

# THE ASSOCIATION FOR CREATION SPIRITUALITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1045532

## Details

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Other names	GREENSPIRIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-04-07
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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Address	137 Ham Park Road London E7 9LE
Phone	02085522096
Website	<a href="http://www.greenspirit.org.uk">www.greenspirit.org.uk</a>

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN AND PROMOTE OR FURTHER THE STUDY OF OR RESEARCH INTO RELIGION PHILOSOPHY AND SCIENCE BY FOSTERING THE CREATION-CENTERED SPIRITUAL TRADITION IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ELSEWHERE AND TO DISSEMINATE THE USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH STUDY AND RESEARCH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC

**Activities:** \* Events: Annual Gathering and other events throughout the year\* Magazine\* Newsletter: by email and letter\* Website\* Publications\* Calendar\* ebooks\* Local Groups

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£30,679	£28,709	-	-
2024-03-31	£26,547	£30,078	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,194	£26,524	-	-
2022-03-31	£19,932	£24,255	-	-
2021-03-31	£10,433	£15,117	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Christopher Michael Newsam</b>	Chair	2019-03-09
CHRISTOPHER JOHN HOLMES		
Elizabeth Jane Bentley Beaven		2022-10-16
Ian Robert Mowll		2026-03-14
Janice Every		2021-09-26
Piers Hugh Warren		2025-11-02

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit at the November 2025 council meeting.

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The two GreenSpirit magazines, the GreenSpirit calendar: living with the seasons and newsletters continue to provide the membership and beyond with relevant news and articles. Membership has been fairly static and the eNewsletter has grown. GreenSpirit continues to have a growing presence on Facebook and other social media accounts. All of these inspire people to take care of the Earth and all living beings.</p> <p>There are now 14 books in the GreenSpirit book series and sales continue to be good. These books are sold near to cost price to make them as affordable as possible to anyone interested in creation centred spirituality.</p> <p>The website front page has been regularly updated making it easier for people to find out what is relevant to them. In addition to information about GreenSpirit's activities highlighted in this report, there are also book reviews, a blog, videos, green action toolkit and links to other likeminded organisations. This extensive website has a lot of resources making creation-centred spirituality available to people globally.</p> <p>The Snowdonia Retreat was held at Cae Mabon in Snowdonia in an inspiring location dedicated to encouraging Earth based connections. The Annual Gathering "From Composting to Co-creation" was held at Shallowford House in Staffordshire. The main speaker was Alan Heeks who gave a talk and an experiential exercise on the theme of the weekend. Through these events, participants learnt more about our connection with the Earth, all beings and our evolutionary journey. In addition, through discussions and workshops, participants learnt from each other about how to live more sustainable and creation-centred lives.</p> <p>Online event were held including seasonal celebrations for the solstices, equinoxes and Celtic festivals. Climate Cafes and Conversation Cafes provided a supportive environment to help participants to express their feelings about climate change and the global situation. Weekly and bi-weekly groups were held discussing various topics relevant to creation-centred spirituality. These online events have helped many who have not been able to attend physical events to learn more about creation-centred spirituality and inspire them to take care of the Earth.</p> <p>GreenSpirit continues to support local groups around the country helping people at a local level to understand their connection with the Earth.</p>

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	GreenSpirit continues to benefit from a legacy donation some years ago with annual planned spending to make use of the funds available. The surplus of £1,970 over the year was due, in part, to income received from participants for the Spring Walking Break which took place in May, after the account's year end. The bursary fund continues to help those who could not otherwise afford it, to come to GreenSpirit events.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The minimum level of reserves is fixed at £10,000. This includes funding of an orderly winding up of the Association if forced to do so, and cushioning expenditure on conference organisation.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£35,770 as at 31Mar25 (excluding restricted funds).

## Structure, Governance and Management

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Other name the charity uses	GreenSpirit
Registered charity number	104553
Charity's principal address	137 Ham Park Road, Forest Gate, London. E7 9LE.

