FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Company No: 2426534 (England and Wales)

Charity No: 802150

PATRONS

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

The Directors, who are also Trustees, who served during the financial year, are as follows:

Mr Christopher Bow - Chair
Dr Bryan Davies
Dr Geoffrey Hale
Mrs Claire Beale
Ms Sara Sayer
Mr John O'Boyle (appointed 5th September 2023)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mrs Kathleen Foreman

REGISTERED OFFICE

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BANKERS

Barclays Bank plc

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Ms Jayne Merrick 6 Churchfield Avenue, Sawston, CB22 3LA

SOLICITORS

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INVESTMENT MANAGERS

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees, who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of Company Law, present their annual report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

Objects of the charity, principal activities and organisation of our work

The Charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is, therefore, governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The Charity's object and its principal activity continues to be restoring the major part of its landholding to chalk grassland and woodland open for public amenity with provision for wildlife conservation and sanctuary. The Charity is a registered farmer.

The Charity is organised so that the Trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. They are supported by a part-time office administrator. Work on the land is mainly carried out by contractors or by volunteers

Development, activities and achievements during the year

Whilst the Magog Down has continued to provide Members, Friends and visitors with the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing environment, it has been a rather more stressful time for the Trustees and management team.

Security of the site has been a major issue this year with two matters being of particular concern. In January, a lorry gained access to deposit 15 tonnes of semi-processed waste which had to be removed promptly at considerable cost. Further expenditure was incurred to make all entrances more secure from further incursions.

The Down has also suffered a sustained bout of graffiti vandalism resulting in the need to deploy temporary CCTV cameras. The deterrent effect seems to have worked as the attacks have abated. The Trustees are now considering whether permanent CCTV is required and, if so, how it might be installed in harmony with the Down's rural setting. Again, a substantial cost has been incurred post year-end and the Trustees are particularly grateful to those Friends and Members who have, without being asked, made donations to help defray this expense.

The Trustees sympathise with those visitors who found it more difficult to access The Down due to Haverhill Road being closed at various points for an extended period. However, we are pleased to note that, overall, visitor numbers did not drop significantly. This indicates, perhaps, just how much people value being able to access such a wonderful open space.

The Trustees have continued to work with Rangeford, the developers of the retirement village, to establish the associated countryside park. At the time of this report, we have not yet taken legal ownership of the land but there are no significant matters of concern. We expect the transfer will be concluded in autumn 2024. The plan to establish and maintain the park has received approval from South Cambridgeshire District Council. This was a vital step in the whole process.

Weather conditions in the summer of 2023 were particularly conducive for butterflies which were seen in great profusion. It was pleasing to see the Small Blue butterfly in good numbers. With its caterpillar food plant (Kidney Vetch) in abundance, it is hoped that its population will continue to flourish. The downland flora have also done well. Alongside the cowslips and other chalkland flowers, the Pyramidal Orchid is now widely distributed on the Down. The New Year started with the exciting sight of a Short-eared Owl, a first for Magog Down it is believed. These birds are winter visitors, migrating over to East Anglia from Scandinavia, usually to fenland, coastal scrubby and open grassland habitats. It is one of the few owls that are regularly seen hunting during the day and visitors were treated to regular sightings through January and February.

Finally, may I express my thanks to all those who contribute to the success of The Trust. To the volunteers who help out by either attending the monthly working parties or being part of the gate rota, your efforts are greatly appreciated. To the rangers who are there, come rain or shine, to keep the site in such good condition, I say thank you. To my fellow Trustees and other team members, I greatly value your advice and support which I could not do without.

Transactions and financial position

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a surplus for the year of £69,232 (2023: £19,415 deficit), largely due to a gain of £59,027 on the Trust's investments (2023: £47,476 deficit).

The underlying result from normal activities was 64% down on last year at £10,205 (2023: £28,061).

Total income, at £145,357, was 7% lower than the previous year (2023: £156,253). However, this was wholly due to lower harvest sales; the current year crop was barley as compared to the higher value wheat of last year. This weaker sales mix resulted in the farming profit falling to £10,143 (2023: £15,030). Overall income from other sources remained constant.

