

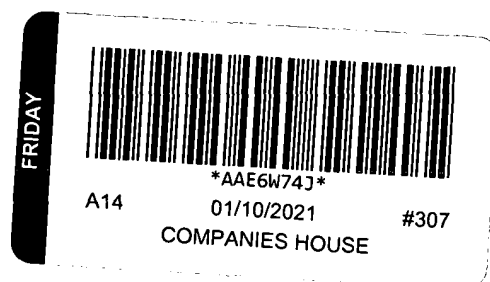
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06555157 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity No:

1125532

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021 for
Surrey Hills Society**



Surrey Hills Society

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report with the financial statements of the charity of the year ended 31 March 2021.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The Society seeks to promote, enhance and conserve the physical and natural environment and its natural beauty around the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Surrey Hills Society is an independent charity promoting the positive enjoyment and care of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for the benefit of those who live, work in or visit the area. The Society encourages people to explore and learn about the special qualities and distinctiveness of the area which is recognised as being of unique value and needs to be nurtured for the benefit of future generations to enjoy. The Surrey Hills Society is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of this outstanding and natural landscape.

The Society's aims and roles are:

- 1 Creating greater awareness and understanding of the Surrey Hills through education, publicity and events
- 2 Providing activities for members and supporters of the Society, including walks, talks, social events, advice, communications for (and with) members
- 3 Promoting and championing farming, forestry and local industries, including tourism, and raising awareness of local produce and crafts
- 4 Protecting and improving facilities for recreational use of the area
- 5 Encouraging conservation alongside the improvement of the amenities and features which make the Surrey Hills special
- 6 Influencing regional and local authorities, seeing high standards of planning so as to protect and enhance the landscape and character of the Surrey Hills.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees now consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the Society.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

2020-2021 has been a challenging year for the Society, because of the Coronavirus pandemic that swept the World. From the middle of March 2020 until the beginning of August we cancelled 16 events. However, the Society proved remarkably resilient despite these problems, and we were able to commence an outdoor programme on 2 August 2020. Fortunately, our Membership has remained stable and we continue to enjoy the support of a dedicated group of more than 50 active volunteers.

Although any activities involving potential close social contact have been restricted this year, Society volunteers continue to promote the special protected landscape of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in many different ways, ranging from:

- Running events to educate our members and residents about the area
- Leading free walks across the county; and
- Supporting and promoting the work of other related charities

In a normal year we would also be:

- Manning our stall at local shows across the county, handing out free walks leaflets and showcasing the special attractions of the area; and
- Giving talks to other groups and organisations

Our volunteers share their passion for everything to do with the Surrey Hills – from its wonderful flora and fauna and rare habitats to its unique culture and heritage, as well as its leisure opportunities. They also collaborate with other organisations across the Surrey Hills to raise funds for agreed worthwhile projects within the area, which benefits both wildlife and the residents of Surrey.

In the current year, despite the restricted programme, we have run 28 events (54 events in 2019/20).

We have continued to develop our already close relationship with the other members of the Surrey Hills Family – Surrey Hills Trust Fund, Surrey Hills Enterprises and Surrey Hills Arts and have maintained extensive contact through frequent calls over Zoom. One of the key developments in the year under review has been a shift towards improved electronic communications. Unfortunately, we were not able to produce our regular paper Surrey Hills Views newsletters during 2020, but we replaced this with regular e-newsletters that proved very popular and are easily distributed to a wide audience. As a result, going forward, we have decided to have a mix of e-newsletters and our traditional printed newsletters. We did produce Surrey Hills Views in Spring 2021 and the trustees would like to extend their thanks to Stan Baring, Solicitors for sponsoring that issue.

The Surrey Hills Family now has a more co-ordinated approach to material sent by email, and you can elect to be a Friend of the Surrey Hills as well as a Society Member and receive regular communications from the AONB Board that bring together a summary of all the activities being

find that our regular MailChimps are extremely popular and they clearly result in increased booking for our events.

In 2020 the Surrey Hills Symposium themed around "Making Space for Nature" was entirely online. It was a huge success and included video presentations by Professor Alastair Driver of Rewilding Britain, Marian Spain, CEO of Natural England and Dan Raven-Ellison from the National Park City Movement. 500 people attended the event including some from the United States! We are now planning next year's event in conjunction with the University and the AONB and hope to make it part physical and part virtual as it is a clear benefit to some to enable online attendance.

As a result of the need for social distancing almost all our events were either outdoors or on Zoom during the period, but this was counteracted by the fact that our members were clearly delighted to be able to emerge from Lockdown and have something to come to. Gardens were particularly popular, and we arranged visits to a beautiful National Garden Scheme Garden in Wondersh, to Caxton House Garden and Arboretum in Reigate, and to the Tudor and William and Mary Vann House in Hambledon. We also enjoyed the delightful autumn foliage during visits to Gatton House and Ramster Garden and dazzling Dahlias at Dunsborough Park. Some of our members also attended tree talks led by Society member, Pamela Holt, at Clandon, although numbers were very limited as a result of the restrictions.