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity for the period 1Apr24 - 31Mar25**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Janice Every	Chair	-	Members of the charity
2	Hilary Norton	Vice Chair	20Oct24 – 31Mar25	Members of the charity
3	Chris Holmes	Treasurer	-	Members of the charity
	Hilary Norton	Council Member	1Apr24 – 20Oct24	Members of the charity
4	Richard Adams	Council Member	-	Members of the charity or Trustees
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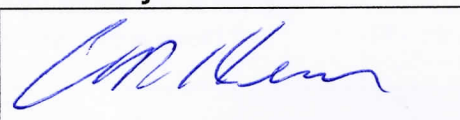
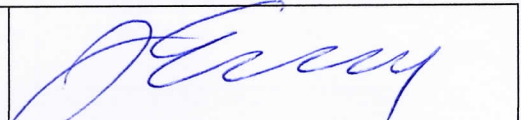
**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

Janice Every – Chair  
Ilan Mowll – Coordinator

**Declarations**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	CHRISTOPHER MOWLL NEWSAM	JANICE EVERY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 22/11/25

22.11.25

## GREENSPIRIT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2024-2025

		restricted 814	2023-2024	restricted 1179
	<b>Income</b>			
	<i>carried forward</i>			
6	Subscriptions	5383	5560	
	Donation	7588	5547	
2	Books in a Suitcase	31	34	
	Interest	679	683	
	Magazine Sales	33	42	
	Publications	431	457	
	Misc Income	6	64	
	Gift Aid	1024	867	
	Calendar	234	183	
	Bursary Fund	80	115	115
4	Events	15190	12995	
	<b>total income</b>	<b>30679</b>	<b>894</b>	26547
				1294
1	Magazine costs	2126	2372	
	Council Expenses	406	468	
	Online Processing	770	370	
3	Coordinator Costs	9941	9415	
	Postage	1063	175	
	Books in a Suitcase - Book Costs	14	11	
	Insurance	620	592	
	Office expenses		78	
	Publications	77		
	Bursary fund refund	610	480	480
	Miscellaneous	64		
	Calendar costs	1363	930	
5	Website Expense	341	1108	
4	Events	11314	13898	
	Membership expenses		181	
	<b>total expenditure</b>	<b>28709</b>	<b>610</b>	30078
				480
	<b>profit or loss</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>284</b>	-3531
				814

## GREENSPIRIT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2024-2025

<b>Funds on March 31st 2025</b>	
Cooperative	10408
Triodos	4040
EBS	21094
Lloyds	512
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>36054</b>
of which £284 is restricted.	

<b>Funds at March 31st 2024</b>	
Cooperative	7,152.00
Triodos	6222
EBS	20533
Lloyds	180
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>34,087.00</b>
of which £814 is restricted	

### Liabilities

Coordinator fees and expenses	£2456
Subscriptions paid in advance	£2780

**Total** **£5136**

### Assets

Books contained in the suitcase	£200 (approx.)
Office supplies	£100 (approx.)

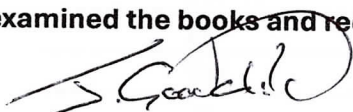
**Total** **£300**

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## Independent Examiners Statement

I have examined the books and records of the Association for Creation Spirituality.

Signed



(signed copies with Secretary and Chair)

Dated

28/10/25

Approved by the board of trustees at the AGM on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025

*Hilary Webster Pt  
Janice Swamy (on zoom)*

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Overall, GreenSpirit financial reports are considered enough for the size, complexity, and purpose of the organisation. For purposes of secure governance, the treasurer displays the accounts at each council meeting and the Chair & one or two other trustees have sight of recent bank and bank/building society statements of GS 'reserves' at council meetings. All transactions need dual authorisation.

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1045532**

## GREENSPIRIT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2024-2025

We always need to have a minimum amount in reserve and though our reserves take a small dip each year we are in line with our projected budget and are still benefiting from a generous legacy.

Our income is mainly from subscriptions and donations, and generally we make a small profit on events (but this is not always reflected in accounts because income sometimes occurs across different financial years.)

