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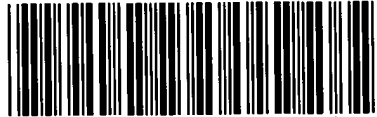
**BURES COMMON LAND
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2017

CHARITY NUMBER 1144165

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Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name	Bures Common Land
Charity number	1144165
Company registration number	07641153
Registered office	2-3 Nayland Road Bures St Mary Suffolk CO8 5BX
Trustees	Leigh Alston (Chairman) Charles Aldous Dennis Ambrose Carolyn Holbrook (Treasurer) Gill Jackson (Secretary) Alan Ryman
Independent examiner	Sharon Riley 27 Cornflower Close Stanway Colchester CO3 0SE
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2017

The trustees, who are also directors for the purpose of company law, present their annual report together with the financial statements and independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st May 2017.

The Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

- Charles Aldous
- Leigh Alston
- Dennis Ambrose
- Carolyn Holbrook
- Gill Jackson
- Alan Ryman

The minimum number of trustees is two and the maximum seven. Where the number of trustees is four or more, a minimum of two trustees must be resident in each of the two Parishes, Bures Hamlet and Bures St Mary. With effect from 2014 the longest serving two trustees will retire by rotation each year but will be eligible for reappointment. If in any year there are more than two trustees who have served for the same length of time, the names of the two to retire will be decided by lot. The trustees may at any time co-opt any individual who is eligible as a trustee to fill a vacancy in their number.

Structure, Governance and Management

Bures Common Land is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. The company was incorporated on 19th May, 2011 and registered as a charity 6th October 2011.

The charitable company's Articles of Association is the governing document of the trust.

The control of the charity rests with the trustees. The business of the charity is conducted by the Chairman and trustees. The trustees meet regularly to administer the affairs of the charity.

The Members

The members of the Charity are the trustees and two additional members nominated by each of the Parishes. Nominated members need not be Parish Councillors.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Charity are:

- To provide, improve and/or maintain, and own land in Bures, in particular Bures Common, to be used as an area of recreation or other leisure time occupation by the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life in the interests of social welfare and for the benefit of the public.
- To conserve and advance public education in historical matters relating to the heritage of England in general and of Bures Common, Bures St Mary (Suffolk) and Bures Hamlet in particular.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)
YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2017

Objectives and Activities (continued)

- To advance citizenship through the promotion of volunteering and of the voluntary sector for the benefit of the public at large and in particular in Bures and the surrounding areas including but not limited to supporting local community based groups to maintain open spaces for the benefit of the public to be used as areas of information, recreation or other leisure activities

Achievements and Performance

The principal objectives of the Trustees for the year ending 31st May 2017 were:

- to produce a strategy and seek funding for the barn
- to continue to facilitate the use of the Common for leisure activities

The Trustees continued to work on the production of a strategy for the barn. A Public Consultation exercise was carried out and the results were incorporated within the Heritage Lottery Fund Application. The HLF application did not proceed as, at a meeting with the HLF, it was agreed that the heritage element of the project was insufficient to meet the criteria of the category of grant required. The Planning Application was made to Braintree District Council for the heritage work in line with the HLF application. It was agreed that as sufficient HLF funds were not forthcoming, the repair route, using volunteer resources and existing/donated materials where possible, would be taken. As planning permission was not required for repair no further application was made. At 31 May 2017, the project was well underway.

An Old Photos Evening with supper was held in February and was a sell-out, proving that people, both from within the village and elsewhere, remain fascinated by the photos Leigh Alston has accumulated. Such was the success that a repeat performance (without supper) had to be held in March.

As previously planned, the local produce markets were held monthly from June to December and March to May with the proceeds being donated to the Common's funds. These markets have proved very popular and have raised considerable funds which will be used to fund both the ongoing maintenance of the Common and the repairs to the barn.

Objectives for the coming year:

- to complete the repairs to the barn and consider a possible Stage 2.
- to continue to facilitate the use of the Common for leisure activities

Financial Position

- There were two specific fundraising events, both Old Photos Evenings, each generating a good profit.
- Gill and Ken Jackson ran a bar at the Music Festival Jazz Night and raised £220 for the Common.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)
YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2017

Achievements and Performance (continued)

Financial Position (continued)

- In 2013 a sum of £25,000 was designated by the trustees to fund maintenance of the Common in future years, such maintenance to include grass cutting, river bank improvements, tree planting, insurance and signage. In 2014, £5,000 was transferred from the designated fund to general funds to support ongoing expenditure.
- In 2015 the Trustees made the decision to invest £15,000 in a Charibond to generate capital growth. The Bond has performed well and, as at 31 March 2017, was valued at £16,430.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors of Bures Common Land, a company limited by guarantee for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Leigh Alston
Chairman

Date: 5/7/17

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bures Common Land

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st May 2017, which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

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 understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name Sharon Riley
Address 27 Cornflower Close
 Stanway
 Colchester CO3 0SE



Date:

9-8-17

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31st May 2017

Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £	2016 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	1,945	-	1,945	610
Activities for generating funds	3	4,466	-	4,466	2,668
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		6,411	-	6,411	3,278
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds:					
Fundraising costs	4	462	-	462	514
Charitable activities	5	1,968	-	1,968	2,917
Governance costs	6	135	-	135	135
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		2,565	-	2,565	3,566
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		3,846	-	3,846	(288)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		22,153	92,020	114,173	114,461
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		25,999	92,020	118,019	114,173

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the period and therefore a Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses has not been prepared.

