

Annual Review 2022



Malvern Hills Trust

Registered charity no. 515804

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Belted Galloway cow on Castlemorton Common.

Malvern Hills Trust is the working name of the Malvern Hills Conservators. Registered charity number 515804.

Cover Image: Pupils from The Chase School Eco Club stand next to a newly planted tree that they have planted, Poolbrook Road

Back Cover Image: New trees planted at Sherrards Green

Chair's introduction

After the disruption of the pandemic, it has been a delight to get back to our work of caring for the Hills and Commons and making strides with implementing the new Land Management Plan that was adopted at the beginning of 2021. The wonderful team of staff and volunteers have managed their way through the Covid crisis and adapted to new ways of working while coping with some administrative challenges from our stewardship partners and collaborators.

Credit goes to the staff who have found a way through the stewardship maze and established a sound basis for grant funding and land management that stands us in good stead for years to come.

We have welcomed some new Trustees to the board and bid farewell to Graeme Crisp, Mark Dyde, Sarah Rouse and Gwyneth Rees with thanks for their service over many years. Peter Kelsall joined the staff as Operations Manager, Ben Taylor and Conor Willmott as Wardens and Cheryl Morris as Admin Support, while Paul Saunder retired after many years of excellent service as Operations Manager and Tracy Sutton moved on from her Warden's post. Meanwhile our trusty and energetic corps of volunteers are weighing in to their accustomed tasks with their infectious enthusiasm.

Our thanks are also due to all those members of the public whose continuing support and encouragement underpin our work. To our levy payers, to our car park patrons, to our visitors who use the Hills and Commons responsibly and to friends and neighbours who just appreciate the wonderful place in which we live and work, thank you!



Mick Davies, Chair



Sunrise on Perseverance Hill

CEO's report

Whilst it may not have been as severe or dramatic as the previous year, 2021/22 continued to be eventful, with many of the recent changes to society continuing to have an impact on the Hills.

With overseas travel curtailed up to the middle of March 2022, most people spent their holidays and short breaks within the UK and as a result, our visitor numbers remained higher than normal. As with 2020 this brought additional pressure on the land with increased incidents such as unlawful campfires and barbecues, rubbish, fly tipping and erosion of paths and tracks. Dealing with these impacts, and in particular the longer term effects of erosion is something the Trust is having to pay increasing attention to, as is detailed later in this Review.

On a more positive aspect, the Trust was fortunate during the year in being able to secure some new land on the west side of the Hills, alongside our existing Park Wood. Securing such key fragments of land for both people and wildlife to enjoy, now and for future generations, is important in delivering our objects to conserve and protect this iconic landscape.

Elsewhere, a new updated 5-year [Business Plan](#) for the Trust was approved during this year. In setting out the key areas that our work needs to focus on, the document identified eight key factors that will shape the future of the land we care for. These are:

- increasingly volatile economic conditions;
- the shifting pattern of social use of the land;
- the impacts of climate change - which alongside the loss of biodiversity will have significant impacts on our habitats and species;
- tree diseases, especially ash dieback disease, already a significant threat;
- the need for funds and grants to support many future projects;
- changing government agri-environment schemes;
- need for contingency planning and flexibility so we can respond nimbly to future changes, and lastly
- the need to update our governing Acts, to better deal with these and many other issues

Having a clear plan for when and how our future work will be carried out is crucial, but as Covid has demonstrated, flexibility and adaptability is also important. And, with 2022 already bringing us significant storms, new record-high temperatures for the country, and low winter / spring rainfall levels, pressure on the Hills and Commons from a more volatile climate are already being felt. So, our work will continue, delivering the protection and conservation of the Hills and Commons, whilst focusing on these most significant threats.



Duncan Bridges, CEO

Trustees and committees during the period

(1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022)

Elected Trustees

Priory Ward:	David Watkins FAR (appointed 7th May 2021)
Chase Ward:	Graeme Crisp LM (resigned 24th January 2022)
Wells Ward:	Richard Fowler LM
West Ward:	Charles Penn FAR and SC
Dyson Perrins Ward:	Trevor Parsons LM
Malvern Link Ward:	Richard Bartholomew FAR and GC
Pickersleigh Ward:	David Core FAR and GC
Colwall Parish:	Helen Stace LM and SC Stephen Braim LM and GC
Guarlford Parish:	David Fellows FAR and GC
Mathon Parish:	Christopher Rouse LM

Nominated Trustees

Malvern Hills District Council:	Mick Davies FAR and SC (Board Chair) Mark Dyde LM (resigned 19th January 2022) John Michael FAR Cynthia Palmer LM and SC (Board Vice Chair from 11th November 2021) Sarah Rouse FAR (Board Vice Chair) (resigned 2nd November 2021)
Colwall Parish Council:	Gwyneth Rees LM and SC (resigned 20th November 2021) Paul Clayburn LM (appointed 1st December 2021)
Mathon Parish Council:	David Baldwin LM and SC
Church Commissioners:	Vacant
Herefordshire Council:	Helen I'Anson SC Ellie Chowns LM
Worcestershire County Council:	John Raine FAR, SC and GC Lucy Hodgson FAR
Worcestershire County Council on behalf of the following parishes:	
Castlemorton:	Chris Atkins LM and GC
Newland:	Tom Yapp LM
Powick:	Michelle Alexander LM (resigned 31st May 2021) Vacant from 1st June 2021