Total expenditure increased by 5% to £135,152 (2023: £128,192). However, the true increase in non-farming costs was much greater; up by 14% to £105,944 (2023: £93,208). Aside from the impact of high inflation during the period, there was the full year effect of employing an administrator (only 9 months' salary in the previous year), waste removal costs (£3,594), installation of a water supply (£2,367) and legal fees (£5,564) in respect of the constitution changes and advice on the acquisition of the new countryside park.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Details of movements in fixed assets are set out in note 6 to the accounts. All land apart from The Feoffee Field and Jane's Piece is held freehold. There is no leasehold property.

The Trust holds a parcel of land known as The Feoffee Field on an agricultural tenancy with the Stapleford Feoffee Charity, which runs for a 20 year term until November 2040.

Jane's Piece is held on a licence, at a peppercorn rental, from the same charity. The acquisition of rights over this land has enabled the Trust to improve access for walkers.

Investments

In 2024, income from our listed investments dropped slightly by 4% to £21,296 (2023: £22,263) but remains substantially above our target of £18,000. The market value of our investment portfolio increased by 10% to £780,568 (2022: £708,820). Interest from cash on deposit improved significantly to £3,824 (2023: £604) on the back of increased market rates.

Reserves

The present level of income remains adequate to support the current level of normal activity. This excludes funds required for any future major projects or works programme. As such, the Trustees are aware of the need to secure the long-term management of the land and consider that drawing on reserves may be necessary in the medium to long term. The Board of Trustees considers the financial position of the Charity to be satisfactory and its policy is to have cash funds available to meet the foreseeable medium term needs.

Directors and Trustees

All Directors of the Company are also Trustees of the Charity, and there are no other Trustees. All of the Trustees named on page 3 served throughout the year unless otherwise indicated. The Board has power to appoint additional Trustees as it considers fit to do so.

Bryan Davies and Geoffrey Hale are due to retire by rotation at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Both have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election.

In accordance with the management of any potential conflicts of interest, it is declared that:

Sara Sayer is a Partner of Birketts LLP, a firm of solicitors used by the Trust.

Claire Beale provides ranger services to the Trust on a contract for service of no fixed term.

A relative of Christopher Bow provides occasional website and IT support under a contract for service.

Risk management

The Trustees actively review the major risks that the Charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are required by company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the Charity and of its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- (c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- (d) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are 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.

Independent examination

The income and turnover of the Charity are such that a full audit is not required for the current and future years. Jayne Merrick examined the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, and the Board intend to recommend that Jayne Merrick be re-appointed as Independent Examiner at the Annual General Meeting to be held in September 2024.

Public benefit

The Trustees are aware of The Charity Commission's guidance in relation to delivering public benefit. In promoting the conservation of Magog Down and ensuring access to an extensive area of open space, the Trustees consider that they are fulfilling the requirement to deliver a public benefit. The specific areas of activity are detailed on pages 4 and 5 of this report.

Approval

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime, Companies Act 2006. It was approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 3rd September 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Christopher Bow Chair and Trustee Director

Company Number 2426534

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees (who are also 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 Commissioners (under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act); and

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
- 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
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have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jayne Merrick 6 Churchfield Avenue Sawston CB22 3LA 18 August 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations and legacies		-	6,895	6,895	5,916
Charitable activities		-	113,342	113,342	127,470
Investments			25,120	25,120	22,867
TOTAL INCOME	2		145,357	145,357	156,253
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities		-	127,620	127,620	120,764
Other		-	7,532	7,532	7,428
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3		135,152	135,152	128,192
NET INCOMING RESOURCES					
BEFORE OTHER GAINS/(LOSSES)		-	10,205	10,205	28,061
NET GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTM	ENTS	-	59,027	59,027	(47,476)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			69,232	69,232	(19,415)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		-	1,381,744	1,381,744	1,401,159
Total funds carried forward			1,450,976	1,450,976	1,381,744

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these accounts.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

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			2024		2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		517,180		519,956
Investments	7		780,568		708,820
			1,297,748		1,228,776
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors & prepayments	8	46,955		54,345	
Fund management cash account		27,214		27,558	
COIF cash deposits		84,484		65,674	
Cash at bank and in hand		40,442		52,730	
		199,095		200,307	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	9	45,867		47,339	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			153,228		152,968
NET ASSETS			1,450,976		1,381,744
CHARITY FUNDS	10 - 11				
Accumulated fund			477,352		477,352
Expendable endowment			716,896		657,869
General fund			256,728		246,523
TOTAL FUNDS			1,450,976		1,381,744

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these accounts.

