



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES


Charitable Incorporated Organisation



Unincorporated organisation

- As an unincorporated organisation we have achieved a massive amount.

Drawbacks:

- We don't have a legal identity. Individual members are personally responsible for any debts and contractual obligations.
 - If we make a profit, we'd have to pay taxes.
 - There are many sources of funding that we cannot access.
 - This leaves us financially vulnerable and limits our aspirations.
 - Ideas without money are just ideas.
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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

- Incorporation means limited liability.
- A well recognised, trusted structure.
- Greater access to grants and applications more likely to be approved.
- Don't pay tax.
- Greater Public recognition.



Charitable Incorporated Organisation

- Claim 25% Gift Aid on donations.
- Free plots for our gazebo at many events.
- Unlocks access to free digital tools.
- Asset lock (meaning our assets can't be used for personal/private gain).
- Annual Reporting to Charity Commission but not to Companies House or HMRC.
- Could employ people, own land and property.

Voting Proposal

**I propose that the Suffolk
Tree Warden Network make
an application to the Charity
Commission to register as a
Charitable Incorporated
Organisation.**