Notes:

FAR sat on Finance, Administration and Resources Committee
LM sat on Land Management Committee
GC sat on Governance Committee
SC sat on Staffing Committee

Staff

Chief Executive Officer:	Duncan Bridges
Secretary to the Board:	Susan Satchell
Conservation Manager:	Jonathan Bills
Operations Manager:	Paul Saunder (until July 2021) Peter Kelsall (from August 2021)
Finance and Administration Manager:	Cheryl Gentry
Conservation Officer:	Andy Pearce
Community and Conservation Officer:	Beck Baker
Finance Assistant:	Lisa Curtis
Administrative Assistant:	Cindy Parish
Administrative Support:	Cheryl Morris (from October 2021)
Wardens:	Simon Roberts, Tracy Sutton (until August 2021), Ben Taylor (from May 2021), Richard Vale, Conor Willmott (from November 2021)
Estate Supervisor:	George Banner
Field Staff:	Martin Cottrell, Nick Cowling, Simon Davies, Duncan Patterson, Neil Tilley, James Trigger (June to Sept)



Malvern Hills Trust staff planting a new hedgerow, Colwall Lands

About us

Malvern Hills Trust was established by an Act of Parliament in 1884 and four subsequent Acts (1909, 1924, 1930 and 1995). It is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 515804. Malvern Hills Trust is the working name of the Malvern Hills Conservators.



View of the Worcestershire Beacon from Perseverance Hill

Malvern Hills Trust was set up to protect the Hills and Commons under its jurisdiction, in particular to:

- preserve the natural aspect of the hills,
- protect and manage trees, shrubs, turf and other vegetation,
- prevent unlawful digging and quarrying,
- keep the hills open, unenclosed and unbuilt on as open spaces for the recreation and enjoyment of the public.

Malvern Hills Trust is also obliged under other legislation to:

- conserve and enhance biodiversity, Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Scheduled Monuments on its land.

The Trust owns and manages almost 1,200 acres of the iconic Malvern Hills landscape from the open hilltops, wooded slopes, to the wide, tree-lined verges and the lowland commons.

In order to meet its purposes and to conserve this special landscape, the Malvern Hills Trust carries out a programme of conservation and access work as guided by a [Land Management Plan](#). The Land Management Plan 2021-2026 was adopted at the beginning of 2021, ahead of the financial year covered by this annual review and will provide direction for the next 5-year period.

The Hills and Commons are visited more than 1 million times per year and the Trust keeps the land as open space for the public. We maintain a large network of paths, benches, car parks and information boards to help people enjoy their visit and to help them care for the Hills and Commons too.

Our conservation work is vital in looking after this nationally important landscape and includes maintaining and restoring a variety of diverse habitats, preserving geological heritage, woodland management, implementing several conservation grazing schemes, archaeological repairs, and much more.

This Annual Review highlights some of the key projects undertaken in the financial year 2021/22.

Additional green space given lasting protection

Wildlife-rich meadows, wood pasture and woodland have been given protection in perpetuity after being acquired by the Trust.

An area of land, near West Malvern and bordering the Trust's existing estate at Park Wood, has been purchased by the Trust in order to both conserve the special wildlife found there, and to keep it open for the public.

The 2.66 hectare (6.44 acre) site is already home to orchids, butterflies and an alder carr wood, sitting alongside a shallow stream, all of which will be conserved and managed to improve biodiversity.

Not only is this piece of habitat special in its own right, but it also increases the area of land on the west side of the hills protected as a green space. Larger, connected habitats provide more opportunities for greater biodiversity and this acquisition fills an important gap adjacent to land already cared for by the Trust.

This land will now be protected in perpetuity for wildlife and people, along with almost [1,200 hectares](#) already cared for by the Trust.



Common spotted orchids at the newly acquired land 'Purlieu Field'.

Habitats at risk from erosion

The Malvern Hills and Commons have seen more visitors in the last two years than ever before. During the pandemic people flocked to the countryside to exercise, socialise and benefit from being in the great outdoors.

One of the key functions of the land under our care is to provide public access to the landscape and these visitors provide essential support to the Trust through the purchase of parking passes and tickets enabling our charity to undertake access improvements and conservation projects.

However, with more visitors to this special place, paths have become more eroded and some of the precious grasslands have been damaged by trampling. In some areas, particularly on the ridgeline, paths have doubled in width from 2 metres to 4 metres as a result of social distancing and the increased numbers of visitors.

To rectify this issue over the next few years, the Trust will be repairing badly eroded areas, installing drainage channels to funnel water and erecting temporary fencing in some areas along path edges to allow the vegetation time and space to recover. These methods encourage visitors to use established paths or avoid the most sensitive areas so the rare vegetation can become re-established.

A first phase of repair has begun at Beacon Road, one of the most popular routes to the top of the Worcestershire Beacon. This section has seen some of the most severe erosion impacts, so drainage pipes have been upgraded, path sections repaired and temporary fencing has been erected to steer visitors away from the worst of the damaged areas.