Bank statements are reconciled and the income and expenditure (and any necessary movements of money from one account to another) is reported to the council 3 times a year at each council meeting.

We use online accounting software (Free Agent) for bookkeeping and condense the financial information from that into each report.

Restricted funds are funds set aside for a specific purpose, in this case for supporting members to attend events.

1. **Magazine** costs include printing, distribution and image costs.
2. Income from book sales.
3. Coordinator cost is fees and expenses.
4. **Events** (walking break, wild week and conference added together) but only gives figures for this financial year.
5. Website expenses include accounting software and ISP costs.
6. Includes Invoice 4501 (£24) paid early

### Events

Income	25 Spring Walking	5010
	24WildWeek	4750
	224Annual Gathering	5430
		15190

### Expenditure

2024 Wild Week	3100
25AnnualGathering	1338
Spring Walking 25	1195
Wild Week 25	900
24AnnualGathering	4781
	11314

### Magazine

Magazine Printing	1685
Magazine Postage	441
	2126

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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	GreenSpirit continues to benefit from a legacy donation some years ago with annual planned spending to make use of the funds available. The loss of £3,531 over the year has prompted the Trustees to start looking at fundraising. All events made a small surplus. The bursary fund (of £814) will help those who could not otherwise afford it, to come to GreenSpirit events.
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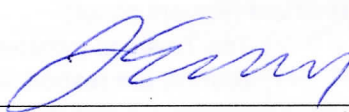
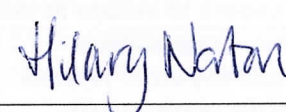
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Janice Every – Chair  
Ian Mowll – Coordinator

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	J. EVERY	HILARY NORTON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	Vice-chair

Date

16.11.24

GreenSpirit Income and Expenditure

Annual Accounts '23-'24

		restricted funds	22-23 for comparison
<i>carried forward</i>		1179	
Subscriptions	5560		4640
Donation	5547		5264
Books in a Suitcase	34		20
Interest	683		332
Magazine Sales	42		94
Events	12995		13820
3 Publications	457		301
Gift Aid	867		775
Calendar	183		316
Fundraising			15
1 Miscellaneous	64		402
Bursary Fund	115	115	215
<b>total</b>	<b>26547</b>	<b>1294</b>	<b>26194</b>
2 Magazine costs	2372		2172
Council Expenses	468		647
Online Processing	370		351
Coordinator Costs	9415		8701
Postage	175		139
Books / Suitcase - Books	11		38
Insurance	592		540
Office Expenses	78		
Calendar costs	930		791
6 Website Expense	1108		114
Publications			100
Events	13898		12512
Membership Expenses	181		17
Miscellaneous			402
Bursary fund use	480	480	
<b>total</b>	<b>30078</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>26524</b>
profit or loss	-3531	814	-330

<b>Funds at March 31st 2024</b>	
✓ Cooperative	£7,152
✓ Triodos	£6,222
✓ EBS	£20,533
✓ Lloyds	£180
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>£34,087</b>
of which £814 is restricted	

<b>Funds at March 31st 2023</b>	
Cooperative	5677
Triodos	10072
EBS	21199
Lloyds	670
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>37618</b>
of which £1179 is restricted	

**Liabilities**

Coordinator fees and expenses	£2316
Subscriptions paid in advance	£2320

<b>Total</b>	<b>£4636</b>
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**Assets**

