

Town Estate Charity

Annual report and accounts

2022

Trust Deed

“the object of the charity is the general benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit in such charitable ways as the trustee thinks fit”

The story begins..

X T R A C T from MISSON INCLOSURE AWARD 1762.

Dated 13th February 1762

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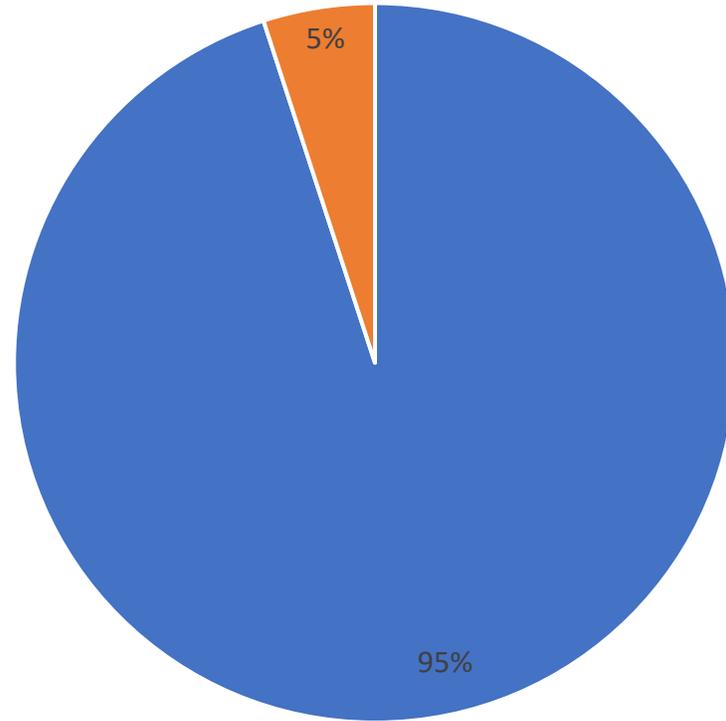
Accounts

1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Income & Expenditure

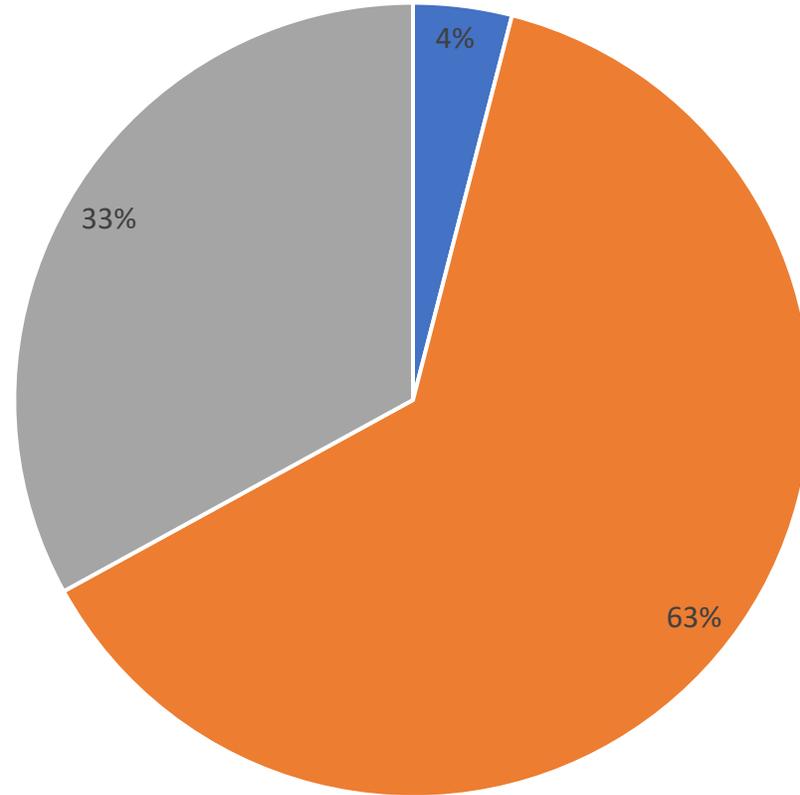
- Income - £2,985
- Expenditure - £7,097
- Deficit for the year - £4,113
- Carry forward to 2023 - £36,034