Erosion at Beacon Road alongside surfaced path

Wardens' report

Over the last 12 months the increased visitor numbers to the Malvern Hills and Commons experienced during the Covid-19 restrictions (as reported in our [2021 Annual Review](#)) have continued.

In response to these additional pressures, the warden team has been expanded from three to four members. We now have more staff available on the ground to provide visitor information and react when incidents occur.

Below are some of the many tasks that the warden team have dealt with across the 1,200 hectares of land:

Attended more than **20 reports of people driving on the Hills and Commons** including a delivery van getting stuck.



Dealt with **29 BBQs and fires**



Assisted with the response to **2 missing person reports**



32 flytipping incidents including commercial waste, domestic waste and garden waste.

The warden team employed by the Trust are supported by a team of volunteer reporting wardens dotted around the Hills and Commons keeping an eye on their 'own patch'. This involves regularly patrolling an area, litter picking and reporting any issues.

Alongside the reporting wardens, our conservation volunteers can regularly be found undertaking practical tasks assisting in the conservation of flora and fauna found here. Over the last 12 months, the warden team have led conservation tasks including coppicing Park Wood, restoring open habitats on North Hill and hay meadow restoration near West Malvern.

During the financial year 2021/22 our amazing volunteers have kindly donated more than 2,000 hours of their time to help care for this special landscape. Our thanks go out to all those who have supported our charity.



Volunteers sowing wildflower seed in meadow at Old Hollow.

Nature improvements for farmed landscapes

Away from the busy hilltops, the Trust looks after land on the lower slopes known as the foothills. These areas provide an attractive setting for the hills but are often overlooked when it comes to conservation improvements. However, funding from DEFRA's Farming in Protected Landscapes grant, administered by the Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty partnership, has supported a project to improve the natural environment in these areas near Colwall. The Trust was awarded £11,200 towards the planting of four new hedges and nine in-field trees plus the restoration of an infilled pond.

The hedgerows planted by volunteers and Trust staff now provide wildlife corridors through the grassland pastures and hay meadows benefitting species including the Lesser Horseshoe Bat. A wide variety of species including Spindle, Rose, Field Maple and Hazel have been planted providing a diversity of flowers and fruit for wildlife. Newly planted in-field trees including Hornbeam and Oak will also grow from saplings into large trees providing shelter and shade for the grazing livestock in the future.

Local people will also benefit from a more attractive landscape, one that was once far more hedged than now. At a wider level the new hedges and trees will increase the amount of CO₂ being captured helping to tackle climate change and reduce rain run-off helping to prevent local flooding too.

The Malvern Hills and Commons are a farmed landscape and the Trust works closely with local farmers who graze their cattle and sheep as has been done for hundreds of years. This partnership and sensitive conservation grazing maintains the rare grasslands and open habitats, home to native wildlife.



Newly planted hedge, Colwall Lands

Students plant trees for the future

Pupils from The Chase School's Eco Club have planted seven new trees near to their school this spring.

The planting was part of a larger project where 39 new trees in and around Malvern have been planted, thanks to a grant from the Forestry Commission's Urban Tree Challenge Fund.

Sixteen eager students from years 7 to 13 prepared the pits, planted the trees and erected protective guards. Using a wide variety of hand tools the pupils gained new practical skills from the experience as well as learning more about their local environment. The students will now see the trees they planted grow to maturity and form an important part of this area's local character.

Volunteers from the Malvern Hills Trust also planted 12 trees as part of the project.

A mixture of native species including Crab Apple, Hornbeam, Lime, Rowan and Cherry have been selected in the hope that a broad mix of species will be more robust against diseases and climate change.

Planting locations were carefully chosen to replace some of the iconic avenues found around Malvern, others will provide the next generation of trees for the future.



The Chase School pupils plant a tree, Poolbrook Road

Polly's plum orchard restored

A redundant plum orchard has been brought back to life through the planting of 10 new trees.

Volunteers from the Colwall Orchard Group joined the Malvern Hills Trust to plant young plum trees in the orchard near St Andrew's Road to replace those lost over the years.

Local varieties including Pershore Purple and Evesham Wonder were planted to conserve the rich heritage of traditional orchards in the three counties of Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire.

The orchard has also been given the name Polly's Orchard. Mary "Polly" Cartland lived nearby at Littlewood House, Poolbrook Road. Polly, mother of novelist Barbara Cartland, was known to host picnics for the Brownies and Guides in her garden, spent time walking on Malvern Common and was heavily involved in the local community.

The orchard is open to the public to explore and fruit will be free for the local community to collect and eat.



Colwall Orchard Group volunteers with newly planted plum tree

Urban Tree Challenge Fund

Both these tree planting projects were supported by the Forestry Commission's Urban Tree Challenge Fund. The government grant scheme is aimed at improving access to nature and planting trees in socially deprived urban areas with low canopy cover, especially in close proximity to healthcare and educational facilities. Funding supports the planting and establishment of standard trees. Using the Forestry Commission's data, areas of Poolbrook and Sherrards Green were eligible for a tree planting project.