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Dated

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**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The two GreenSpirit magazines, the GreenSpirit calendar: living with the seasons and newsletters continue to provide the membership and beyond with relevant news and articles. Membership has been fairly static and the eNewsletter has grown. GreenSpirit continues to have a growing presence on Facebook and other social media accounts. All of these inspire people to take care of the Earth and all living beings.</p> <p>There are now 13 books in the GreenSpirit book series with sales reaching just over 700 in 2022 which is the highest sales for any year. These books are sold near to cost price to make them as affordable as possible to anyone interested in creation centred spirituality.</p> <p>The website has been upgraded providing easier navigation for users and the front page has been regularly updated making it easier for people to find out what is relevant to them. In addition to information about GreenSpirit's activities highlighted in this report, there are also book reviews, a blog, videos, resources, green action toolkit and links to other likeminded organisations. This extensive website has a great deal of resources making creation-centred spirituality available to people globally.</p> <p>The Spring Walking Retreat was held at Monkton Wyld Court in Dorset helping participants to connect with Nature and find out more about our evolutionary journey with a visit to the nearby Jurassic coast. The Snowdonia Retreat was held at Cae Mabon in Snowdonia in an inspiring location dedicated to encouraging Earth based connections. The Annual Gathering "The Universe Gaia and Us" was held at Holland House in Worcestershire. The main speaker was Jude Currivan who spoke about how the conscious evolution of humanity may be realized as an integral part of our planet's own evolutionary progress and purpose. Through all of these events, participants learnt more about our connection with the Earth, all beings and our evolutionary journey. In addition, through discussions and workshops, participants learnt from each other how to live more sustainable and creation-centred lives.</p> <p>Online event were held including seasonal celebrations for the solstices, equinoxes and Celtic festivals. Climate Cafes provided a supportive environment to help participants to express their feelings about climate change. And a weekly group was held discussing various topics relevant to creation-centred spirituality. These online events have helped many who have not been able to attend physical events to learn more about creation-centred spirituality and inspire them to take care of the Earth.</p> <p>Talks to various groups have been given and stalls at external events held.</p> <p>GreenSpirit continues to support local groups around the country helping people at a local level to understand their connection with the Earth.</p>

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	GreenSpirit continues to benefit from a legacy donation some years ago with annual planned spending to make use of the funds available. The small loss of £330 over the year, which is less than previous years, reflects an increase in donations for the period. All events made a small surplus. The increase in funds for the bursary fund (to £1,179) will help those who could not otherwise afford it, to come to GreenSpirit events.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The minimum level of reserves is fixed at £10,000. This includes funding of an orderly winding up of the Association if forced to do so, and cushioning expenditure on conference organisation.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£36,439 as at 31Mar23 (excluding restricted funds).

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected at the AGM held at the GreenSpirit Annual Gathering. Voting for Trustees is by members of GreenSpirit. Officers (who are also Trustees) are also elected at the AGM by members. Proposals for Trustees are given to the secretary one week before the AGM and these are presented to the AGM for election.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Trustees (otherwise known as GreenSpirit council) are responsible for the running of the charity. Council is supported by a paid coordinator. GreenSpirit supports a number of local groups throughout the country.
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## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Association for Creation Spirituality
Other name the charity uses	GreenSpirit
Registered charity number	104553
Charity's principal address	137 Ham Park Road, Forest Gate, London. E7 9LE.

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity for the period 1Apr22 - 31Mar23**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Janice Every	Chair	16Oct22 – 31Mar23	Members of the charity
	Janice Every	Council member	1Apr22 – 16Oct22	Members of the charity
2	Jane Stott	Vice Chair	-	Members of the charity
3	Chris Holmes	Treasurer	-	Members of the charity
4	Hilary Norton	Secretary	-	Members of the charity
5	Richard Adams	Chair	1Apr22 – 16Oct22	Members of the charity
	Richard Adams	Council member	16Oct22 – 31Mar23	Members of the charity or Trustees
6	Elizabeth Beaven	Council Member	16Oct22 – 31Mar23	Members of the charity or Trustees
7	Jenny Leslie	Council Member	16Oct22 – 31Mar23	Members of the charity or Trustees
8	Emanuela Marchiori	Council Member	-	Members of the charity or Trustees
9	Chris Newsam	Council Member	-	Members of the charity or Trustees
10	Trevor Sharman	Council Member	1Apr22 – 16Oct22	Members of the charity or Trustees
11	Steve Wollaston	Council Member	-	Members of the charity or Trustees

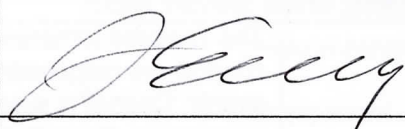
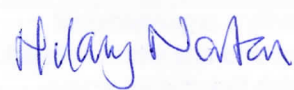
**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

