

# KINGS LANGLEY SCHOOL OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1033834

## Details

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**Other names** BRECON FOREST FARMHOUSE

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1994-03-01

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO HELP DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

**Activities:** We provide accommodation in Powys primarily intended for school students to participate in outdoor adventurous education and field study. The accommodation is also used for team building sessions, for intensive study sessions and for groups enjoying various outdoor activities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Hertfordshire
- Powys

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£11,800	£14,336	-	-
2024-03-31	£13,717	£12,468	-	-
2023-03-31	£14,147	£13,708	-	-
2022-03-31	£26,037	£23,861	-	-
2021-03-31	£22,571	£13,593	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Alexander Hall</b>	Chair	2015-07-13
Adam Mark Morant		2025-11-19
David Fisher Mr		2019-09-01
Dawn Helfgott		2014-03-12
FRANCES LINDA STICKLEY		
Geoff Shephard		2019-01-01
IAN RUSSELL HALL		
JOHN DARLINGTON		
KEVIN PATRICK		2025-04-02
MR MICHAEL PLATT		2012-12-04
PETER JAMES YATES		
Thomas Astley		2023-03-21

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2021		31	March	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Llaneglwys
Builth Wells
Powys
Postcode <input type="text" value="LD2 3BQ"/>

### 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	Michael Platt	Chair		
2	Ian Hall	Vice Chair		
3	Peter Yates	Treasurer		
4	John Darlington			
5	Alexander Hall			
6	David Fisher			
7	Frances Stickley			
8	Dawn Herriott			
9	Geoff Shephard			
10	Vincent Clarke			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Trust deed
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by serving trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

From the charity's deeds section 3:

*'The object of the charity shall be to advance the education of young people in particular by the provision of facilities to help their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to maturity as individuals and members of Society.'*

This is interpreted to include the development of adults as well as young people; in particular, but not limited to, the inclusion of education and training for adults as per the deeds section 5-k:

*'To provide a managerial service for the operation of the Trust property and to support its use for educational and training purposes...'*

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

In the period 1.4.21 to 31.3.22 the facilities, including overnight accommodation, have been made available to the following groups / organisations at cost:

- Adult group 7 days
- Primary teacher trainees 5 days
- Adult outdoor adventure 3 days
- Group with children 8 days
- Group with children 4 days
- Adult adventure group 4 days
- Large group with children 3 days
- Group with children 8 days
- Adult training/prep group 6 days
- Adult group 4 days
- Adult outdoor training group 3 days
- Youth group (Scouts) 3 days
- Adult adventure group 4 days
- Adult outdoor training group 3 days
- Youth group (Scouts) 3 days
- Large group with children 3 days
- Adult group 3 days
- Adult outdoor education group 6 days
- Youth group (Scouts) 3 days

In writing this section of the report the chair of trustees has had due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charities Commission at...

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-benefit-rules-for-charities>

Furthermore, the chair undertakes to remind the other trustees of this guidance at the meeting at which this report is presented for ratification.

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The charity is run by volunteers. The trustees and a wider group of volunteers give their time and expertise in maintaining the premises and providing resources and guidance on activities for users.

The charity continues to canvass the opinions of users of the facility and members of the public, other than trustees, who are familiar with the premises and the purposes of the charity, about the future use and development of the premises in order to increase the impact of the charity in line with its aims as set out in the deeds.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

In this reporting period, April 2021 to March 2022, as we emerged from the lockdown and other periods of restriction, the charity saw a gradual increase in use of their premises (the Farmhouse) together with input of advice, resources and help in person by the charity's volunteers.

Youth organisations, such as Scout groups, have been restricted by the rules of their national and regional governing bodies. The focus of schools has been, and continues to be, on academic progression and the emotional and mental health needs of their students which have suffered during the pandemic. Additionally, schools have had to deal with the financial burden of making up these arrears. These priorities may account for the reduced use by schools, including Kings Langley School (KLS).

However, some youth organisations did make use of the charity's facilities (see below).

The total number of person-nights in this 1-year reporting period is very similar to the calendar year 2019, the last calendar year for which occupation rates could sensibly be analysed.

**Total person-nights booked:**

Calendar year 2019	1343 person-nights
Reporting period 2021-22	1345 person-nights

The proportional use by schools, 6<sup>th</sup> forms, and youth groups has fallen:

**Proportion of bookings specifically for youngsters:**

Calendar year 2019	35%
Reporting period 2021-22	26%

This may be for the reasons given above. However, the enquiries and bookings by youth organisations and school student groups for 2022-23 are very encouraging and we believe will reach or exceed the 2019 figure.

An area to note is the amount of training activity by groups at the Farmhouse. In the 2021-22 reporting period training accounted for 23% of usage. We were particularly pleased with an extra-mural visit by a Masters level university course. This involved persons from the local community as the course participants researched the opportunities for outdoor education in the area and performed biodiversity measures on the local water courses with the help of post-doctoral specialists from the university.