Our regular walks on the first Sunday of each month started again at the beginning of August as we explored Shamley Green. Next month saw us at Watts Gallery and we visited Banstead Woods in October. Sadly, we then had to close our activities due to the second Lockdown, but the walks we held were very well attended. Fortunately, our partnership with Guildford Walkfest was not affected as September was a month in which the COVID 19 restrictions were substantially eased, and we led 11 very well subscribed walks during the month.

Of particular note at the end of 2020 were our visits to Hannah Peschar Sculpture Gardens and to the Sidney Simes Gallery in Worplesdon – the only event of the fiscal year, where our members went indoors!

Our Zoom events proved very popular. In addition to our Annual Review in November, we hosted online talks on Victorian Architecture and Stained Glass by Michael Cavendish Sleight and the Pilgrim Fathers by Kathy Atherton of Dorking Museum. All of these were particularly well attended, and I anticipate that we will continue a programme of Zoom lectures even once the pandemic has abated. I was also pleased to attend the Surrey Wildlife Trust Youth Summit online, which the Society partly funded. We are strongly supportive of initiatives that encourage young people to become involved in nature conservation and to understand the challenges faced in terms of climate change and reduced biodiversity.

Lockdown did not prevent Surrey Hills Arts from continuing their Inspiring Views project to install new sculptural benches at viewpoints across the Surrey Hills aided by the Society, which facilitated the fundraising. I'm pleased to report that Optohedron, designed by local sculptor, Will Nash was fully funded and installed above Newlands Corner and money was also raised during the period for Radius, designed by James Tunnard, which has now been installed on Denbies Hillside.

The additional time that we all had was also put to good use in a number of other ways. Vice Presidents, Chris Howard and Ken Bare, worked together to produce a series of Rail to Ramble leaflets in association with South East Communities Rail Partnership to be published in the Summer of 2021. We also began to develop the Surrey Hills Champions Scheme, which is to be promoted by Surrey Hills Enterprises, but with the Society playing a major part by overseeing the planting of trees and other nature conservation projects that will be a direct result of the Scheme.

I have of course mentioned the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic throughout this report, but it is important to emphasise that the financial standing of the Society has been largely unaffected. As mentioned previously, our membership has held up extremely well. At the start of the pandemic we had 493 memberships; at the time of writing that number has grown to 504 whilst our income and expenditure remain broadly the same.

This report started by referring to our many volunteers. The trustees would like to extend our thanks to all that our volunteers do for the Society. It has been an extraordinarily challenging year but perhaps one of the lasting effects of the pandemic will be the enhanced appreciation that so many people have begun to develop for nature generally and for our precious Surrey Hills in particular.

GORDON JACKSON

Chairman

Surrey Hills Society

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

As in previous years, the Society's work is funded by membership subscriptions, donations and grants received for specific purposes. Anthony Wakefield and Co, a Dorking-based insurance broker has provided sponsorship of our periodic newsletter and we offer them our thanks for this very welcome support.

Overall the Society's financial position is strong with net reserves of £44,027 at 31 March 2021. The Trustees are confident that the Charity has appropriate reserves and will be able to operate as a going concern over the next twelve month period.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

The Trustees have received great support and encouragement from the Surrey Hills Board. They have also been fortunate to have help from a number of hardworking volunteers that have formed the various committees that do so much to run the day to day affairs of the Society. The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles. Trustees are initially appointed to the trustee board and proposed for election at the AGM following their appointment. One third of the trustees retire by rotation at the AGM each year. If the charity is unable to fill the vacancy of a retiring trustee, the trustee may be re-appointed.

Management Structure

The trustees have delegated day to day management of the Society to various committees which meet regularly.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees have the responsibility for identifying and assessing the Society's key risks and formally prepares a risk register which is presented to the Board of Trustees annually, along with recommended mitigating actions.

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Covid - 19

The Chairman's Report refers in some detail to the impact that the Covid – 19 pandemic has had on the activities of the Society.

The Trustees have been careful at all times to follow official guidance as to how best to mitigate the risk posed by the pandemic to the health of all who come into contact with us, and to the affairs of the Society more generally. As noted by the Chairman the nature of our activities changed so that Trustee meetings and events and talks took place in an online setting. Those few events which proceeded in person were managed in strict accordance with guidance as to numbers of attendees and, of course, in line with the requirements of any venues being visited

In summary, the main impact has been on our ability to attend events in person, to socialise and to enjoy the company of fellow members at events, shows, walks and talks. And an impact, too, on our ability to promote the Society to a wider Surrey Hills audience.