Trees within the urban landscape bring huge benefits to the local environment by providing homes for wildlife, reducing air pollution, cooling the local microclimate and helping to tackle climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. It has also been proven that spending time near to trees and wooded areas improves people's physical health and mental wellbeing.

Ash dieback fight continues

The Trust is continuing to see the impacts of ash dieback disease (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) across the estate.

Ash dieback is a disease caused by a fungus which results in the death of new growth in ash trees. One key symptom of the disease is the 'dieback' of branches in the crown of the tree. The disease first arrived in the UK in 2012 and has spread by windblown fungal spores across the country.

Infection can result in ash trees becoming brittle and in response to the disease, ash trees in locations near to roadsides and properties have been surveyed in addition to the Trust's routine tree safety inspection programme.

In the winter of 2021/22, ash trees with severe infections were felled in high risk areas including Earnslaw and Gardiner's Quarry car parks, on land adjacent to the Wells Road and at Hollybush.

There is no way to halt the spread of the disease and sadly, it is expected that around 60 % - 80 % of ash trees will be lost on our estate due to the disease. The cost of work to safely remove severely infected trees near to properties and highways will be substantial and we're asking for donations to help us cover the large costs of dealing with this devastating disease. Please make a donation to our charity to support our response through our Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/campaign/MalvernHillsAshDieback.



Ash tree infected with Ash Dieback disease

Conservation grazing returns to British Camp

Conservation grazing is an essential tool for maintaining open grassland habitats including those on sensitive archaeological monuments.

Although grazing can be found across much of the Hills and Commons, the freely grazing sheep on the southern hills rarely spend time on the Herefordshire Beacon due to the large numbers of visitors and dogs which make this location unappealing.

In the quieter, winter months of 2021/22 cattle and sheep were encouraged to graze British Camp, a 2,000-year-old monument within temporary electric-fenced compartments.

Without grazing, trees and scrub would creep up the slopes, obscuring the iconic ramparts, banks and ditches of the hillfort, and damaging the underground earthworks with their large roots.

Grazing is the best tool for conserving delicate sites on steep terrain such as this. Mechanical methods are time consuming, require the burning of fossil fuels, difficult to use on steep slopes and heavy machinery can cause irreparable damage to archaeology.



Cattle grazing above British Camp reservoir

To aid the conservation of the Hills and Commons, the Trust exercises its power to use temporary fencing set out in Section 15 of the 1995 Act. Over the past 12 months, temporary fencing has been used:

- For the protection of flora and fauna, following advice from Natural England, in the Northern Hills, Central Hills, Castlemorton Common and Southern Hills. This takes the form of temporary fencing compartments that are rotated around the areas to deliver conservation grazing. Public access is permitted via handgates.
- For the protection of flora, following advice from Natural England, on the southern ridgeline of Summer Hill. Here temporary fencing excludes the public from the ridge where it has been badly eroded in order to allow recovery.
- For the restoration of natural beauty around four ponds on Castlemorton Common. This pond work is now complete and the fencing removed.
- For the protection and restoration of natural beauty on open areas of Old Hills. Here temporary fencing is used to contain livestock for conservation grazing. There is no public access to these compartments.

The location of temporary fencing used for conservation grazing is advertised in 'Stockwatch' on the MHT website, social media and appears on a weekly basis in the Malvern Gazette newspaper.

Mountain bikers helping to improve visitor access

Access has been improved on the Malvern Hills thanks to local mountain bikers.

Volunteers have cleared back overhanging vegetation and uncovered the original line of a bridleway on the lower slopes of the Worcestershire Beacon, assisted by Trust staff.

Local riders had identified this particular route near to St Ann's Well as being overgrown and increasingly difficult to access. Mountain bikers approached the Trust and a volunteer task was organised to undertake work to clear bracken and bramble obscuring the route.

The route has now been cleared and access improved for all visitors including cyclists, walkers, runners and horse riders.

There are over 56km of bridleway crossing the Hills and commons, providing routes for riders to explore along parts of the ridgeline, the wooded slopes and the open commons.



Mountain bikers after their volunteer task with warden Conor, St Ann's Knoll

Review of the financial year 2021/22

The most recent audited accounts covered the year ending 31st March 2022. The accounts received an unqualified audit report. Significant events (and their financial impact) during that period were:

- Land was purchased at The Purlieu at a cost of £113,382,
- A dispute with the RPA was settled, resulting in the payment of grants due from financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21 (details are on page 18),
- Very high visitor numbers led to continued high takings from the car parks, which were £87,000 over budget,
- A designated fund of £136,000 was created during the year to cover the anticipated costs of ash dieback works for the next two years. The first year costs (of an anticipated 5-year programme) of managing Ash Dieback totalled £40,000.
- The Board maintained its policy of updating vehicles, plant and machinery, spending £43,500,
- The failing drainage field serving the public lavatories at British Camp was replaced at a cost of £40,200.