Income



■ Grants ■ Bank Interest ■ ■

Expenditure

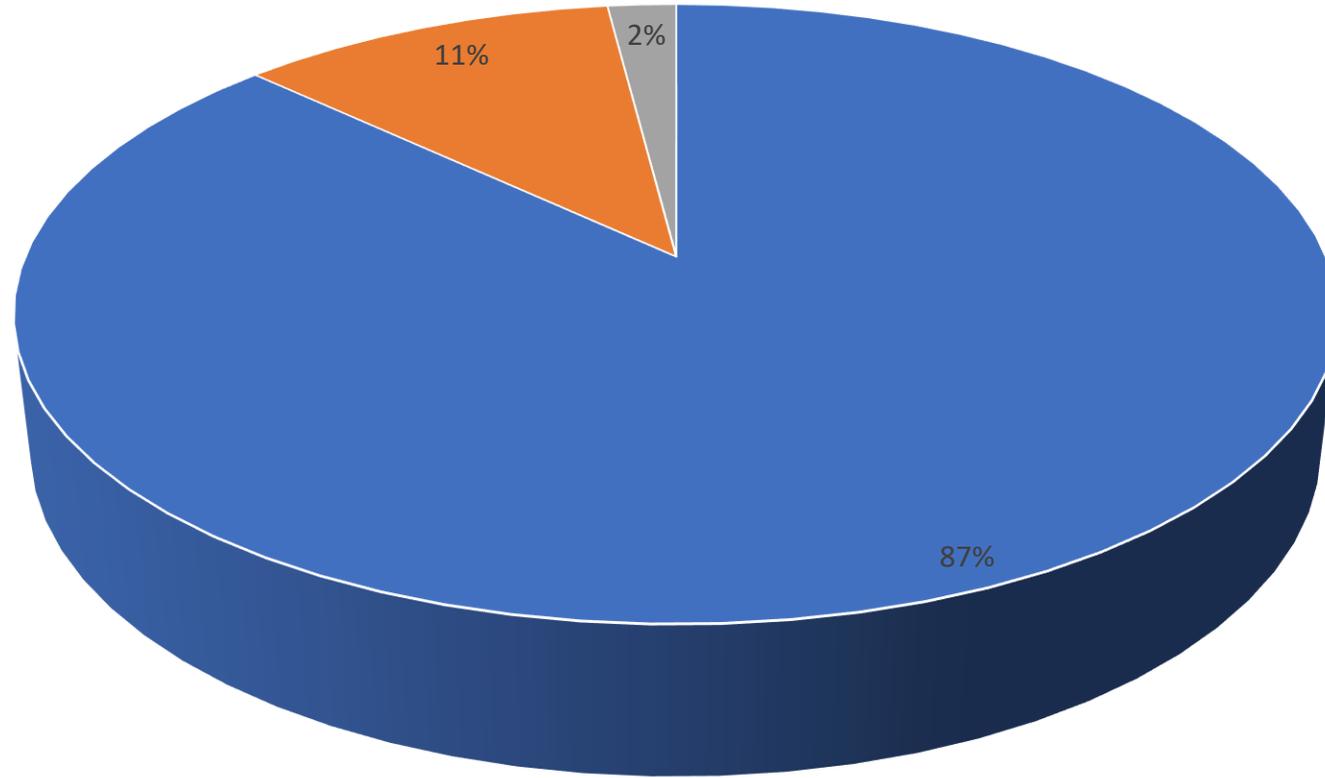


■ Admin & PR ■ Grants ■ Line Bank Management ■

Balance of funds @31st March 2023

- TEC total funds managed **£36,034**
- Balance of TTN Grant Fund **£1,172**
- Balance of Solar Farm Grant Fund **£29,299**
- Balance of TEC 'core' funds **£5,563**

