

Gateway Wheelers

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Trustees Annual Report

1st January - 31st December 2024



Gateway Wheelers 2024

Our Mission is to inspire people with disabilities to enjoy cycling with their families and friends.

In planning activities for the year, the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of the activities remains enabling all people with disabilities to enjoy cycling and provide the necessary support to take part. This benefits people by developing their self-confidence and social skills as well as being a healthy activity. Gateway Wheelers welcomes everyone regardless of faith, gender or personal circumstances and this non-judgemental philosophy allows and encourages people to thrive.

Staff, Volunteers, Members

Staff

Gateway Wheelers currently has one member of staff, Lead Project Officer – Sara Bateman.

Trustees

Chair	Frances Cook
Vice chair	Brian Milner BEM
Treasurer	Martin Forester
	Doug Swailes
	Katy Sunley

Committee Members

Frances Cook

Brian Milner BEM

Martin Forester

Ted Sunley

Doug Swailes

Katy Sunley

Janice Forester

Structure, Governance & Management

Gateway Wheelers is an association of 876 members whose governing document is a constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 26th February 2000 and amended on 3rd May 2003 and 23rd March 2006. The Committee as charity trustees have control of its funds. When complete the Committee must consist of at least 3 and not more than 12 people, all of whom must be members but not paid employees. One third of the elected Committee members must retire at each AGM but may stand for re-election. The Chair and Committee members are elected at the AGM. Further details can be found in the Constitution. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

There is a Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policy in place. DBS checks are carried out prior to commencement of employment, volunteering or trusteeship.

Gateway Wheelers is a local group of Mencap which provides help and support to the organisation.

By the end of 2025 we are planning to move to our new incorporated registered charity.

Volunteers

Gateway Wheelers has 6 volunteers and without their valuable contribution of time, enthusiasm and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Training

2 day Outdoor First Aid course

Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults course

Members

Gateway Wheelers has 876 members.

Cycles and Sites

Cycles

In 2024 Gateway Wheelers had two cycling sites with containers at:

- Rectory Park, Houghton-le-Spring
- The Eastbourne Sports Complex, Darlington

Houghton-le-Spring Site

Volunteers

Total volunteer hours 1128

Rides

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and once a month on a Sunday afternoon.

354 sessions in total

2291 total participants

876 unique participants

Darlington Site

Volunteers

Total volunteer hours 0

Rides

Holds rides one Sunday per month. 0.

Policies and Practices

Insurance

Public Liability
Products Liability
Employer's Liability
Personal Accident
Contents Equipment
Money Insurance

Policies and Practices

Constitution
Safeguarding and child protection policy
Vulnerable adults policy
Health and safety policy
Risk assessments
Equal opportunities form
Complaints procedure
Reserves policy
Operating procedure
Volunteer guidelines

Environmental policy
Lost child policy
Emergency procedures
Grievance procedure
Accident Policy
Behaviour management policy
Bullying policy
Off site rides policy
Whistle blowing policy
Volunteer support

Monitoring

Event sheets
Equal Opportunities Form

Additional Events, Activities and Achievements

Events, Activities and Achievements

Heel and Toe charity bike ride 2024 – Supplied cycles for the event
Pauls Challenge – Memorial ride
Private cycling sessions for SEND children
Learn to ride sessions
Sunderland Parents and carers family fun day
Cycling UK's Big Bike Revival program
British Cycling Limitless Focus Group
Karts in the Park.
Sunderland's Coalfield Area Committee - Track painted with road markings

Marketing and communications 2024

Website and social media

The website is linked to our social media which is used to keep people up to date with activities and events.

Networking and linking with similar organisations.

Active Sunderland
British Cycling - Limitless Focus Group
Durham Wildlife – Links with Nature Stakeholder
Mencap
Sunderland Parent and Carers – Network for All member
Wheels for Wellbeing – Expert Pane

Active Travel England
Durham Council - Sustainable travel team
Newcastle Council Active Travel Forum
Sunderland Council – Highway design stakeholder
Sunderland Council - Sustainable travel team
Sunderland' Council Coalfield Area Committee

Forestry England
Rise North East
Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance
Sported
Sustrans
Voluntary and Community Action Sunderland

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2024 / 2025

Staff, Volunteers, Members

Staff

To ensure funding is in place to continue current staffing.

Committee Members

To expand the committee and develop current members.

Volunteers

To continue to recruit, support and provide training to volunteers.

Members

To expand the number of organisations that uses the cycles and the total number of members.

Networking

To continue networking with other organisations in the cycling sector and local councils.