Janice Every – Chair  
Ian Mowll – Coordinator

**Declarations**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	JANICE EVERY	HILARY NORTON
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	TRUSTEE

**Date** December 8th 2023

<b>April 1<sup>st</sup> '22 to March 31<sup>st</sup> '23</b>				<i>April 1<sup>st</sup> '21-March 31<sup>st</sup> '22</i>	
			restricted		<i>restricted</i>
			funds		<i>funds</i>
	<b>INCOME</b>				
	Subscriptions	4640		4845	
	Donation	5264		1116	
3	Books in a Suitcase	20		70	
	Magazine Sales	94		46	
4	Events	13820		12027	
	Publications	301		202	
1	Misc Income	402		14	
	Gift Aid	775		822	
	Calendar	316		251	
2	Fundraising	15		26	
	Bursary Fund	215	215	210	210
	Interest Received	332		303	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26194</b>		<b>19932</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
5	Magazine costs	2172		1725	
	Council Expenses	647		524	
6	Coordinator Costs	8701		8363	
4	Events	12512		10864	
	Online Processing	351		338	
	Postage	139		170	
3	Books in a Suitcase	38		115	
	Insurance	540		495	
	Publications	100		24	
	Office Expenses			22	
	Calendar costs	791		1049	
	Website Expenses	114		464	
	Membership Expenses	17		100	
1	Miscellaneous	402		2	
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>26524</b>		<b>24255</b>	
	<b>Profit or loss</b>	<b>-330</b>		<b>-4323</b>	

**Funds at March 31st 2023**

Cooperative	5677
Triodos	10072
EBS	21199
Lloyds	670
Cash	0
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>37618</b>
of which £1179 is restricted	

**Funds at March 31st 2022**

Cooperative	6712
Triodos	10000
EBS	20938
Lloyds	270
Cash	30
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>37950</b>
of which £964 restricted.	

<b>Liabilities</b>		
Coordinator fees and expenses		£2316
Subscriptions paid in advance		£2320
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4636</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Books contained in the suitcase		£200 (approx.)
Office supplies		£100 (approx.)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£300</b>

## Independent Examiners Statement

I have examined the books and records of the Association for Creation Spirituality.

Signed:   
(signed copies with Secretary and Chair)

Dated: 19 September 2023

Approved by the board of trustees at the AGM on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

Notes to the accounts.

The restricted fund only contains the bursary fund.

1. Includes test transaction and an overpayment (400) for an event, immediately refunded.
2. GiveAsYouLive
3. Books
4. Events

Events totals include income and expenditure *this financial year* for Annual Gatherings, Walking Breaks and Snowdonia Retreats

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Walking Break '22	2730	Annual Gathering '22	4600
Snowdonia Retreat '22	2150	Annual Gathering '23	800
Spring Walking '23	3310	Snowdonia Retreat '22	2002
Annual Gathering '22	5630	Walking Break '22	3382
	<b>13820</b>	Spring Walking '23	803
		Wild Week '23	925
			<b>12512</b>

5. Magazine costs include printing, postage and image costs
6. Coordinator cost is fees (8675) and expenses (26)

Overall, GreenSpirit financial reports are considered enough for the size, complexity, and purpose of the organisation. For purposes of secure governance, the treasurer displays the accounts at each council meeting and the Chair & one or two other trustees have sight of recent bank and

bank/building society statements of GS 'reserves' at council meetings. All transactions need dual authorisation.

Bank statements are reconciled and the income and expenditure (and any necessary movements of money from one account to another) is reported to the council 3 times a year (at each council meeting).

We use online accounting software for bookkeeping and condense the financial information from that into each report.

Events Income and Expenditure (*across financial years*)

<b>Event</b>	Walking break '22	Snowdonia Retreat '22	Annual Gathering '22	Walking Break '23
<b>Income</b>	3490	2150	5630	5210
<b>Expenditure</b>	3382	2002	5600	4895
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>315</b>