Acknowledgements

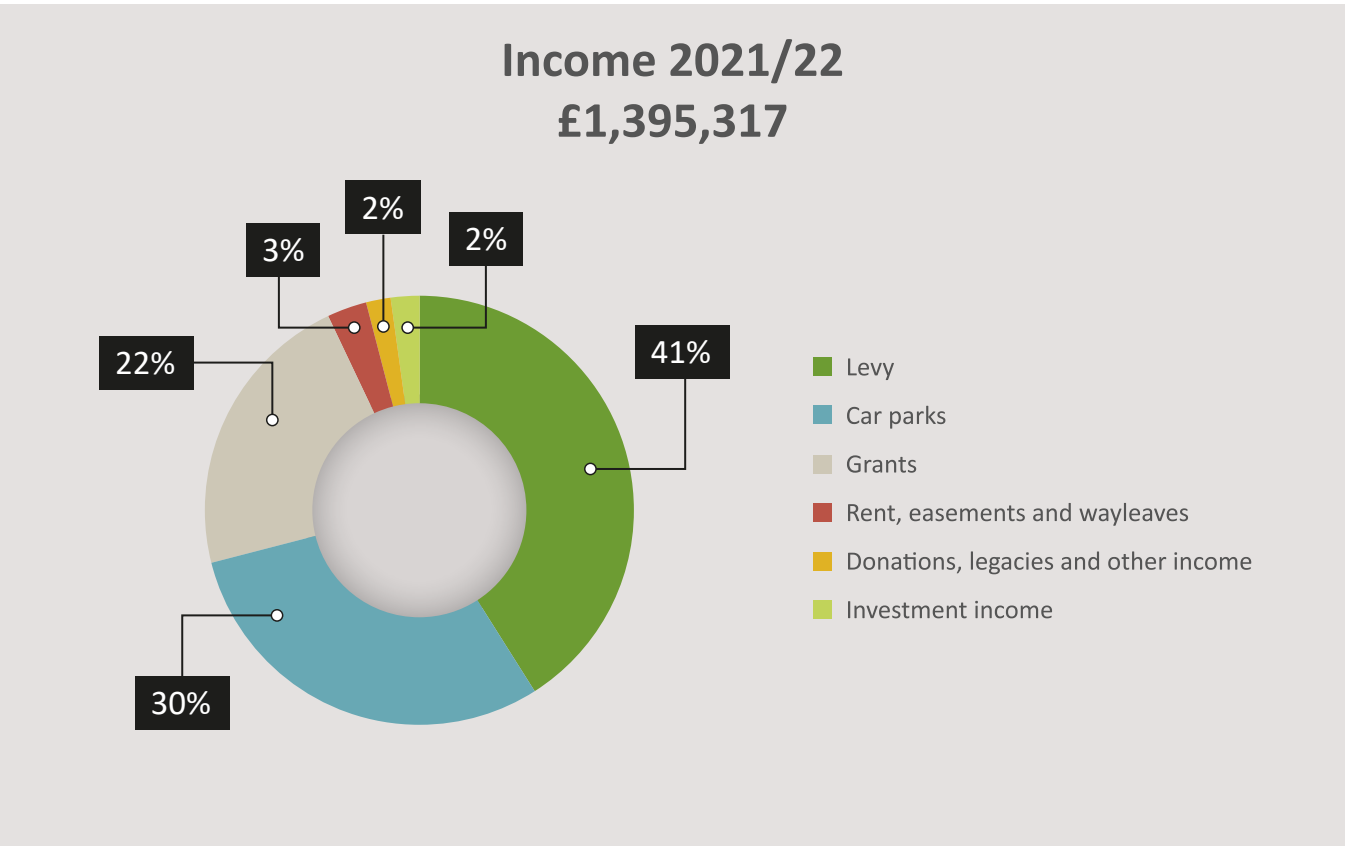
Malvern Hills Trust gratefully acknowledges the financial support of Defra Rural Development Programme for England, Worcestershire County Council, Herefordshire Council, Malvern Hills District Council, Natural Networks (through Worcestershire County Council and European Growth Funding), Severn Trent's Boost4Biodiversity scheme, the Forestry Commission's Urban Tree Challenge Fund, Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) partnership and the levy paying residents of Malvern and surrounds.



Common blue butterfly

Principal funding sources

The total income to the Trust for the period 2021/22 was £1,395,317, an increase compared to £991,187 in the previous year, which excluded accrued income under the Countryside Stewardship agreement for the North & Central Hills (see below for further details). Income in 2019/20 was £1,415,335. The split of the 2021/22 figure across the six main income sources is shown below:



Under powers in the Malvern Hills Acts, the Trust charges a levy to Council Tax payers in the Malvern Hills District Council wards of Chase, Dyson Perrins, Malvern Link, Pickersleigh, Priory, Wells and West Malvern and the parishes of Colwall, Guarlford, and Mathon. The average band D levy payable in 2021/22 was £40.35 (2020/21 £38.13). The total levy received by the charity was £566,950 (2020/21 £534,850). Malvern Hills Trust is grateful for the levy payers’ contribution. Information for levy payers is on the website: www.malvern hills.org.uk/living-in/levy-payers/

Revenue from car parks is the second principal funding source. The total received in 2021/22 was £418,059 (2020/21 £412,659). Car park takings are used to fund the Trust’s work including maintaining the car parks for public use.