Solar Farm Grants



■ Pinfold Wildflowers ■ Beacon ■ Flags ■

Grant outcomes

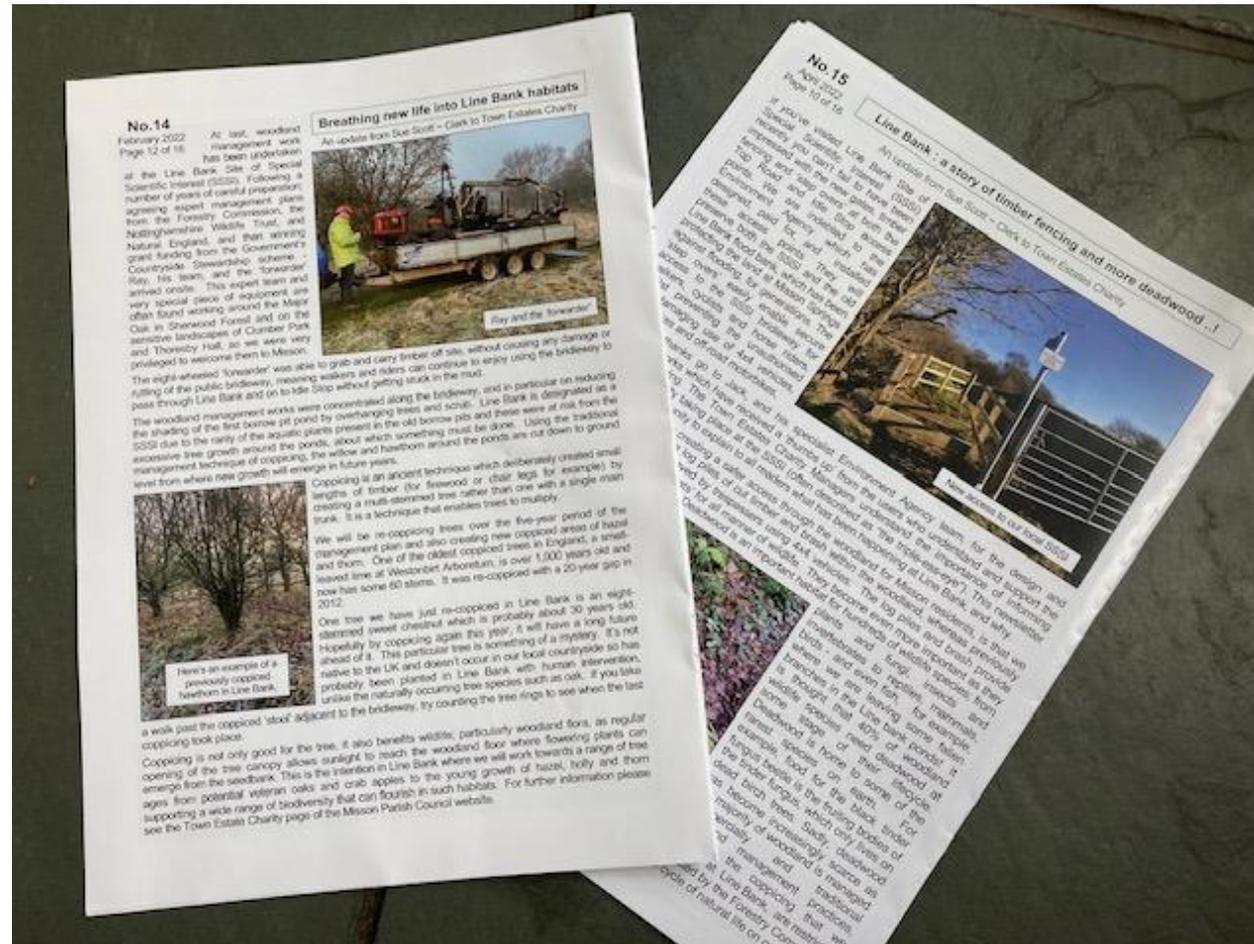
Pinfold wildflowers



Beacon & flags



Line Bank SSSI management



A story of deadwood

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Line Bank : a story of timber fencing and more deadwood ..!

An update from Sue Scott ~ Clerk to Town Estates Charity

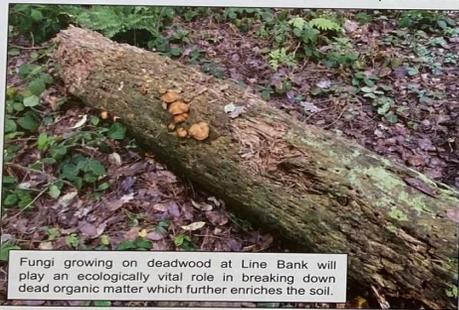
If you've visited Line Bank Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) recently you can't fail to have been impressed with the new gates, timber fencing and 'step overs' at both the Top Road and Idle Stop access points. We are indebted to the Environment Agency which has designed, paid for, and installed these access points. They will preserve both the SSSI and the old Line Bank flood bank, which has been protecting the land at Misson Springs against flooding, for generations. The 'step overs' easily enable secure access to the SSSI by horse riders, walkers, cyclists and horse riders, whilst preventing the unauthorised and damaging use of 4x4 vehicles, quad bikes and off-road motorbikes.