All the trust's activities derive from continuing operations during the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET
31st May 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	92,020	92,020
CURRENT ASSETS			
		25,999	22,153
		<u>25,999</u>	<u>22,153</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	9	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>25,999</u>	<u>22,153</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>118,019</u>	<u>114,173</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted Funds		92,020	92,020
Unrestricted Funds		25,999	22,153
TOTAL FUNDS	10	<u>118,019</u>	<u>114,173</u>


The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of accounts for the year by virtue of section 477(2), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476(1) of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the charity keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial period and of its surplus or deficit for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of section 396, and in which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the charity.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime. The financial statements on pages 8 to 14 were approved by the trustees on 5 September 2017 and are signed on their behalf by:

Leigh Alston
Chairman

 5/9/17

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year ended 31st May 2017

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below.

Going concern

The trustees have reviewed the cash position of the charitable company and consider that the company has adequate reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the trustees have adopted the going concern basis for the preparation of these accounts.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost.

No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

The Trustees have decided not to capitalise assets with value of £5,000 or less.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources including grants, donations and other funds generated from fundraising activities are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

All expenditure is recognised in the period in which a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate costs relating to the category.

Fund Accounting

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for a particular purpose.

Unrestricted general funds are funds that are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the Charity's objectives and have not been designated for other purposes.

Unrestricted designated funds have been designated by the trustees for a particular purpose.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
Year ended 31st May 2017

2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Donations	1,945	-	1,945	610

3. Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Markets	2,535	-	2,535	934
Music Festival Bar	220	-	220	250
St Edmund Mugs	65	-	65	0
Michaelmas Fair	0	-	0	489
Old Prints	310	-	310	10
Old Photos Supper	1,336	-	1,336	985
	<u>4,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,466</u>	<u>2,668</u>

4. Fund raising costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Markets	42	-	42	129
Old Photos nights	372	-	372	0
Michaelmas Fair	0	-	0	21
Old Prints	47	-	47	0
Film Night	0	-	0	364
	<u>461</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>514</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
Year ended 31st May 2017

5. Costs of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Maintenance	528	-	528	827
Electricity	194	-	194	158
Fees re the Barn	0	-	0	1,698
Barn repairs	866	-	866	0
Insurance	249	-	249	234
Chairs	132	-	132	0
Telephone, postage and stationery	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,969</u>		<u>1,969</u>	<u>2,917</u>

6. Governance

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Cost of APM/AGM	22	-	22	22
Fees	13	-	13	13
Independent examiner's honourarium	100	-	100	100
	<u>135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>135</u>

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to trustees during the year ended 31st May 2017.

No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year ended 31st May 2017.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
Year ended 31st May 2017

8. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land	Total	2016
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 June 2016 and 31 May 2017	92,020	<u>92,020</u>	<u>92,020</u>

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	£	2016 £
Trade creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

10. Funds

	Balance at 1st June 2016	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers between Funds	Balance at 31st May 2017	2016
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds						
Bures Common	92,020	-	-	-	<u>92,020</u>	<u>92,020</u>
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated fund	20,000	-	-		<u>20,000</u>	20,000
General funds	2,153	6,411	(2,565)		<u>5,999</u>	2,153
	<u>22,153</u>	<u>6,411</u>	<u>(2,565)</u>	-	<u>25,999</u>	<u>22,153</u>
Total Funds	<u>114,173</u>	<u>6,411</u>	<u>(2,565)</u>	-	<u>118,019</u>	<u>114,173</u>

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

Restricted Funds:

The Bures Common fund represents the total cost of purchase of the Bures Common.

Unrestricted Funds:

Unrestricted Funds can be applied to further the charitable objectives of the Company. The Trustees have designated £20,000 of the unrestricted funds (2013- £25,000) to cover the costs of future maintenance.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
Year ended 31st May 2017

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	2016
	£	£	£	
Tangible fixed assets	-	92,020	92,020	92,020
Net current assets	25,999	-	25,999	22,153
Total Net Assets	25,999	92,020	118,019	114,173

12. Commitments

None

13. Related party transactions

None

14. Members' liability

Every member promises, if the Charity is dissolved while he/she remains a member or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member to pay up to £10 towards:

- payment of those debts and liabilities of the Charity incurred before he/she ceased to be a member;
- payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up;
- the adjustment of rights of contributors among themselves.