Stewardship grants are the third principal funding source. £287,053 was received in 2022/23 (2020/21 £82,258), including settlement of disputed amounts from prior years. The Trust entered into a Countryside Stewardship grant agreement in 2018 with Natural England, for the North & Central hills. Without consulting the Trust, the Rural Payments Agency (RPA), who have taken over the administration of the grant unilaterally changed the agreement in 2018 without consulting the charity. At 31st March 2021 the Trust was in dispute with the RPA over their non-payment of the grant and as a prudent measure, the Trust excluded the grant income due (£151,470) from the 2020/21 accounts.

Resolution was reached with the RPA in November 2021. Grants payable under the agreements for 2019 and 2020 were paid during the 2021/22 financial year.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are an important part of our income and help to fund special projects in addition to the ongoing work on the Hills and Commons. The trustees and staff are very grateful for all donations and legacies made to support our work.

Donations and legacies received in 2021/22 totalled £11,939 (£5,244 in the previous year). Donations continue to be adversely affected by the pandemic, with opportunities for engagement with the public through events being restricted in the early part of the financial year.

In late 2018 we launched a legacy campaign, producing a new legacies leaflet which was widely distributed and joining the 'Remember a Charity' organisation. A copy of our legacy leaflet can be found on the website.

A Fundraising Committee has been set up to investigate opportunities for increasing the charity's income.

If you would like to support our work, please contact us on info@malvern hills.org.uk or you can donate via our Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/malvernhillstrust.

Ash dieback campaign

We're facing a huge challenge as the effects of ash dieback disease take hold across the Hills and Commons (read more on [page 14](#)).

During the winter of 2021 the first large programme of works to remove unsafe trees near to properties and highways began. As the disease progresses and the condition of ash deteriorates, more ash will need to be removed for public safety.

This comes at a huge financial cost and it is estimated that over £60,000 per year will be required for at least the next 5 years to tackle this crisis.

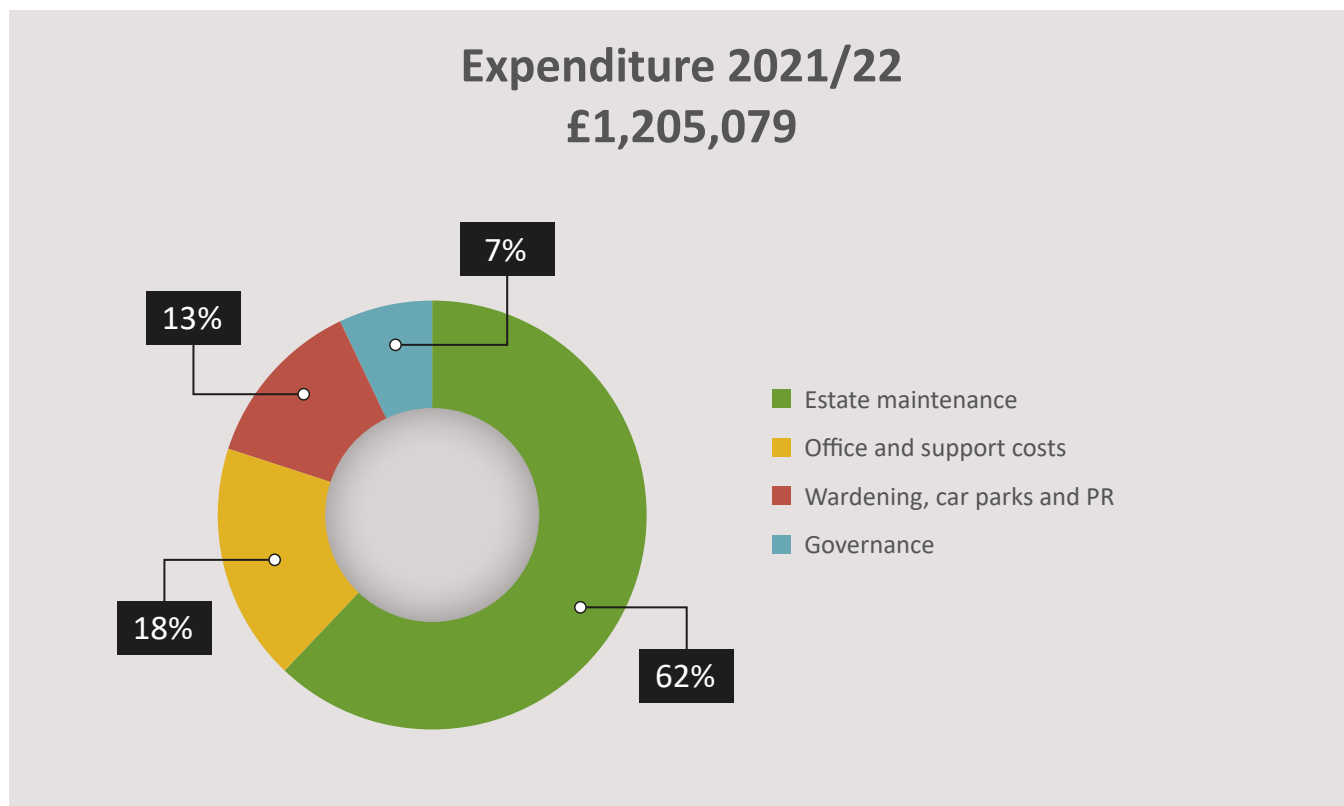
In response, we've launched a fundraising campaign to help cover the huge costs of this work. Read more and please donate at: www.justgiving.com/campaign/MalvernHillsAshDieback.



