

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 21.03 2023 to 20.03. 2024

Charity name: Flitch Way Action Group

Charity registration number: 1172012

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the Charity is to secure the construction and maintenance of a definitive bridleway reconnecting the Flitch Way through Great Dunmow so as to form a continuous definitive bridleway between Rayne and Bishop's Stortford together with active travel links from the bridleway to Great Dunmow town centre and Stansted Airport transport hub as a public amenity.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.17 and 1.19 Para 1.18	Liaising with and lobbying the highway authority, the planning authority and parish councils, developers, landowners and other stakeholders including horse riding, cycling and walking groups to promote this project, raise awareness and facilitate progress. The trustees have been emailed a link to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Sections of the bridleway have been constructed by developers. A further section has been incorporated into the s106 Agreement for a development that currently awaits construction. Developers have improved and surfaced a footpath linking the new bridleway with the town centre. A further section of the bridleway is enshrined in the plans for a future development. Work is ongoing to improve the safety of road crossings linking the bridleway and a s106 Contribution has been secured which will go towards the construction of a suitable river bridge. Those sections of track that are already constructed are being used and enjoyed by non- motorised users. Discussions with the landowner have been initiated about provision of a link route to connect with Bishop's Stortford.

Additional information (optional) You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	FWAG has not needed to actively fundraise during this period. At any given time FWAG has approximately £5,000 in their bank account.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There are no current plans to spend more than is required to cover minimal expenses on items such as printing, website management.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	No financial commitments at present
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None at present

Additional information (optional) You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal source of funds has been a donation of £5,000 from Essex Bridleways Association (registered charity number 801530)
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Constitution
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Word of mouth; informal approach to potential trustees after discussion with current trustees.

Additional information (optional) You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Flitch Way Action Group
Other name the charity uses	FWAG
Registered charity number	1172012
Charity's principal address	New Farm, Dunmow Road, Great Easton, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 2DJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Shaun Pledger	Chair/ co-Chair		
2	Stuart Withington	Vice Chair/ co-Chair		
3	Sandra Lloyd	Treasurer		
4	Sarah Hodgson	Secretary		
5	Stephen Skinner		December 2021 to date	
6	David Beedle			
7	Valdis Belinis			
8	Alexander Armstrong			
9	Sandra Reynolds			
10	Tom Deakins		January 2021 to July 2021	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sarah Hodgson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	2022	