Cycles, Sites and Equipment

Gateway Wheelers will continue to develop our new site with office, cycling and workshop facilities all in one place to help us with becoming more financially sustainable.

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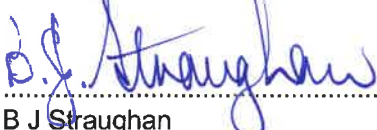
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B J Straughan
B J Straughan and Co
Chartered Accountants

24th October 2025.

Date

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Investment Income	0	163	163	0	44	44
Other	0	1,658	1,658	0	0	0
Fund Raising and Donations	0	20,568	20,568	0	14,903	14,903
Grants (note 6)	8,849	7,844	16,693	28,591	245	28,836
Total Incoming Resources	8,849	30,233	39,082	28,591	15,192	43,783
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Wages and Salaries	3,432	17,280	20,712	14,400	7,365	21,765
Office Rent	0	12,406	12,406	4,000	8,156	12,156
Telephone	0	342	342	0	285	285
Office Administration	0	2,248	2,248	1,000	1,594	2,594
Event Costs	1,277	2,021	3,298	0	1,420	1,420
Bike maintenance	0	344	344	600	36	636
Van Expenses	0	1,682	1,682	0	920	920
Professional Fees	0	1,363	1,363	0	848	848
Depreciation	0	1,319	1,319	0	1,534	1,534
Sundries	0	0	0	0	0	0
	4,709	39,005	43,714	20,000	22,158	42,158
Net Movement in Funds	4,140	-8,772	-4,632	8,591	-6,966	1,625
Total Funds Brought Forward	8,591	32,564	41,155	0	39,530	39,530
Transfers Between Funds	-3,800	3,800	0	0	0	0
Total Funds Carried Forward	8,931	27,592	36,523	8,591	32,564	41,155

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

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		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Fixed Assets	3	0	3286	3,286	0	4604	4,604
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	4	-	2,091	2,091	-	2,159	2,159
Cash at Bank		8,931	23,310	32,241	8,591	27,681	36,272
Cash in hand		-	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>8,931</u>	<u>25,401</u>	<u>34,332</u>	<u>8,591</u>	<u>29,840</u>	<u>38,431</u>
Creditors falling due within one year	5	-	1,095	1,095	-	1,880	1,880
Net Current Assets		8,931	24,306	33,237	8,591	27,960	36,551
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Income Funds							
Restricted	6			8,931			8,591
Unrestricted				27,592			32,564
Designated Fund				-			-
				<u>36,523</u>			<u>41,155</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on
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Trustee

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

Note 1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

- a) The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement Of Recommended Practice: "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102)" issued July 2014 and subsequently updated.

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- c) Grants in respect of capital expenditure are credited to a capital reserve account and are released to the Statement of Financial Activities in equal annual instalments over the expected useful life of the relevant assets. Grants of a revenue nature are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities during the period received.
- d) Resources expended including VAT are recognised in the period in which they are incurred.
- e) Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the organisation
- f) Fixed assets - all fixed assets are depreciated over their expected life at 25% reducing balance
- g) The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis and the trustees consider the charity will continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

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No Trustees were paid expenses during the year.

No related party transactions have occurred during the year ended 31st December 2024.

Note 3 Tangible Fixed AssetsAsset costs or valuation

	<u>Computers</u>	<u>Bikes</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Cabin</u>	<u>Total</u>
B/fwd	2689	33571	8220	1500	45980
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Balance carried forward	2689	33571	8220	1500	45980

Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

	<u>Reducing balance</u>	<u>Reducing balance</u>	<u>Reducing balance</u>	<u>Reducing balance</u>	
Basis					
Rate	25%	25%	25%	25%	
B/fwd	2484	31185	6269	1438	38649
Charge for year	51	596	650	21	1318
Disposal	0	0	0	0	0
Balance carried forward	2535	31781	6919	1459	39967

Net Book Value

2023	205	2386	1951	62	4604
2024	154	1790	1301	41	3286

Note 4 Debtors and PrepaymentsAnalysis of debtorsAmounts falling due within one year

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Other creditors	9	794
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Cyclist Club Uk	-	3,432	3,432	-	-
Sunderland City Council	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Sunderland City Community chest	-	417	417	-	-
Total Restricted	8,591	8,849	4,709	-	8,931
General Funds	24,959	30,233	37,686	3,800	21,306
General Funds Capital	4,605	-	1,319	-	3,286
Designated Funds (contingency)	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
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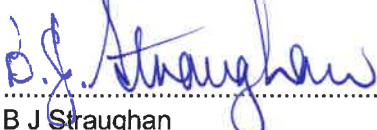
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