Trust staff fell ash trees infected with ash dieback disease.

How the charity's money is used

The Trust spent £1,205,079 during the year, slightly up from £1,183,040 in 2020/21. This expenditure is shown on a percentage basis across the five main areas of costs below.



62 % of the total expenditure was on Estate maintenance, which includes:

- Salaries of the Field Staff and Conservation team
- Grazing costs
- Direct land management costs such as tree work, contractors and equipment hire
- Depreciation charges on land management equipment purchased by the charity
- Legal fees relating to land management issues
- Insurance

In addition, a further 13 % of the total expenditure was spent on wardening services, repair and maintenance of the car parks, visitor information, interpretation and public relations.

As a result, a total of 75 % was spent in the management and maintenance of the land under the Trust's jurisdiction.

Governance costs accounted for 7 % of total expenditure.

Office and support costs accounted for 18 % of the year's costs. This included:

- Salaries of the office staff
- IT costs, office equipment and maintenance
- Office rates and services (power, water, telephones and broadband)
- Printing, postage and stationery
- Bank charges

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3,932	8,007	11,939
Charitable activities:			
Management of the hills and commons	865,102	12,475	877,577
Car parks	418,059	0	418,059
Other trading activities	38,647	168	38,815
Investments:			
Bank deposits	1,338	0	1,338
Investment portfolio	0	34,008	34,008
Other	13,581	0	13,581
Total income	1,340,659	54,658	1,395,317
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	1,097,934	87,855	1,185,789
Other expenditures	9,797	9,493	19,290
Total expenditures	1,107,731	97,348	1,205,079
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	51,725	51,725
Net income/(expenditure)	232,928	9,035	241,963
Transfers between funds	22,083	(22,083)	0
Other recognised gains/(losses)			
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension scheme	39,000	0	39,000
Net movement in funds	294,011	(13,048)	280,963
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	(1,236,528)	3,132,637	1,896,109
Total funds carried forward	(942,517)	3,119,589	2,177,072

This table is extracted from the audited Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022, which received an unqualified audit report. Copies of the full report are available to download from our website: www.malvern hills.org.uk/looking-after/annual-review-and-accounts.

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

2022	
	£
Fixed Assets	
Tangible fixed assets	433,430
Heritage assets	1,173,644
Investments	1,638,899
Total fixed assets	3,245,973
Current Assets	
Livestock	25,320
Debtors	133,474
Short term deposits	1,167,462
Cash at bank and in hand	222
Total current assets	1,326,478
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(154,379)
Net Current Assets excluding pension liability	1,172,099
Net assets	4,418,072
Pension Fund liability	(2,241,000)
Net Assets including pension liability	2,177,072
The funds of the charity	
Unrestricted - General Fund	425,825
Unrestricted - Designated Funds	872,658
Unrestricted - Pension Fund	(2,241,000)
Restricted Funds	3,119,589
Total charity funds	2,177,072

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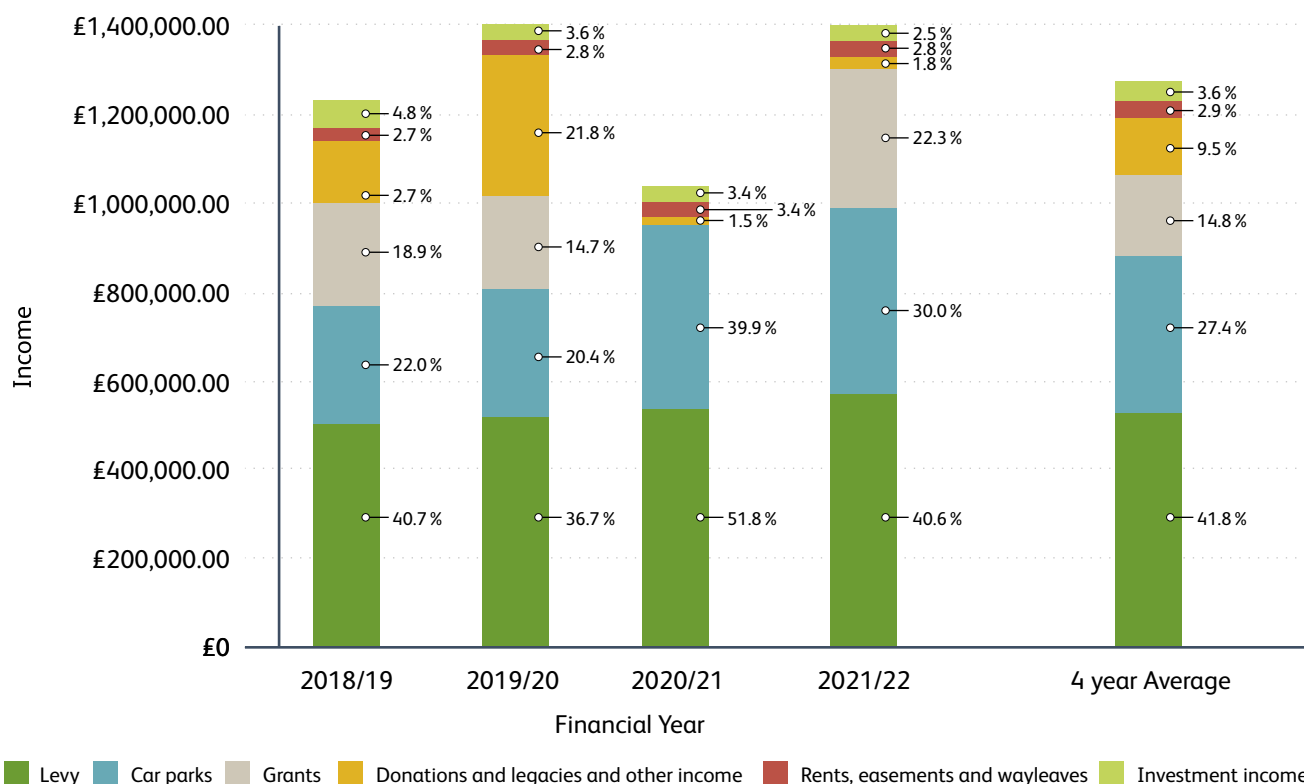