New access to our local SSSI

Particular thanks go to Jack, and his specialist Environment Agency team, for the design and installation works which have received a 'thumbs up' from the users who understand and support the benefit they bring. The Town Estates Charity Managers understand the importance of informing residents of activity taking place at the SSSI (often described as "the triple-ess-eye"). This newsletter gives me the opportunity to explain to all readers what has been happening at Line Bank, and why.

An additional benefit in creating a safer access through the woodland for Misson residents, is that we can now look to preserve log piles of cut timber and brash within the woodland, whereas previously these logs were often removed by trespassers using 4x4 vehicles. The log piles and brash provide very valuable homes or 'habitats' for all manner of wildlife. They become even more important as they decay and become 'deadwood'. Deadwood is an important habitat for hundreds of wildlife species; from



Fungi growing on deadwood at Line Bank will play an ecologically vital role in breaking down dead organic matter which further enriches the soil.

plants and fungi, insects and invertebrates to reptiles, mammals, birds - and even fish, for example, where we are leaving some fallen branches in the Line bank ponds! It is thought that 40% of woodland wildlife species need deadwood at some stage of their lifecycle. Deadwood is home to some of the rarest species on earth. For example, food for the black tinder fungus beetle is the fruiting bodies of the tinder fungus, which only lives on dead birch trees. Sadly, deadwood has become increasingly scarce as the majority of woodland is managed commercially and traditional woodland management practices, such as the coppicing that we practice at Line Bank, are restricted

to smaller areas of woodland. See the drawing on the next page created by the Forestry Commission to enable us to better understand how important deadwood is to the cycle of natural life on our planet.

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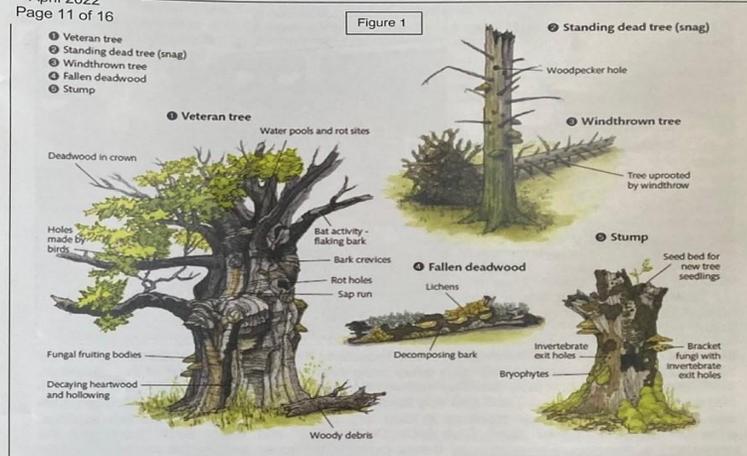


Figure 1. Forestry Commission (2012) *Different types of deadwood found in forests and woodlands* [Illustration] At: Jonathan Humphrey and Sallie Bailey (2012). *Managing deadwood in forests and woodlands*. Forestry Commission Practice Guide. Forestry Commission, Edinburgh.

Within Line Bank you will see a variety of deadwood, including decaying standing trees, in safe areas away from the public bridleway, to old logs and stumps on the ground, and newly created log piles. Managing and increasing deadwood is an important element of the expert management plans agreed with the Forestry Commission, the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, and Natural England. Supporting this, is the identifying and protection of



potential 'veteran' trees, such as the oaks at the end of the largest borrow pit pond. These trees are wonderful throughout their lifetime, as they grow to maturity for over 300 years, and also in their decline, for potentially another 300 years, when they continue to support a host of additional wildlife.

And fungi!









And Oak trees





And fenland



Partnerships

- Rural Payments Agency – Countryside Stewardship Grants
- Tunnel Tech North grants
- Severn Trent grant via Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
- Polybell Farms, co-owners and management partner
- Environment Agency provide valuable practical support
- Ray Lister our conservation woodland contractor
- Mark Speck, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust advisor
- Natural England who monitor, assess and advise

Policy & Practice

discussion papers

- Grant making policy & practice – transparent process for accepting, assessing and awarding grants to parish groups
- Reserves policy to ensure the sustainability of the Town Estate charity over the long-term
- Reporting on the work of the charity through newsletters and forums such as the parish council website/meetings

Future Plans



Future Plans for Line Bank

- Walks, talks and events eg Bat watching & Autumn fungal foray
- Information & access work – interpretation boards, leaflets
- Volunteering opportunities in conservation management
- Tree and hedge planting with the Environment Agency
- Land Registration

Questions and suggestions...