For the year ended 31st March 2024, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477(1) Companies Act 2006. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476(2). The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- 1) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386
- 2) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial period in accordance with section 396, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

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

Approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 3rd September 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Christopher Bow Chair and Trustee Director

Company Number 2426534

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed the current level of funds held and the expected income and expenditure for 12 months from the date of approval of these accounts and regard these as sufficient to justify the going concern basis.

1.2 Incoming resources

Income and donations are included in incoming resources when they are receivable, except when the donors specify that they must be used in future accounting periods or donor's conditions have not been fulfilled, then the income is deferred. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

The Trust claims refunds of Income Tax on donations for which it holds a valid Gift Aid declaration for the year in which the money is received. These refunds are included in incoming resources for that year.

Income received from memberships which give an entitlement to free parking and car parking charges levied on non-member visitors is stated net of Value Added Tax.

1.3 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity, they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

1.4 Finance and operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period they are incurred. The Trust has no finance leases at present.

1.5 Tangible Fixed Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, on a straight line basis, over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Downland furniture & fixtures 10% -25% straight line basis Machinery & equipment 25% straight line basis

No depreciation is provided on freehold land. Improvements in excess of £1,000 carried out on the site are capitalised but not amortised due to their enduring nature and the maintenance programme undertaken by the Trust. The Trustees have reviewed the value of the land and consider that there is no impairment of value for the period ended 31 March 2024.

1.6 Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains/(losses) arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

1.7 Taxation

As a registered charity, the Trust is exempt from income and corporation tax and can recover tax paid on donations under the Gift Aid scheme. The Trust is also exempt from Capital Gains Tax, so all gains are stated gross.

The Trust accounts for VAT on its subscriptions, car parking income and farming activities. Its other income consists of dividends, donations and interest, all of which are out of scope for the purposes of VAT.

2 ANALYSIS OF INCOME

2	ANALISIS OF INCOIVIE			
		Restricted	Unrestricted	
		Funds	Funds	Total
		2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£
	Donations and legacies			
	Donations and gifts	-	6,895	5,664
	Legacies	-		252
	Charitable activities			
	BPS income		8,795	10,825
		-		
	Car parking fees	-	19,925	22,605
	Countryside Stewardship	-	7,396	6,661
	Farming income	-	39,351	50,014
	Subscriptions - free parking entitlement	-	37,325	37,125
	Other	-	550	240
	Investments			
	Income from listed investments	-	21,296	22,263
	Interest receivable on cash deposits	-	3,824	604
	TOTAL INCOME		145,357	156,253
3	ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE			
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		Restricted	Unrestricted	Tatal
		Funds	Funds	Total
		2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£
	Charitable activities			
	Farming costs	-	29,208	34,984
	Ranger & other services	-	24,310	21,359
	Administration	-	28,486	23,204
	Website and Information Technology	-	6,710	10,686
	Repairs & maintenance	-	20,538	14,541
	Depreciation on tangible fixed assets	-	5,042	5,486
	Rent	-	4,200	4,440
	Parking machine costs	-	2,980	2,921
	Professional fees	-	5,971	948
	Insurance	-	-	1,970
	Independent examination fee	-	175	225
	Other			
	Fund management costs	-	7,532	7,428
			125 152	120 102
			135,152	128,192
4	STAFF COSTS	2024	2023	
		£	£	
	Staff salary cost	22,648	12,478	
	Employer pension contribution	602	283	
		23,250	12,761	

The average number of persons employed in the year was 2.00 (2023: 0.75)

5 DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No director received any remuneration for acting as a trustee/director.

One trustee, Christopher Bow, was voted an ex-gratia payment of £1,000 (2023: nil) to reflect the other trustees' appreciation for his unpaid covering of the Trust's un-staffed administration function during a four month period (April-July 2022) prior to the appointment of a replacement administrator.

One trustee, Claire Beale, provided ranger services under a contract through her business which received £21,464 (2023: £19,090).