Financially the impact has been mild; our membership income has remained broadly stable and events and other activities traditionally only make small surpluses. Consequently the much reduced programme of events that we were able to arrange did not result in particularly adverse financial consequences for the Society, as is evidenced elsewhere in these accounts.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Company no: 6555157 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity no: 1125532

Registered Office: Warren Farm Barns, Headley Lane, Mickleham, Surrey RH5 6DG

Trustees

Trustees and Directors

The following Trustees served throughout the current and preceding periods unless noted otherwise below:

S Cantor
S Chimbwandira
M Cantor
Mun--Ling Logue (Resigned
7 September 2020)
A Povey
P Salisbury
G Jackson
T. Driscoll (Resigned 1
October 2020)

Independent Examiner

Moore Kingston Smith LLP
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on.....15th September 2021.....and signed on its behalf by:

S.A. Jackson

Trustee GORDON JACKSON

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Surrey Hills Society

I report on the accounts of the Surrey Hills Society for the year ended 31 March 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Basis for Independent Examiner's Report

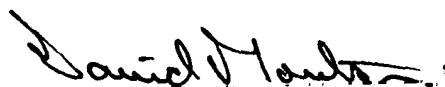
Your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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DAVID MONTGOMERY
For and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP
Chartered Accountants

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
Including Income and Expenditure Account

			31.3.21	31.3.20
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and Legacies		13,772	-	13,772
Charitable Activities		-	5,367	5,367
Events		2,068	-	2,068
Promotional		292	-	292
Investment Income	2	35	-	35
Total		16,167	5,367	21,534
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable Activities				
Events & Operations	3	13,763	1,913	15,676
Promotional	3	56	-	56
Total		13,819	1,913	15,732
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,348	3,454	5,802
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		34,862	3,363	38,225
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		37,210	6,817	44,027

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities

These notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31.3.21 Total Funds £	31.3.20 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Equipment	8	880	-	880	1,320
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	9	-	-	-	204
Debtors	10	63	-	63	63
Cash at Bank and in hand		36,317	6,817	43,134	36,688
CURRENT ASSETS		36,380	6,817	43,197	36,955
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	50	-	50	50
NET CURRENT ASSETS		36,330	6,817	43,147	36,905
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		37,210	6,817	44,027	38,225
NET ASSETS		37,210	6,817	44,027	38,225
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds		37,210	-	37,210	34,862
Restricted Funds		-	6,817	6,817	3,363
TOTAL FUNDS		37,210	6,817	44,027	38,225

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2021 (cont'd)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 15/9/21 and were signed on its behalf by:

TRUSTEE


MARTIN CANTOR

DATE 15/9/2021

1.ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the U.K. and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The charitable company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and a registered charity established as a company under guarantee and therefore has also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities who prepare their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards in the U.K and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102, Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102.

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows

Going Concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of the financial statements. In particular, the Trustees have considered the charitable company's forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on donation income. After making enquiries the Trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charitable company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs by category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Plant and Machinery	25% on cost
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Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow - moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (cont'd)

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Areas of Judgement

In the view of the trustees, in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

Financial Instruments

(I) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents include cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits with a maturity date of three months or less

(II) Debtors and Creditors

Debtors and creditors receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price. Debtors and creditors that are receivable in more than one year and not subject to a market rate of interest are measured at the present value of the expected future receipts or payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>35</u>	<u>225</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Events	1,810	13,866	15,676
Promotional	56	-	56
	<u>1,866</u>	<u>13,866</u>	<u>15,732</u>

£1,913 (2020: £5,907) of expenditure was in respect of restricted funds.

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Totals
	£
Management	10,809
Other	-
	<u>10,809</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

After charging:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>440</u>	<u>220</u>

6. EMPLOYEES

There were no staff employed by the Society in the year to 31 March 2021 or 31 March 2020

7. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Key Management personnel include the Trustees of the charitable company.

There was no trustee remuneration of any kind or reimbursement of expenditure for the years ended 31.3.21 and 31.3.20

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Machinery £
COST	
At 1.4.20	1,760
Additions:	
Disposals:	
At 31.3.21	<u>1,760</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1.4.20	440
Charge for the year:	440
At 31.3.21	<u>880</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31.3.21	<u>880</u>
At 31.3.20	<u>1,320</u>

9. STOCKS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Finished goods	<u>204</u>	<u>204</u>
10. DEBTORS	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Rent Deposit	<u>63</u>	<u>63</u>
11. CREDITORS	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade Creditor	50	50
Total	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

12 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	34,862	2,348	37,210
Restricted Funds			
Into the Wild	538	(538)	-
Inspiring Views	2,775	(1,335)	1,440
Surrey Hills Trust Fund	50	(40)	10
Waverley Borough Council	-	500	500
Tandridge Together	-	900	900
Volunteer Co-Ordinator	-	3,967	3,967
TOTAL FUNDS	38,225	5,802	44,027

The restricted funds listed above are held by the Society to be spent in due course on specific activities:

Inspiring Views – The Radius installation at Denbies Hillside, arranged by Surrey Hills Arts

Waverley Borough Council – A future Surrey Hills Arts Project at Waverley Abbey

Tandridge Together – A future Surrey Hills Arts project supported by Tandridge Borough Council

Volunteer Co-Ordinator – Funds retained to support the employment of a Volunteer Co-Ordinator
(appointment to commence in October 2021)

Surrey Hills Trust Fund – small surplus retained.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021 or 31 March 2020