The number of nights booked for teacher/leader training in 2021-22 had been projected to increase even further in the 2022-23 however, one institution cancelled 3 planned visits due to financial constraints caused by several factors including an income lag due to the pandemic.

The charity is considering how to further increase training opportunities for potential leaders since meeting the purposes of the charity relies on well-trained group leaders and teachers.

**Use for education and training:**

Calendar year 2019	16%
Reporting period 2021-22	23%

An important source of income to support the charity's commitment to youth opportunities is from usage by other groups:

<b>Person-nights</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
Adult adventure groups	8%	8%
KLS ex-students	30%	19%
Other families / private groups	<u>9%</u>	<u>25%</u>
	47%	52%

Of course, many of these groups include youngsters who also benefit from learning in the outdoors, particularly those involving KLS ex-students who we know wish to provide their own children with the opportunities they had when they were students.

## Section E

## Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

To maintain sufficient funds for the purpose of the maintenance and upkeep of the Trust building so that it provides safe and secure accommodation for the users.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal source of funds is through the charges made to users of the property (known as the Brecon Forest Farmhouse).

During the pandemic period the charity has received grants from public funds that have enabled the property to be maintained in good order during periods of no income.

The charity has also received a substantial bequest from the estate of the former chair of trustees. This has raised the charity's income for the reporting period 2021-22 to a level above the Charity Commissioners' threshold for next level reporting. Hence this report.

This income is a one-off and is very unlikely to be matched by other bequests in future.

## Section F



## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	A. M. PLATT	PETER YATES
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TREASURER
Date	8.11.22.	

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known as **Brecon Forest Farmhouse**

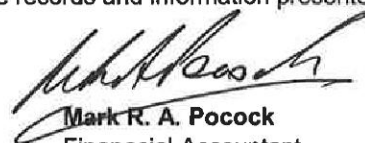
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**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

**Kings Langley School Outdoor Education Centre**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 March 2022**

	<u>31st March 2022</u>		<u>31st March 2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Bank balances :</b>				
Santander Current Account	15,358		15,183	
Santander Deposit Account	1,069		1,068	
	<u>          </u>	16,427	<u>          </u>	16,251
<b>Other assets :</b>				
Sundry debtors	-		-	
	<u>          </u>	-	<u>          </u>	-
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>16,427</u>		<u>16,251</u>
<b>Less: Liabilities :-</b>				
KLS Governors Loan	8,000		10,000	
	<u>          </u>	8,000	<u>          </u>	10,000
<b>Net assets</b>	£	<u>8,427</u>	£	<u>6,251</u>
<b>Represented by:-</b>				
<b>General fund</b>				
Opening balance		6,251	-	2,727
Net surplus/deficit (-) for the year		2,176		8,978
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
<b>Accumulated reserves carried forward</b>	£	<u>8,427</u>	£	<u>6,251</u>

I have reviewed the above Balance Sheet of the Kings Langley School Outdoor Education Centre, as at 31st March 2022, and the attached Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended on that date, and can confirm that they are in accordance with the records and information presented to me.



**Mark R. A. Pocock**  
 Financial Accountant  
 Honorary Examiner

28th June 2022

**Kings Langley School Outdoor Education Centre**  
**Receipts and Payment Account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2022**

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts:-</b>				
Rents receivable		9,209		1,442
Donations		60		80
Bank interest		1		6
Wayleave		42		43
Bequests		16,725		-
		<u>26,037</u>		<u>1,571</u>
Grants received		-		21,000
		<u>26,037</u>		<u>22,571</u>
<b>Overhead expenses:</b>				
Caretaker's wages	765		455	
Electricity	2,261		1,007	
Gas	-		160	
Insurance	1,030		1,014	
Fire detection	2,356		5,096	
Equipment	469		-	
Telephone	615		569	
Water	79		37	
Waste water and sewage	-		38	
Web Site	1,202		-	
Waste disposal	501		-	
Llaneglwys Communit Association charges	50		50	
Legal fees	40		-	
Improvements	4,665		3,978	
Fire wood	240		-	
		<u>14,273</u>		<u>12,404</u>
<b>Repairs and Maintenance:</b>				
Consumable goods	262		108	
Sundry equipment	206		164	
Repairs	5,981		295	
Grass cutting	355		62	
Laundry and cleaning	2,784		560	
		<u>9,588</u>		<u>1,189</u>
<b>Excess of income over expenditure for the year</b>	£	<u><u>2,176</u></u>	£	<u><u>8,978</u></u>

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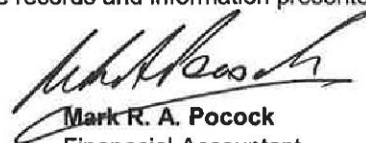
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