Out of pocket expenses were reimbursed to one trustee (2023: nil) amounting to £3 (2023: nil).

One trustee, Sara Sayer, is a Partner of Birketts LLP, a firm of solicitors used by the Trust. Its services are provided on an arm's length basis under the direction of other partners. The amount paid to Birketts LLP in the year was £5,565 (2023: £900).

A related party, Rachel Bow, provided website support under a contract through her business which received £510 (2023: £4,260).

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

ь	I ANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
		Land	Downland	Machinery &	Total
			Furniture &	Equipment	
			Fixtures		
	Cost/valuation	£	£	£	£
	At 1 April 2023	508,335	17,758	18,555	544,648
	Additions	-	-	2,267	2,267
	At 31 March 2024	508,335	17,758	20,822	546,915
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 2023	-	11,818	12,874	24,692
	Charge for the year		1,213	3,830	5,043
	At 31 March 2024		13,031	16,704	29,735
	Net book value				
	At 31 March 2024	508,335	4,727	4,118	517,180
	At 31 March 2023	508,335	5,940	5,681	519,956
7	INVESTMENTS				
-			At Cost	Value	Value
				2024	2023
			£	£	£
	Fixed Income Bonds/Funds		210,590	198,110	175,561
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	Equities				
	UK Equities		106,896	131,412	118,171
	International Equities		222,333	326,553	271,256
	Equity Total		329,229	457,965	389,427
	Investment Funds		100,007	108,428	129,521
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	Property		16,697	16,017	14,175
	Total Listed Investments		656,523	780,520	708,684
	Cash held in capital fund		48	48	136
	Total Investments at 31 March 2024		656,571	780,568	708,820
	Investment portfolio at 1 April 2023		616,043	708,684	742,743
	Additions		240,054	240,054	146,963
	Disposals		(199,574)	(227,040)	(136,893)
	Unrealised (Losses)/Gains for year		-	58,822	(44,129)
	Investment portfolio at 31 March 2024		656,523	780,520	708,684
	Charles Stanley Capital Account		48	48	136
			656,571	780,568	708,820

8	DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS		2024	2023		
			£	£		
	Income due from harvest		39,351	50,014		
	Gift Aid		1,185	304		
	Recoverable VAT		3,441	2,843		
	Other debtors		1,379	1,184		
	Prepayments		1,599	-		
			46,955	54,345		
9	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one	voor	2024	2023		
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	Farming costs payable		33,781	38,685		
	Other accounts payable		3,730	1,495		
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	Accrued expenses		6,993	5,374		
	VAT payable		1,363	1,785		
			45,867	47,339		
10	STATEMENT OF FUNDS					
		At	Movement	At	Movement	At
		1 April	during	31 March	during	31 March
		2022	2022-23	2023	2023-24	2024
		£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds:					
	Accumulated fund	477,352	-	477,352	-	477,352
	Expendable endowment	705,345	(47,476)	657,869	59,027	716,896
	General fund	218,462	28,061	246,523	10,205	256,728
	Total unrestricted funds	1,401,159	(19,415)	1,381,744	69,232	1,450,976

<u>Unrestricted Funds comprise:</u>

Accumulated Fund

This represents funds raised by members of The Magog Trust and applied to the purchase and restoration of Magog Down.

Expendable Endowment Fund

This comprises legacies received by the charity. The investment income from this fund is applied to the principal objects of the charity as set out on page 4.

General Fund

This represents the cummulative reserves generated by its activities over time.

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

At 31 March 2024	Tangible fixed assets	Investments	Cash at bank and in hand	Other net current assets	Net assets
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:					
Accumulated fund	477,352	-	-	-	477,352
Expendable endowment	-	716,896	-	-	716,896
General fund	39,828	63,672	152,140	1,088	256,728
Total	517,180	780,568	152,140	1,088	1,450,976
At 31 March 2023	Tangible	Investments	Cash at bank	Other net	Net
	fixed assets		and in hand	current assets	assets
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:					
Accumulated fund	477,352	-	-	-	477,352
Expendable endowment	-	657,869	-	-	657,869
General fund	42,604	50,951	145,962	7,006	246,523
Total	519,956	708,820	145,962	7,006	1,381,744