Parasol mushroom on Jubilee Hill

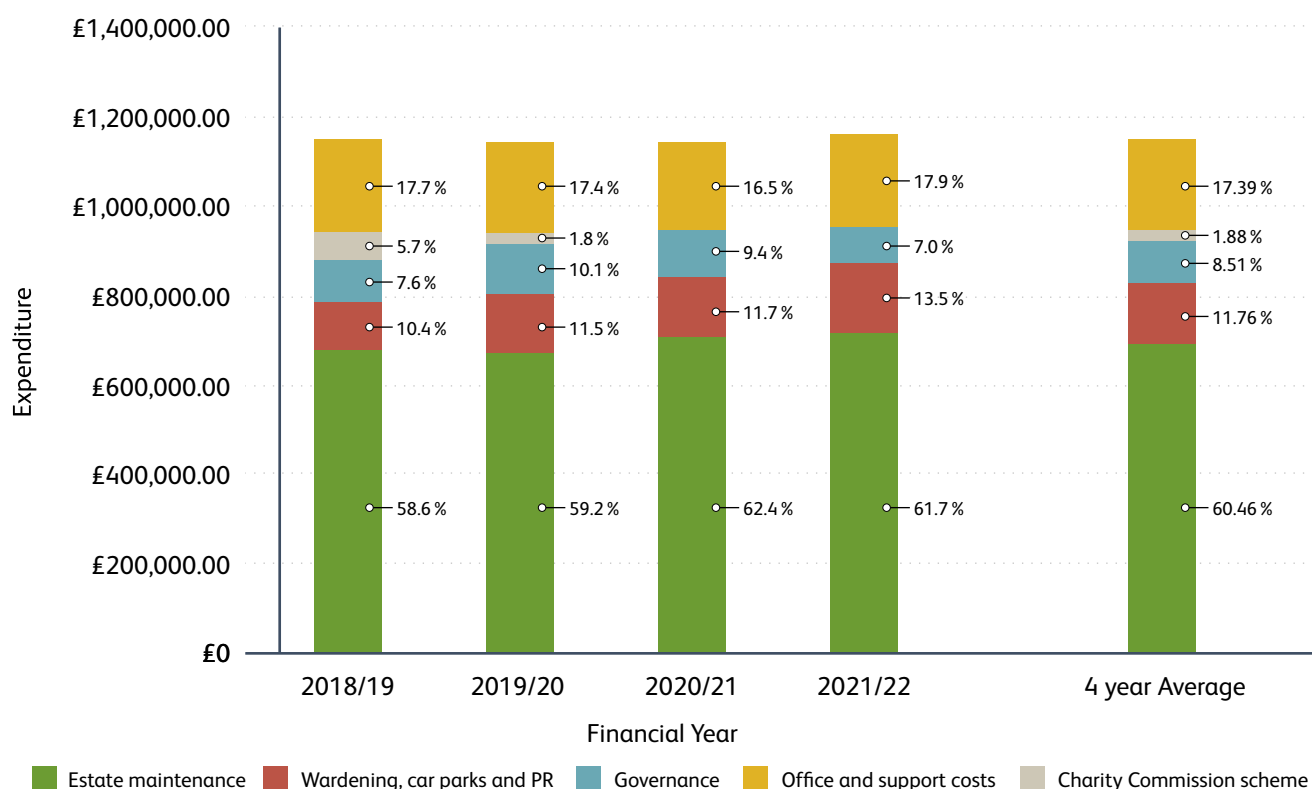
4-year summary of income and expenditure

A summary of income and expenditure over the last 4 years is shown below (excluding the net write off of grants totalling £41,771.00 in 2020/2021). Read more in the full accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2021 at <https://www.malvern hills.org.uk/looking-after/annual-review-and-accounts>

Income by financial year



Expenditure by financial year





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