricted funds	April 2015 £  135,597  1,534 200	resources £	expended £	£	31 March 2016 £ 141,351 1,534 200
General General Fund  Designated Betty Daffurns Orchard Fund Pollinator Project	April 2015 £  135,597  1,534 200  1,734	22,289	expended £ (16,042)	£ (493)	31 March 2016 £ 141,351 1,534 200 1,734
General General Fund  Designated Betty Daffurns Orchard Fund Pollinator Project  Total unrestricted funds  Restricted funds Carrent Catchment Restoration Upton Ham Purchase	April 2015 £  135,597  1,534 200  1,734  137,331	22,289	(16,042)	£ (493)	31 March 2016 £  141,351  1,534 200  1,734  143,085

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Upton Ham Purchase

The purpose of the fund was to contribute to the acquisition of further land at Upton Ham.

Waterside Hide

This fund is to facilitate the building of a hide to sit over the water accessable via a boardwalk cut through the reed beds, allowing unhindered views of wildlife across the lake for visitors to the site.

## 13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		
	Restricted		
	General £	funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	99,502	23,054	122,556
Current assets	58,494	-	58,494
Current liabilities	(5,129)		(5,129)
Total net assets	152,867	23,054	175,921

## 14 Related party transactions

The company rents a cottage from A M G Darby, a governor, at an annual rental of £8,100 (31 March 2016 - £8,100) which has been verified by an independant valuer. Total rents paid to Mr Darby during the year were £8,100. The company also leases other land belonging to A Darby and M G Darby during the year at a nil rent. Any work done by A M G Darby's farm on behalf of the trust was paid for at cost.

A M G Darby bought 5.57 hectares of standing hay from the Trust at £125 per hectare. (Other purchasers paid £75 per hectare). Two of A M G Darby's employees carried out administration work on behalf of the Trust equating to half a day per week between them. The Trust made no payment for this.

None of the governors received any remuneration in the year as trustees, nor in previous years. Payments were made to Dr Margaret Palmer in respect of travel expenses at cost.